**TIME OF PREPARATION**

“At this critical period in the world’s history, which marks for East Liberty Church the opening of a new century of worship and service, shall this Church of Christ, wielding the rod of the Spirit, cause the Red Sea of her experience to divide, and with her Divine Leader going on before, advance “dry-shod,” holding aloft the same torch of an unquenchable faith, and the same triumphant Banner of the Cross until the church militant become the church triumphant.”

— Closing words, ELPC Centennial Celebration, 1919

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

“Adagio from Symphonic III, Op. 28”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

Louis Vierne

Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.

Please use this time to fill out the red Friendship pads and for quiet worship preparation.

**WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS**

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

**SHARING GOD’S PEACE**

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**

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi

Leader: Holy God, you are our hope and our strength, our light and our sovereign, our shepherd and our savior. We glorify you!

People: God of the ages, you have been beside us throughout our history in this place and have promised to be beside us for all the years to come. We offer you our praise!

Leader: Abide with us during this time of worship, and then journey with us wherever we may travel in the days to come;

People: For you are our rock and our redeemer, our hope and our salvation.

Leader: Come, let us worship God together!

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #321**

“Aurelia”

“The Church’s One Foundation”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Prayer for Mission: 
By your will, O God, we go out into the world with good news of your undying love, and minister in the midst of human need to show wonders of your grace. We pray for all who serve as mission co-workers, volunteers, workers, and friends in this country and around the world. May they be strengthened by our concern and supported by our gifts. Do not let them be discouraged, but make them brave, compassionate, and hopeful in your word; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The two new handbells settings by Neil Harmon were commissioned for the ELPC Ringers in honor of the 200th anniversary of East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Organist and composer Neil Harmon is a member of the faculty at the Brigham Young University School of Music and a graduate of the Eastman School of Music.

In 1919, ELPC had a Session of 14 elders, a Board of Deacons with six members, a Board of Trustees with seven members, 1,575 official members (600 families), and an endowment of just under $101,000.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, hear our humble prayers of confession. When we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are hesitant to forgive and to trust unconditionally, show us your mercy and provide the power to forgive others. When we are unwilling to stand up to misguided authority and false powers, lead us to stand beside the weak so that all may be strong. When we are confined by our own hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free at last. This day and always, open our hearts, renew our spirits, and give us peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #317

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate’er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

GREETINGS FROM PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY

The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge, General Minister to Pittsburgh Presbytery

DEDICATION OF NEW LABYRINTHS

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-16

HANDBELL ANTHEM

“Morning Has Broken” (premiere) arr. Neil Harmon

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children. Those who have completed first grade or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.

* HYMN #295

“Go to the World!” SINE NOMINE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 16:6-10

SERMON

“Come Over and Help Us” The Rev. Dr. Bush

Stained Glass Window located in West Transept
Handbell Anthem  “CWM Rhondda” (premiere)  arr. Neil Harmon

Prayer of Intercession & Supplication  Dan Leger, Chaplain (retired)
Dor Hadash congregation

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.

Offerary Anthem  “Ain’t That Good News”  arr. Moses Hogan

I got a crown up in a that kingdom, ain’-a that good news!
I’m-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross,
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain’-a that good news!
I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain’-a that good news!
I got a harp up in-a that kingdom, ain’-a that good news!
I got a song up in-a that kingdom, ain’-a that good news!

* Doxology at the Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

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: The gospel of Matthew ends with these words: “Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you; and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” May these gifts we offer today and the good deeds we commit to share tomorrow be our response to your Great Commission. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #307  “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Charge & Benediction  The Rev. Dr. Bush

Postlude  “Concerto in F - 3rd movement”  George Gershwin
Randy Bush and Kazumi Petinaux, pianists
Abby Langhorst, percussion

May 12 • Mother’s Day

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Moses George Hogan (1957-2003) was born in New Orleans and studied at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Juilliard School of Music. His arrangements, over seventy in number, of spirituals are performed regularly by choirs around the world.

