TIME OF PREPARATION

“Each generation is the heir of all the ages, and its representatives can never explain what they are nor what they have done without due acknowledgment of what they have inherited. A just recognition of our debt to the past is one of the finest marks of a [humble people].” — The Rev. Frank Woolford Sneed, pastor ELPC (1902-1920)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

“Allegro, Chorale and Fugue in D Minor/D Major”

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

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* 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

Leader: Holy, Holy God, Giver of Life and Source of Hope,

People: You are the same, yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Leader: Holy, Holy God, Shepherd of Grace and Prince of Peace,

People: You walk beside us every step of our journey, even to the end of the age.

Leader: Holy, Holy God, Disrupter of the Status Quo and Creator of All Things New,

People: Join us today as we give you praise, for your goodness endures forever.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

NICAEA

The Rev. Dr. Bush

BICENTENNIAL WORDS OF ACCLAMATION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons. It sends us across boundaries and borders into new lands. Yet we often respond with fear, rejecting your call and impeding your goal for humanity. Forgive our doubting spirits. Repair our wounded souls. Restore us through your grace, as we repent of wrongdoing and strive to lead lives reflecting your will for all creation. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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

The Allegro, Chorale, and Fugue, one of Mendelssohn’s (1809-1847) most eloquent statements for the organ, was never published during his lifetime. Dating from 1844, it remained unknown and unplayed in Mendelssohn’s manuscripts, collected in what is referred to as the Green Volumes. It was rediscovered in the Jagiellonian Library in Kraków, Poland in 1986.

We thank you, Lord God, for brave and believing people who brought your message to this place. By their energies, this church was gathered, given order, and continued to this day. Remembering all those who have gone before us, may we follow as they followed, in the way, truth, and life of Jesus Christ, who is our Redeemer and Hope forever. Amen.
**TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. ¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

**SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #366 (vs. 1 and 4 only)**
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany (1994-2010)
The Rev. Hydie Houston (1990-2000)

**MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN**
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
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.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**
The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Schoenewolf

Presentation of Children:
Ethan Andrew Simpson, son of Drew and Amy Simpson
Derek Parker Simpson-Hunt, son of Travis and Stephen Simpson-Hunt
Michael Josiah Simpson-Hunt, son of Travis and Stephen Simpson-Hunt

Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing

**CHORAL ANTHEM**
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Mack Wilberg

The text found can be found in the Glory to God hymnal #475.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**
Revelation 21:1-6, 22:20-21

**SERMON**
“ELPC: A People of Hope”

**PRAYER 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. Fowler-Searcy
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.
Margaret Allison Bonds (1913-1972) was one of the first female African American classical composers to gain national recognition during her lifetime. She performed as a piano soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1933, the first African American to ever appear as a soloist with that orchestra. Leontyne Price (b. 1927) commissioned Bonds to arrange He’s Got the Whole World in the early 1960s.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hand” 
arr. Margaret Bonds

He’s got the whole world in his hand.
He’s got the woods and the waters in his hand,
He’s got the sun and the moon right in his hand,
He’s got the whole world in his hand.

He’s got the birds and the bees right in his hand,
He’s got the beasts of the field right in his hand,
He’s got the whole world in his hand.

He’s got you and me right in his hand,
He’s got everybody in his hand,
He’s got the whole world in his hand.

*DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION*

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

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**

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Dr. Bush

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: Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of hope to which you call us as your people of East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them widely, humbly, hopefully; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN #819**

“Be Still, My Soul”
FINLANDIA

**CHARGE & Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**CONGREGATIONAL POSTLUDE**

“Hallelujah” (Messiah)
G. F. Handel

Please join the choir in singing and return your copy of the “Hallelujah Chorus” to the pew rack so we may use them again in the future.
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.

♦ Participants in Today’s Service

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Lenore Williams
The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut
The Rev. Richard E. Otty
The Rev. Hydie Houston
The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szmermany

Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

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Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/
Music Director
Michael Painter, Organ Accompanist
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Anniversary Choir
Adrianna Cleveland, Soloist
Gail Mosites, Soloist
Denise Sheffey-Powell, Soloist
The Brass Roots:
Samuel Eisenhandler, Trumpet
David Gardner, Trumpet
Rana Jurus, Horn
Mike Dorato, Trombone
John Caughman, Tuba
Abby Langhorst, Timpani

Acolytes: Annie Cowan and Quinn Seif
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ Fellowship Time

Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for a special reception in celebration of ELPC’s Bicentennial. All are welcome to attend.

♦ Sunday Worship

8:45 am........Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking an fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall. May 26 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. May 26 — 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.
* Pre-school age children (through grade 1) — Room 110B.

♦ Weekday Worship

Labyrinth Prayer Walk
A 38-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 Ave hallway)
Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.

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:

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 Former Staff
As part of ELPC’s bicentennial celebrations we welcome back former ELPC pastoral staff members:

The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut
The Rev. Hydie Houston
The Rev. Richard E. Otty
The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany

Please greet them at the special reception in the Social Hall after the worship service!

Today’s Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)
The Journey service DOD is The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes. The Sanctuary service DOD is David Cowan.

