

**PRELUDE** 

# 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

"Ubi Caritas et Amor"

Gerald Near

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

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)

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"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

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

SHARING GOD'S PEACE The Rev. Woodworth

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-14, 16-19 The Rev. Woodworth

### March 28 • Maundy Thursday

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 (printed in bulletin) "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** (printed in bulletin)

Red

"In Remembrance of Me"

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

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

CLOSING HYMN #209 (printed in bulletin)

LOVE UNKNOWN

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

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

CHARGE & BENEDICTION 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. 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.

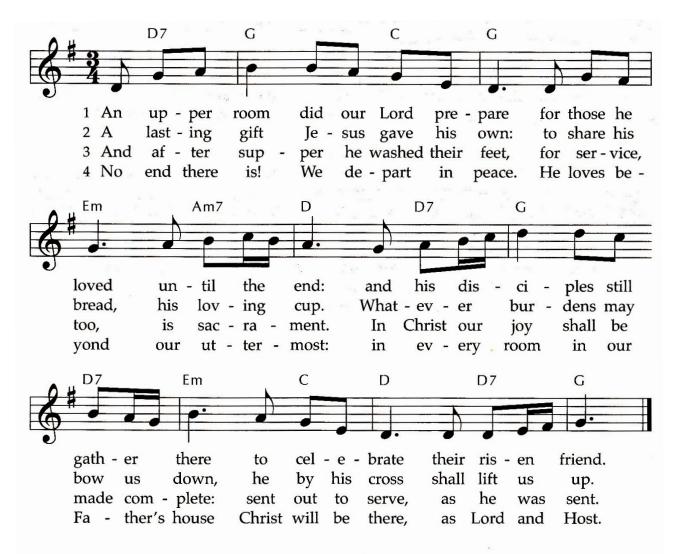
To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

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.

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



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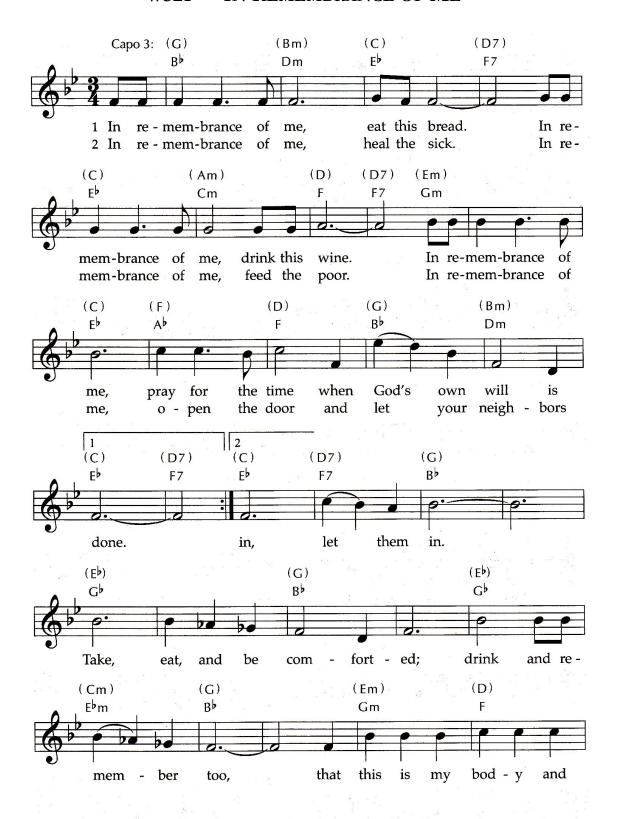
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## #727 — WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT



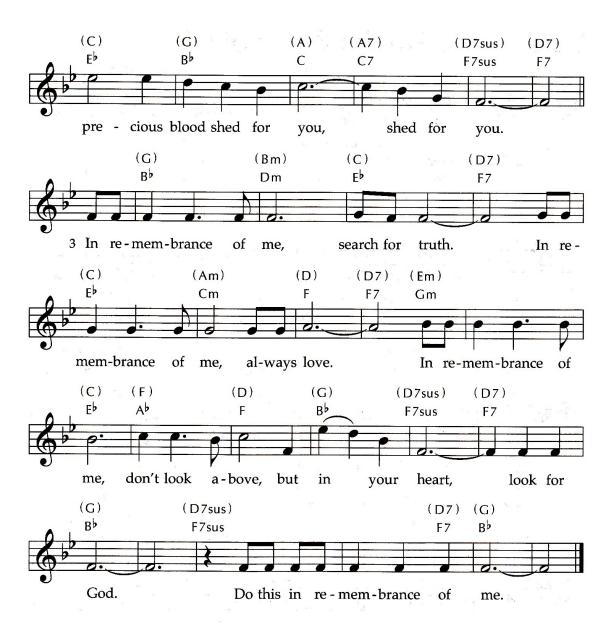
The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

## #521 — IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME



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.

TEXT: Ragan Courtney, 1972 RED
MUSIC: Buryl Red, 1972 Irregular
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## #209 — My Song Is Love Unknown



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.