Holy God, you have called a people to be your family out of every land, language, and nation, to love and serve you daily in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity. Help us to honor and respect the dignity of difference as we seek to be one with you and each other this day and always. Amen.

On this Date in History:
Edward Winslow and Susanna White became the first couple to marry in Plymouth Colony (1621); Florence Nightingale, pioneer in the profession of nursing, was born (1819); the first worldwide radio broadcast covered the coronation of King George VI, which followed the abdication of his brother, Edward Windsor (1937); the March of the Poor, led by Rev. Ralph Abernathy, reached Washington, D.C. (1968); and the Commerce Department said hurricanes can no longer be given only female names (1978).
As part of ELPC’s mission to extend radical hospitality to all of our brothers and sisters, 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.

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Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
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Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pianist
Kazumi Petinaux, Pianist
Abby Langhorst, Percussion
Judd Poeske, Soloist
Denise Sheffey-Powell, Soloist

Acolyte: Eliott Stephany
Beadle: JoEllen Aleshire
Crucifer: Oliver Stephany
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME
Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome to attend.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS
The flowers today are given in loving memory of Mrs. Bernice A. Stone, presented by her son Dr. Ronald H. Stone.

♦ BICENTENNIAL SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:45 am........Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
May 19 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
May 19 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session
After the Moments with our Children during the 11 am Sanctuary service, a children’s ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served. In an effort to best know and care for your child, we ask that all families fill out a green Extended Session NAMETAG that your child wears to Extended Session every week.
* Young Children’s Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) — First Floor Nursery. Every Sunday.
* Preschool age children (through grade 1) — Room 110B.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP
Labyrinth Prayer Walk
A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.
Mondays, 9 am to 1 pm
Wednesdays, 9 am to 8 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer
Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.
Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (in Highland Avenue 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 also:

Stay after today’s service for our Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Room. 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 on Sunday, June 16 to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (GloriaK@coh.net).

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

ELPC Welcomes Our Special Guests
ELPC welcomes Dan Leger of Dor Hadash congregation and The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge, General Minister to Pittsburgh Presbytery, as our special guests in worship this morning. We will also hear two new pieces commissioned for our ELPC Handbell Choir.

Dedication of New Labyrinths
On the evening of September 29, 1996 in the Chapel, East Liberty Presbyterian Church conducted a Service of Dedication for its first labyrinth, led by the Rev. Dr. Robert Chesnut and the Rev. Hydie Houston, followed by an inaugural opportunity to walk the labyrinth. That evening marked the beginning of a now 22-year labyrinth ministry here at ELPC. This ministry has introduced our congregation to the prayerful practice of walking a sacred path, and has also become an outreach ministry to our community, the city of Pittsburgh and the surrounding tri-state area. Acquiring additional labyrinths over the years has allowed us to share them with many churches and organizations (Robert Morris University, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC, and at events like the University of Pittsburgh Mindfulness Fair).

For the past several years, we have had 4 cotton canvas labyrinths in varying sizes. A couple of these are now in well-loved but heavily worn condition. So today we are retiring one of these labyrinths from our official labyrinth ministry and handing it over to the Children and Youth Ministry to offer opportunities for creative prayer to our young people.

In conjunction with our Bicentennial Celebration, we are also dedicating two new labyrinths. Constructed of poly-vinyl canvas, these new models are washable and lighter. One of these will now be our largest. It is a 38’, 4.5” Chartres style labyrinth with spruce (teal) lines on a white background. The other will be our smallest: a 21’, 9” St Paul a la Chartres labyrinth in rainbow colors on white.

These new labyrinths will be available in the Courtyard (weather permitting) to walk following worship. Come help us to inaugurate these new additions to this ministry of prayer!
**In Our Community**

**Speaker Presentation at PTS — May 13**

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave, 15206) will offer a presentation by Yossi Klein Halevi, author of *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* on Monday, May 13 in the John Knox Room at 7 pm. To register, please visit www.pts.edu/YKH, or call 412.924.1345.

**Future Jobs Expo at WQED — May 15**

On Wednesday, May 15 from 4-8 pm, WQED (4802 5th Ave, Fred Rogers Studio, 15213) is hosting a *Future Jobs Expo* open to all—middle-schoolers, high-schoolers, parents, people who might be looking for a job change or just their first job, etc. Learn about a wide variety of career paths from the region’s changing and emerging industries. Bring your resume and connect with prospective employers. RSVP to rmaminsnak@wqed.org; 412.622.1527.

**Mendelssohn Choir Concert — May 18**

The Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh presents their concert *Victoria’s Secret: A Life in Music*, celebrating Queen Victoria’s 200th birthday, on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members. Please contact Dr. Ed Moore for details (EdM@coh.net). For tickets or info, please call 866.811.4111.

**“Art in the Garden” Summer Program — June to August**

*Art in the Garden* is an outdoor summer program for youth ages 4 to 11 held in urban gardens with hands-on projects in the arts and ecology. Free breakfasts and lunches are provided to campers by *Earth Vessels Outreach*. For more info or to register, please call 412.592.5711, or email artinthegardenpgh@gmail.com.

**RCC Pride Concert — June 1 and 2**

Renaissance City Choir presents their 2019 Pride concert *A Celebration of our Community of Singers* in the ELPC Courtyard on Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 at 4 pm. Tickets are $25 in advance ($10 for students). To purchase tickets, visit www.rccpittsburgh.com.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

May 19 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “The Kingdom of God: Past, Present, Future Part 1” led by Rita Nordquist

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1–6; John 13:31–35 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “Making Sense of Sin, Salvation and the Cross” led by the Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion on selections from *Spiritual Ecology— The Cry of the Earth* led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michele Bossers, and David Carl

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**No Committee Meetings This Week**

**Help Us With Spring Planting — May 18**

On Saturday, May 18, please join us to help with spring planting. Gather at 9 am at the South Highland Ave entrance. Please contact Chuck Lukehart for more info (412.782.6447) or Carol Bonner (412.422.6699).

**Summer Worship Schedule — Begins June 16**

On Sunday, June 16, we will transition to our summer schedule with one Sunday worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

**LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — June 30**

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC’s LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, June 30 at 11:30 am when we will continue our discussion of the themes in chapters 7-8 of Matthew Vine’s *God and the Gay Christian*. We will focus on what the Kingdom of God is and who will inherit it. Previous reading or attendance is not required to engage the conversation. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118) for more details or to attend. *God created you, God loves you. Be yourself.*

**Chapel Market Needs Donations and Volunteers**

Donations of spring and summer clothing, toiletry items are being requested by ELPC’s Chapel Market. Please leave donations in the indicated receptacle at the South Highland Ave entrance. Volunteers are also needed to serve in the Chapel Market on Mondays from 10 am–12 pm. Please contact Linda and Harold Deiss to volunteer (DeissHL@consolidated.net; 724.443.1826).

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

- Joseph Adjaye
- Kate Carlson’s cousin Jeannie
- Carla Depperman’s friend Dorothy
- Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law Andrea
- Nancy Harlan’s co-worker
- Liz Hopkins’ mother Margery
- Morris Jordan, Pam Kimmel’s niece Jen
- Lee Lewand, Clay and Kathy McQueen
- Emily Mohn-Slate’s mother-in-law Karena
- Nathaniel Morley’s friend Yaheim
- Ashley Parker, Jan Pressman’s friend Nate
- Heather Schoenewolf’s friend Tony
- Tim Sergi’s sister Kimberly, Cami Teacoach, Pat Valoon

*Condolences to the family of Cecil Birt on his passing.*

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**i Serve**

Please visit our webpage for current volunteer opportunities!

www.cathedralofhope.org/programs/iserve-2