



# 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)*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

### MARCH 28, 2024 — 7 PM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

#### PRELUDE

“Ubi Caritas et Amor”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
Gerald Near

*Where charity and love are, God is there.*

#### WELCOME

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**Leader:** Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment: that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**People:** **Holy One, now is the time in which Jesus is glorified, and you are glorified in him. Empower us to love as Jesus loved, so that everyone will know that we follow the way of Jesus Christ, our friend and Savior. Amen.**

#### \* OPENING HYMN #202 *(printed in bulletin)*

O WALY WALY

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Woodworth

**Leader:** Holy and gracious God, our sin is too heavy to bear.  
Trusting in your mercy, we lay before you the truth of who we are.  
We confess our failure to love as Christ loved...  
We confess our covetousness and greed...  
We confess our weakness before temptation...  
We confess our frailty before the challenges of this world...

*Time of silent confession*

**People:** **Merciful God, forgive us. Heal us, and make us whole, for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Woodworth

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!  
**People:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Praise God!**

#### SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Woodworth

#### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-14, 16-19

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Woodworth

\* *Indicates where to please rise in spirit.*

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CHORAL ANTHEM	“Where True Charity and Love Dwell (Ubi Caritas)”	Kaye Saunders
GOSPEL LESSON	John 13:1-17, 34-35	The Rev. Schoenewolf
SERMON	“True Love”	The Rev. Schoenewolf
TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION		
* HYMN #727 ( <i>printed in bulletin</i> )	“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”	THE SERVANT SONG



— THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE	The Rev. Schoenewolf
WORDS OF INSTITUTION	The Rev. Fowler-Searcy The Rev. Schoenewolf

**SHARING THE BREAD & CUP**

*The communion elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may receive the bread and the cup, then returning to their seats via the side aisles to partake of the elements. Those seated in the transepts are asked to join the procession to the front to receive communion by entering one of the pews from the outside and proceed to the center aisle after those seated in the row. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

COMMUNION HYMN #521 ( <i>printed in bulletin</i> )	RED
“In Remembrance of Me”	

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ( <i>in unison</i> )	The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Loving God, you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service; may we who have sung your praises go now and tell of your truth; may we who have seen the greatness of your love yield ourselves, our wills and our works as a thank-offering to you and so share your love with others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

SCRIPTURE READING	John 15:9-15a, 17	The Rev. Fowler-Searcy The Rev. Woodworth
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CLOSING HYMN #209 ( <i>printed in bulletin</i> )	LOVE UNKNOWN
“My Song Is Love Unknown”	

SCRIPTURE READING	John 18:1-12	The Rev. Schoenewolf
CHARGE & BENECTION		The Rev. Schoenewolf

DEPART IN SILENCE

*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](http://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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. BJ Woodworth  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/  
Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
DOD: Janet Pollard  
Beadles: Jo Ellen Aleshire and Liz Hopkins  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

*Below is a listing of the remaining Holy Week and Easter Sunday services we are offering at ELPC.*

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

12 Noon.....**Good Friday Service.** In the Chapel.  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.  
7:00 pm.....**Tenebrae Service.** In Sanctuary. Service  
of light and darkness. The Rev. Patrice L.  
Fowler-Searcy preaching.

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

7:00 pm.....**Easter Vigil Service.** The Great Vigil  
includes reaffirmation of baptism vows,  
communion and announcement of  
Christ's resurrection. The Rev. BJ  
Woodworth will lead this service.

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

8:45 am.....**Journey Worship.** The Rev. Patrice L.  
Fowler-Searcy will preach at this  
communion service in the Social Hall.  
11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service,  
with music from the Chancel Choir and  
guest instrumentalists. Special music  
begins at 10:45 am. The Rev. Patrice L.  
Fowler-Searcy will preach at this  
communion service.

◆ **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**

Join John Benedict, retired psychologist and practitioner of insight meditation, in the Chapel 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 evening 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 info (MeganL@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## #202 — AN UPPER ROOM DID OUR LORD PREPARE



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26–29/Mark 14:22–25/Luke 22:14–20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–17).

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1973, alt.

MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988

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## #727 — WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

# #521 — IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Capo 3: (G) (Bm) (C) (D7)  
 B $\flat$  Dm E $\flat$  F7

1 In re - mem - brance of me, eat this bread. In re -  
 2 In re - mem - brance of me, heal the sick. In re -

(C) (Am) (D) (D7) (Em)  
 E $\flat$  Cm F F7 Gm

mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re - mem - brance of  
 mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re - mem - brance of

(C) (F) (D) (G) (Bm)  
 E $\flat$  A $\flat$  F B $\flat$  Dm

me, pray for the time when God's own will is  
 me, o - pen the door and let your neigh - bors

1 2  
 (C) (D7) (C) (D7) (G)  
 E $\flat$  F7 E $\flat$  F7 B $\flat$

done. in, let them in.

(E $\flat$ ) (G) (E $\flat$ )  
 G $\flat$  B $\flat$  G $\flat$

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re -

(Cm) (G) (Em) (D)  
 E $\flat$ m B $\flat$  Gm F

mem - ber too, that this is my bod - y and

This text is built on four familiar words of Christ at the Last Supper, as recorded in Luke 22:19 and 1 Corinthians 11:24-25. Radiating from that corporate memory of the church, additional actions are encouraged in Christ's voice using allusions to other passages of Scripture.

(C) (G) (A) (A7) (D7sus) (D7)  
 Eb Bb C C7 F7sus F7

pre - cious blood shed for you, shed for you.

(G) (Bm) (C) (D7)  
 Bb Dm Eb F7

3 In re-mem-brance of me, search for truth. In re-

(C) (Am) (D) (D7) (Em)  
 Eb Cm F F7 Gm

mem-brance of me, al-ways love. In re-mem-brance of

(C) (F) (D) (G) (D7sus) (D7)  
 Eb Ab F Bb F7sus F7

me, don't look a-bove, but in your heart, look for

(G) (D7sus) (D7) (G)  
 Bb F7sus F7 Bb

God. Do this in re-mem-brance of me.

## #209 — MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es  
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -  
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior  
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to  
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my  
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and  
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that  
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 at my need his life did spend!  
 for his death we thirst and cry.  
 he his foes from thence might free.  
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune.