TIME OF PREPARATION

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life.”

— Deuteronomy 30:19a

“It’s so clear that you have to cherish everyone. I think that’s what I get from these older black women, that every soul is to be cherished, that every flower is to bloom.”

— Alice Walker

“Always realize that even your strongest advocate and opponent is a part of the human family, albeit they may have small shortcomings, and even strength in them, they are part of that human family… your goal is to make sure that the sacredness of human life is always preserved.”

— The Rev. Bernice King

GATHERING MUSIC

“Morning Has Broken” (songbook #1)  
“O Lord, Our Lord” (songbook #2)  
“Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining” (songbook #3)

BUNESSAN  
HOW MAJESTIC  
SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD’S GOOD NEWS

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.  
People: Y también contigo.  
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.  
People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.  
Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.  
People: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.  
Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.  
People: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and redeemer.  
Leader: Let us worship God in the beauty of holiness.  
People: Hallelujah and Amen!

* HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” (songbook #4)

SPIRIT

* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.
CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor, the marginalized, people we deem different from ourselves. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another radically and unconditionally. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show in whose body we are all members and in whose name we pray. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

“Come and Fill Our Hearts” (songbook #5; sing 3x) CONFITEMINI DOMINO
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:21-26
Lora Bethea

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Children of any age are welcome to come to the front of the worship space for Moments with our Children. There is an Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger in the Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance.

COMMISSIONING OF TEENS AND YOUTH MISSION TRIP TEAMS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

* HYMN

“I Need You to Survive” (songbook #6) Hezekiah Walker

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 20:13 and Genesis 1:24-31
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

Thou Shalt. Thou Shalt Not.
“Cherish Life and Commit Murder”
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“There Is A Balm in Gilead” arr. William Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Some times I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say “He died for all.”
July 8 • 7th Sunday after Pentecost

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* **DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION**

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Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.  
People: Y también contigo. 
Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones. 
People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor. 
Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios. 
People: Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios. 
Leader: We rely on your promise, O God, that you will not forsake us; our pledge to you is that we will be faithful. As we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, give us a vision of what commitment can mean. Accept and bless the gifts that we bring this day, as our response to your never ending love for us. May how we walk in this world be an example that others might know and learn the ways of Christ.
People: Amén. 
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* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

* **CLOSING HYMN**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (songbook #7)  
CWM RHONDDA

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

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♦ Participants In Today's Service

- Preaching: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
- Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
  The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
  Damon and Lora Bethea
- Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/
  Music Director
  Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo, Music Associate
  ELPC Summer Choir
  David Jennings-Smith
  Jon Erik Schreiber
  Denise Sheffey-Powell
- Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ Fellowship Time

Please join us in the Narthex after the service for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome!

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pamela Kimmel (412.441.3800 x118).

♦ Worship Flowers

If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is $150 a Sunday ($75 during July and August when we worship in the Courtyard).

♦ Worship Next Sunday

Journey Worship will resume on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 9 at 8:45 am in the Social Hall.

10 am........Summer Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.


Summer Extended Session

After the Moments with the Children during the 10 am service, a children’s ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served.

There is only one Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger — Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland A ve entrance. It is available every Sunday.

♦ Weekday Worship

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

  Mondays, 7 am to 1 pm
  Wednesdays, 9 am to 9 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.

  Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (Room 135, in Highland Ave hallway)

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

  Available everyday

Welcome Visitors!

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

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

Stay after today’s service for our Fellowship Time in the Narthex. Identify yourself as a newcomer, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about ELPC.

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 today after worship in the 3rd floor Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info about future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
Today’s Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)
The Summer worship service DOD is Doug Cooper.

Below Ground Tour
Discover the huge boilers and see the blowers that feed air to our more than 7,000 organ pipes during today’s Below Ground Tour! Please gather at the Highland Lobby after worship to join the tour.

Hope Academy Offers Summer Camps — Starts Tomorrow!
Hope Academy will be offering two Summer Camps this year at ELPC!
- Pittsburgh Girls Choir Co-Ed Musical Scenes Camp (July 9-13)
- Hip Hop Orchestra Summer Music Camp (July 23-28)
The Suzuki Institute at Winchester Thurston will offer a special program for Hope Academy violin, viola, cello, and piano students (Aug 5-10). Visit www.ELPC.church for more info, or contact Karly Threets (KarlyT@coh.net).

