



EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God — the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 30, 2023 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

TIME OF PREPARATION

We cannot live in a world that is not our own, in a world that is interpreted for us by others. An interpreted world is not a home. Part of the terror is to take back our own listening, to use our own voice, to see our own light.
— Hildegard of Bingen

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Meditation on Brother James’ Air”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Harold Darke

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Acts 2:42-47)

Dr. Valire Carr Copeland

Leader: Siblings, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts,

People: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Leader: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

People: Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they
are, may know God’s love and care.

Leader: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

People: Together, let us praise God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #410 “God Is Calling through the Whisper”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Woodworth

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ’s example. We have not loved you with wholeness of heart, mind, soul and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Like sheep who have gone astray we have not listened to **Christ’s call. By your grace, lead us back into your fold and strengthen us to follow you. Hear** now our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.

¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #447 (please sing 3 times)

WE ARE FORGIVEN

“We Are Forgiven”

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalms 23
John 10:1-10

The Rev. Woodworth
Dr. Copeland

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

Children in preschool through grade 3 are invited to the Chapel for a time of learning together. Children younger than age 3 are welcome to attend, if accompanied by their parents. Parents and caregivers should meet their children in the back of the Chapel during the Doxology, when children will return to the worship service.

The nursery is open to young children under the age of 3. Please note that attendance may be limited based on staff to child ratios, so we can only ensure participation on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents/caregivers must complete a registration form and sign children in and out of the nursery each day.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their children to the nursery, and the service will be livestreamed into that space.

* HYMN #241

“Woman, Weeping in the Garden”

KINGDOM

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

“Whose Voice Will You Follow?”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

The Lord's Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Woodworth

We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.

You are invited to use the QR code to the right if you would like to make a donation in support of ELPC. A donation box is also available in the Sanctuary.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

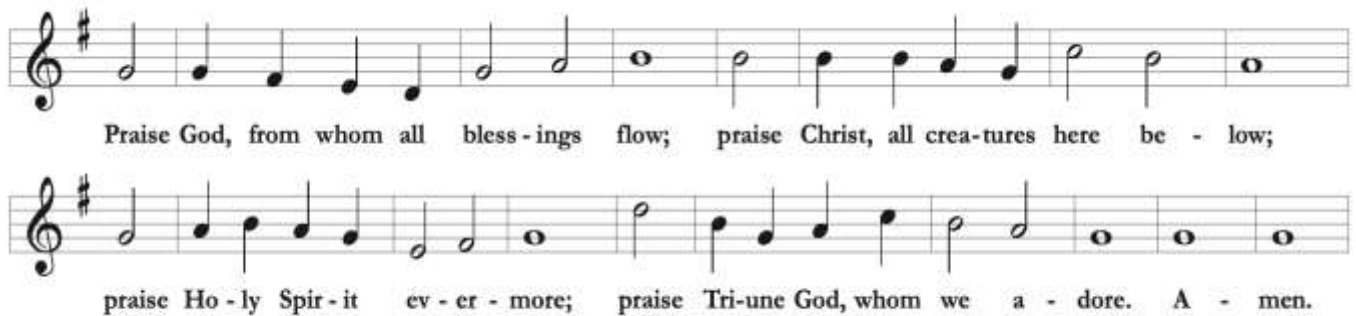
Edward C. Bairstow
Text: Sir. H.W. Baker

Based on Glory to God hymnal #802

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* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf
The Rev. Woodworth

Leader:	El Señor esté con ustedes.	The Lord be with you.
People:	Y también contigo.	And also with you.
Leader:	Levantemos nuestros corazones.	Lift up your hearts.
People:	Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.	We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader:	Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.	It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Leader:	Holy and generous God, you have anointed us and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd and Savior.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“Tuba Tune”

Dr. Moore, *organ*

C.S. Lang

Our worship concludes with the postlude. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until the postlude has concluded.



As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at www.ELPC.church. This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video.

Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.

Please silence all electronic devices before the service begins.

◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. BJ Woodworth
Dr. Valire Carr Copeland
Sara Hackett
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Beadle: The Rev. Joe Hajdu
Crucifer: Mark Statler
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee and water are available in the Fellowship Room.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor flowers for our weekly worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, contact Frances Wilson (wilson.franr@gmail.com). The cost is \$200. *Our beautiful arrangements are provided by Bloom Brigade (www.bloombrigade.com).*

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

Due to the route of the Pittsburgh Marathon, ELPC will not hold any worship services next Sunday, May 7.

8:45 am.....Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
May 14 — The Rev. BJ Woodworth preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
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◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Taizé: Prayerful Song and Quiet Meditation
Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France. Rev. BJ Woodworth leads this service in the Chapel.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (*in Highland Ave hallway*)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness.

Available everyday

◆ WEEKLY SPIRITUAL LIFE OFFERINGS

Contemplative Prayer

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time on Zoom (Meeting ID 959 8065 3992) to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies.

Mondays, 7:30 to 8 am

Meeting ID #959 8065 3992

Passcode: bestill

Meditation Hour (*through May*)

Join John Benedict, retired psychologist and practitioner of insight meditation, in the Prayer Room for an hour devoted to meditation, which includes an opening reading, silent sitting, and walking. All are welcome!

Tuesdays, 6-7 pm

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm (*before Taizé*)

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our red Friendship Books.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Megan Leisher for more info on future classes (MeganL@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.

TODAY AT ELPC

ELPC Matters...The More You Know about Times, Cycles and Seasons of Transition

As we journey through this time of transition at ELPC, it is important to know that the changes and transitions we are going through are normal and even good and healthy. In fact, all organisms and organizations go through periods and cycles of life and death, fruitfulness and dormancy and even Jesus says death and letting go are necessary for new life to come. This is often difficult for humans and organizations who operate out of a more mechanistic mindset. So how can we can navigate these seasons with energy, intelligence, imagination and love amidst the change and feelings of instability? It is our hope and belief that this transition can propel us to revitalize, renew and redevelop for the hopeful and vibrant future at ELPC.

Join Pastor BJ Woodworth today from 9:45-10:45 am in the Social Hall for a time of teaching, reflection and conversation as we seek to navigate this time at ELPC together.

Stained Glass Tour

Join tour guide Jo Ellen Aleshire in the Highland Lobby after today's 11 am service for a *Stained Glass* tour. All are welcome!



Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DODs)

Every Sunday, a DOD (*Deacon-on-Duty*) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our services. The *Journey* service DOD is Dana Carl. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Karen Walker.



Be a Part of the Future of ELPC — We Want to Hear from You!

The *Congregational Assessment Tool* (CAT), an on-line survey, is open to the congregation between now and May 31. Your responses will help the Pastor Nominating Committee in the search for new church leadership and will provide information as we work together in setting a course for the future of our congregation.

All members, friends, and active participants in the life of our congregation are asked to take the survey. Your responses are anonymous to allow for candid feedback.

During Sundays in May, (with the exception of May 7) laptops and technical support will be available at the church for individuals who do not have ready access to a computer, have questions, or need assistance in the process. The survey can be accessed using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/CATsurveyELPC>

PW Bible Study — May 1 and 2

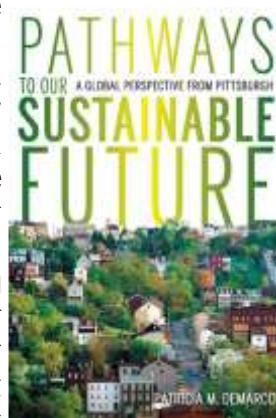
Join Presbyterian Women for their Bible Study *Sabbath and Community* on Monday, May 1 from 7-8:30 pm (Zoom only), and on Tuesday, May 2 from 10 am-Noon (hybrid). For more information and the Zoom link, please email PW.ELPC@gmail.com. Those attending the Tuesday Bible Study can bring a brown bag lunch (beverages provided).

Sanctuary Worship in May

- On May 14, those who were elected to serve as ELPC Elders and Deacons will be ordained and/or installed to ministry.
- On May 21, we will celebrate Youth Sunday—a service that will be planned and led by the youth of ELPC, and in which we will hear messages from our graduating Seniors.
- On May 28, we will celebrate Pentecost—when Christ sent the Holy Spirit to guide and equip the Church **universal for our ministry in Christ's name. Wear red!**

Environmental Team Selects New Book — May 4

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee is reading *Pathways to Our Sustainable Future: A Global Perspective from Pittsburgh* by Patricia DeMarco. The book examines the experience of a single city, allowing for a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities inherent in adapting to a changing world. Consider reading the book and joining us for a discussion on Thursday, May 4 at 7 pm. Contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).