Church Opening Hours
Beginning June 1, the regular daily hours that the doors to the church will be open are Mondays through Fridays from 8 am to 9 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 7 am–7 pm. You can expect to find a friendly, helpful person to greet you as you enter or call during these hours. The building hours will extend for specific previously-scheduled events.

Cathedral Concert — May 24
The eighth season of ELPC’s Cathedral Concerts series closes on Friday, May 24 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary with another sonic spectacular. Please see the detailed info in the next column. Note: If you can volunteer to be a greeter and/or help take the collection for this concert, please contact Mary Evrard (412.400.0145) and plan to arrive at 6:30 pm on May 24.

Underground Tour — May 26
On Sunday, May 26, join ELPC member Tim VanFleet as we descend into the bowels of the Cathedral and explore some of our church’s least seen areas. Wander through the “catacombs” and see the organ bellows, furnace, and more. Please gather at the South Highland Ave entrance following 11 am worship. Allow 30–45 minutes for the tour and wear comfortable shoes.

YAM Day Retreat — June 1
ELPC’s Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will have a Day Retreat at Raccoon State Park on Saturday, June 1 from 8:15 am–6pm. Kickoff the summer by spending the day at Raccoon State Park to enjoy hiking, swimming, kayaking/canoeing, cooking out and fellowship together. We will leave ELPC at 8:15 am, spend the day at the park, leave by 4 pm and stop for dinner on the way back to the church. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided; please plan to pay for dinner. Please RSVP by May 29 to Kelli Booher (kellib@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — May 26
All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC’s LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, May 26 at 12:30 pm 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. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118) for details or to attend.

Celebrating the Gifts of Our Youth — June 2
On Sunday, June 2, our Senior High youth will lead us during Sanctuary worship. This special service is a tradition at ELPC as we celebrate the gifts of our youth, while praising God for the work of the Holy Spirit upon and through them. Our graduating seniors will share their faith stories, and receive a blessing as they prepare for the next steps on their journeys.

Wear Red on Pentecost — June 9
Pentecost is an annual church event that marks the end of the Easter season and the birth of the early Christian church. On this special day, we remember how the Holy Spirit inspired the first disciples. Join us in worship on Sunday, June 9 and wear red as a symbol of the fire that touched women and men that day, as we re-commit ourselves to sharing the good news of Christ.
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Joseph Adjaye,
Kate Carlson’s brother Eddie, Carla Coles’ friend,
Carla Depperman’s friend Dorothy,
Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law Andrea,
Liz Hopkins’ mother Margery, Morris Jordan,
Lee Lewand, Clay and Kathy McQueen,
Nicole Molinaro & Alex Karaczunn’s friend Patty,
Ashley Parker, ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,
Heather Schoenewolf’s friend Tony and uncle Jim,
Tim Sergi’s sister Kimberly, Cami Teacoach,
Pat Valoon and Anthony White.

Sunday School Classes

May 26 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am
♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “The Kingdom of God: Past, Present, Future Part 2” led by Rita Nordquist


Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “Spirituality of India and Nepal” led by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (3rd fl Music Rm) — A discussion on selections from Spiritual Ecology— The Cry of the Earth led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Liz Gonda, and Linda Harrington
♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor — Find rooms, teachers and curriculum at www.ELPC.church

Committee Meetings This Week

Youth & Young Adults.............Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)
Session.....................................Tuesday, 7:00 pm (McKelvy Rm)
Peace.....................................Thursday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)

Volunteer for PRIDE Events — June
Sign up to volunteer at ELPC’s booth at PrideFest with Carol Chonoska (carolchonoska@gmail.com) or with Brittnay Krieger (brittnay.blaine.hope@gmail.com) for Peoples Pride. You do not need to sign up for either march. Visit ELPC.church for more details.

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.

Notable Events:

Volunteer for PRIDE Events — June

IN OUR COMMUNITY

OHM Explores the Racial Wealth Gap — May 29
Open Hand Ministry (OHM) is hosting a Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation, an interactive experience that will help people understand the connections between racial equity, poverty and wealth, as well as the impact of existing policies on the racial wealth divide. Join OHM on Wednesday, May 29 from 6-8 pm at Shadyside Presbyterian Church (5121 Westminster Pl, 15232). Dinner provided. RSVP: office@openhandpittsburgh.org.

“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 Earthen 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.

Join the OHM Circles Community
OHM is currently accepting applications for both leaders and allies for Cohort 6. If you are working to improve your financial wellness and reach personal goals, OHM invites you to be a leader in their Circles community. Walk alongside your neighbors to support them as they accomplish these goals. Contact Tamika Barrett, OHM family development coordinator, (412.376.3064; TBarrett@openhandpittsburgh.org).

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THERE’S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR VCS

Vacation Church School will take place Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28 from 9 am–3pm.
Guided by our theme, Who is My Neighbor? Learning to Love like Jesus, children ages 4 through grade 5 will explore God’s call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

DON’T WAIT, REGISTER TODAY
Registration forms for campers and volunteers are available at tiny.cc/vcs2019.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Youth in grades 6–12 and adults of all ages are needed to serve as volunteers. We need folks who can serve all week and even those who can spare a few hours. There is a mandatory training session for all volunteers on Sunday, June 23 at 11 am.