Systemic Racism Film Series — Continues July 15
The Peace Committee will host the next viewing in the Systemic Racism Film Series on Sunday, July 15 after worship in the Social Hall. In The White Man’s Burden (no children due to profanity), successful African-Americans live in gated communities, while impoverished Caucasians populate crime-ridden inner-city ghettos. When African-American mogul Thaddeus Thomas (Harry Belafonte) wrongly accuses Caucasian Louis Pinnock (John Travolta) of being a Peeping Tom, Pinnock loses his job and watches as his family falls apart. In a desperate attempt to repair his life, Pinnock takes Thomas hostage.

Young Adult Day at the Movies — July 15
Join other young adults and congregation members to break bread, watch the Justice Committee’s movie White Man’s Burden and engage in conversation in the Social Hall on Sunday, July 15 after the 10 am service.

Tower Tour — July 22
Gain insights into the history and construction of our landmark tower, as you ascend many sets of spiral stairs to enjoy unparalleled views of East Liberty and beyond during our Tower Tour on Sunday, July 22 after the 10 am service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

- Tim Benedict’s brother Mark,
- Kate Carlson,
- Carol Chontos’ father David,
- Doris Dick’s mother Mary,
- Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law Andrea,
- Shirley Fair,
- Crystal and Sean Gilroy and their family,
- Barbara Krimmel,
- Heather Lawrence’s sister Christine, Lee Lewand,
- Nicole Molinaro’s sister Janine and friend Joyce,
- Marti Moore, Gail Noden,
- David Phillips’ mother Nellie,
- Gloria Ritchey’s daughter Reva and grandson Gianni,
- Carol Schaef, Jamar Thrasher’s grandmother,
- Erin Starzynski’s mother Judy and Pat Valoon.

Condolences to the family of Joe Heckel on his passing.

Condolences to Mary Anne Kirby on her mother’s passing.

There are Prayer Boxes, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept entrances to the Sanctuary.

Committee Meeting This Week

Deacons.........................Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Garth Overlook Rm)

LGBTQ Ministry — July 28

ELPC will co-host the Family Game Day with Black Pride Pittsburgh on Saturday, July 28 from 1-5 pm in ELPC’s Game Room. Families from all over Pittsburgh come to ELPC each year for this fun afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. All are welcome!

And all are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering on Sunday, August 19 at 11:30 am. Please contact Wil Forrest for more details or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

The Chapel Market Seeks Donations and Volunteers

The Chapel Market is in need of new and/or gently used summer clothing for women, children and men (please limit men’s donations to basic clothing). Toiletry donations are also requested (soap, deodorant, etc.). The Chapel Market is open on Mondays (10 am–12 pm), and the first Thursday of each month (5-7:30 pm). Contact Linda and Harold Deiss (deisshl@consolidated.net) for info or to volunteer on the first Thursday of the month.

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

If you have something to share, visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2, or contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

Your help is needed with:

weSERVE List

Pet Rock Eco Party — July 19

The East Liberty Branch of Carnegie Library will have a Pet Rock Eco Party on Thursday, July 19 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Decorate your own pet rock just like the 1970s with its own carrying case. Also learn about composting techniques from the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, and enjoy a sustainable cooking demonstration. All ages welcome. To register or for more info, please call 412.622.3282.

Trinity Youth Conference — July 22 to 28

Trinity Youth Conference is a regional Presbyterian leadership conference for youth who have completed grade 9 through college-age students at Living Waters Camp in Schellsburg, PA. The week will be full of faith formation, intentional Christian community, play, worship, and thoughtfulness. More info about cost, workshops, registration, and schedule can be found online at www.TrinityYouthConference.org.

Sunday School Classes for All Ages will resume on Rally Day Sunday on September 9.

Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers — Aug 23

In the past year, have you served as a greeter and/or usher? Sang in a choir? Served with Open Hand Ministries? Mentored or provided meals at Food 4 Thought? Helped with church yardwork? Taught at Church School? Gave your time or talent in any way?

All who have served in our church and community this year are invited to our annual Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers on Thursday, Aug 23 from 6-7:30 pm in the Courtyard. More info will be coming later; just plan to save the date and share food and fellowship!