Fridays in the Garden — May 12

On Friday, May 12 from 9 am–Noon, the Environmental Team and Gardening Crew will meet for a workday in the rain garden. Join as you are able for a morning of weeding, mulching, and fellowship. The group plans to meet every second Friday from May–September.

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As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Kate Carlson's sister Sue,
Carol Chontos' family member Jonathan,
Dan Eash, Joe Kennedy,

Jon Nelson's cousin's grandson Wilder, and
Vivienne Selia's friends Richard, Linda and Paul.

Condolences to Jason Wilburn and family on his aunt's passing.

Condolences to the family of Ruth Henderson on her passing.

Annual Flower Planting Day — May 20

Please make plans to join the Garden Crew on Saturday, May 20 for the annual flower planting day at ELPC. Each spring, a group of dedicated members and friends refresh the Highland Ave entrance with beautiful flowering plants, so it is vibrant and welcoming, and the Courtyard so it is a lovely setting for summer weddings and worship. Green thumbs are not required—just bring your energy, curiosity, and a pair of work gloves to the Highland driveway around 9 am. Donuts and Garden Crew T-shirts will be provided.

If you're able to help, or would like to learn more, please email Don Breitbarth (donbreitbarth@gmail.com).

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — May 21

All allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering on Sunday, May 21 at 12:30 pm. For more info or to attend, please contact Will Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

Youth Sunday — May 21

Youth have been busy planning worship for *Youth Sunday* on May 21, and we would love to have all our teens involved. Join us at Church School on Sunday, May 14, or contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) if you or your teen would like to participate in the planning or leading of *Youth Sunday*.

Tending Our Neighborhood Trees — June 3

ELPC's Environmental Team of the Justice Committee and Tree Pittsburgh invite you to help us weed and mulch street trees along Penn Ave in East Liberty on Saturday, June 3 from 9 am–12 pm.

This year, in coordination with Sara Hackett, we plan to include young people. The minimum age is 10; anyone under 18 needs to have a parent or chaperone. We'll learn about trees and tree care from our Tree Pittsburgh expert, Jake Milofsky.

We will meet at the Whitfield side of ELPC. Dress for the weather in clothes you don't mind getting dirty, and don't forget sunscreen. Equipment, mulch, and work gloves will be provided, as well as drinking water and snacks.

Please RSVP for planning purposes by Monday, May 29 to Mary Barr (empirephobic@gmail.com).

In our

COMMUNITY



ARTT Reparations Discussion — Today

Please join the Presbytery Anti-Racism Transformation Team on Zoom today at 3 pm for a prayerful, wide-ranging conversation on all that the word *reparations* holds for us.

The particulars of the Bethel AME Church — the oldest Black church in Pittsburgh — and their *Reparations Campaign* will help us explore the review, repentance, restoration, reconciliation, rehabilitation and more that gets packed into *reparations*.

You must pre-register online to attend at:

<https://form.jotform.com/231014083719046>

When registering for today's session, a zoom link will be sent to you in a confirmation email.

Hear Organist Alan Morrison — Today

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series and the Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh will present organist Alan Morrison in concert today at 3 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary. Morrison currently serves as chair of the Organ Department at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. ELPC members can contact Dr. Ed Moore for tickets (EdM@coh.net).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

There will be no Sunday School Classes next Sunday, May 7.

May 14 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Journey with Scripture (Fellowship Rm) — Psalm 25; Deuteronomy 28:58–68; Mark 9:2–13, facilitated by Jan Irvin and class members

Parenting Circle (Rm 213) — Reading of *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience* by Brené Brown, facilitated by Trish Buben

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “Call It Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World” video by The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of *Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times* by Otis Moss III, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu, and other class members

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Nursery (under 3) — Nursery Suite, Room 110a

Preschool — Nursery Suite, Room 110b

K-3rd grade — Room 206

4th-6th grade — Room 211

7th-12th grade — Second Floor Parlor