**JULY 21, 2019 — 10 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP**
**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**TIME OF PREPARATION**

“It was only when I lay there on rotting prison straw that I sensed within myself the first stirring of the good. Gradually it was disclosed to me that the line separating good and evil passes, not through states, not between classes, not between political parties either, but right through every human heart and through all human hearts.”

— Alexander Solzhenitsyn

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

“Prelude in C”

David Johnson

“Adagio in A”

César Franck

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

**WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS**

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

* **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** (from Psalm 57)

  * Leader: Be merciful to us, O God, be merciful, for we have taken refuge in you;
  * People: In the shadow of your wings will we take refuge until the time of trouble has gone by.

  * Leader: I will call upon you, O Most High God, the God who maintains my cause.
  * People: You will send deliverance from heaven; O God, you send forth your love and your faithfulness.

  * Leader: My heart is firmly fixed upon you; I will sing and make a song of praise to your name;
  * People: For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

  * Leader: Let us worship God together!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #703**

  * “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

  * St. Catherine

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**: Today, O Lord, we have listened again to your words. We have been empowered by your teachings. What should we do with all this life that you have provided? We will go out into the world to serve, smile, and love; to work, play, and forgive; to shout and sing...doing everything in your name. That will be sufficient, so long as your grace is with us. Amen.
CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes, O God, we get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to take time to stop and breathe, to look up and notice the creation you have given, and the wonder of diverse life around us. We do not take time to listen for your words while reading the bible, listening to music, interacting with people around us; and we become upset about so many things. Forgive us when we forget to focus on what matters – to focus on you and your loving mercy. Heal our worried minds and wounded souls. May we ever offer to you the best of who we are. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Leader: In Christ we are reconciled with God. This frees us to live in peace and serve God and our neighbor with grateful hearts. Friends, let us 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 #834

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 1:1-14
2 Samuel 12:1-10

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Barbara Griffin, Kira Mukogosi

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Youth:
Rachael Brianne Ammon, daughter of Russell B. and Heather L. Ammon

Profession of Faith

A dt of Baptizing

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Heather Lawrence

Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children. Those who have completed kindergarten 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 #340

“This Is My Song”

FINLANDIA

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:7-20
The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes
Chaplain, Allegheny Health Network

SERMON

“My Morals Are Beyond Reproach”

The Rev. Richardson-Eckes
**Prayers of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

*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.

**Offertory**

“*We Shall Walk Through the Valley In Peace*” arr. Moses Hogan

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

For Jesus himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there.

We will meet our loved ones there.

*For Jesus…*

There will be no trials there.

There will be no trials there.

*For Jesus…*

**Doxology at the Presentation**

Old Hundredth

*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:* God, we give today in thankfulness, assured that what we contribute is given for the continuing growth of your kingdom in the world. May this offering be used to share your word and serve your people. In the name of Christ, the One who gave us everything. Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Aura S. Jirau Arroyo

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**Hymn #182**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

*Kingsfold*

**Charge & Benediction**

The Rev. Richardson-Eckes

*Postlude*

“Toccata”

David Hegarty
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.

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Preaching:    The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes
             Chaplain, Allegheny Health Network
Liturgists:  The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
             Aura S. Jirau Arroyo
             Barbara Griffin
             Heather Lawrence
             Kira Mukogosi
Musicians:   Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/Music Director
             ELPC Chancel Choir
Sound:       Tim Benedict
             Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

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

♦ 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.

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

Our summer worship schedule has begun. Journey Worship will resume on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 8 at 8:45 am.

Our 10 am service will move to the Courtyard during the month of August.

10 am .......... Sanctuary Summer Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
             July 28 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

After the Moments with the Children during the 10 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. 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 Avenue entrance. It is available every Sunday.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk
A 38-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.
             Mondays, 8 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 (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 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 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 for future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
**Church Events and Announcements**

**July 21, 2019 • 6th Sunday after Pentecost**

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**TODAY AT ELPC**

**Today’s Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)**

Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services. Today’s Sanctuary service DOD is Trish Buben.

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**Tower Tour — July 28**

Climb the heights of our church’s landmark central tower, and gain insights into its history and construction during a **Tower Tour** on Sunday, July 28 after worship. The climb requires a bit of stamina; comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children. Please gather in the Highland Lobby. Additional tours will be held on:

- Sunday, Aug 11 — **Stained Glass**
- Sunday, Aug 25 — **Tower Tour**

**Café Justo Coffee for Sale — July 28**

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during our **Fellowship Time** on July 28. For just $10/pound, your purchase will support this fair trade cooperative and help provide a sustainable income for Mexican coffee farmers. Check or cash only please.

**Mission Opportunities with OHM — Aug 3 and 6**

Open Hand Ministries (OHM), a mission of ELPC, promotes social justice in the East End by building a diverse community focused on financial wellness, equity creation and homeownership. ELPC supports OHM’s two main programs, family development (OHM Circles) and house rehab four times a year with volunteer opportunities. Please join us for one or both of these opportunities to serve, and for fun and fellowship! Sign up after the Sunday service or contact Frank Bauerle (817.705.6856, frbauerle@yahoo.com) or Henry Petrilli (HLP615@gmail.com).

- Saturday, Aug 3 — **House rehab**
  - No special skills needed. All invited! Please contact Emily Rosenthal to help with the house rehab (EJR116@gmail.com, 412.963.0139).
- Tuesday, Aug 6 — **ELPC hosts the OHM Circles dinner**
  - Donations of side dishes and dinner servers are needed.

**Sunday Worship Moves to the Courtyard — Aug 4**

Our 10 am Sunday worship service will move to the Courtyard for the month of August. There will be seating in the Courtyard and Garth Overlook Room, with monitors to project the service for those watching inside.

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**Summer Film Festival — Aug 4 and 18**

Join the Mission Board Committees on these Sundays after worship for their Summer Film Festival:

- **Aug 4 — Urban Roots**
  - Once an industrial powerhouse of a lost American era, Detroit has been devastated by the loss of half its population due to the collapse of manufacturing. But now, in the empty lots, in the old factory yards, and in-between the sagging blocks of housing, seeds of change are taking root. Dedicated citizens have started an urban environmental movement with the potential to transform not just a city after its collapse, but also a country after the end of its industrial age. **Urban Roots** shows Detroiters working to fulfill their vision for locally-grown, sustainably farmed food in a city where people—as in much of the county—have found themselves cut off from real food.
  - Sponsored by the Justice Committee (94 minutes)

- **Aug 18 — BlackKlansman**
  - From visionary filmmaker Spike Lee comes the incredible true story of an American hero. African-American detective Ron Stallworth sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan with the aid of a more seasoned colleague, Flip Zimmerman. Together, they team up to take down the extremist hate group as the organization aims to sanitize its violent rhetoric to appeal to the mainstream.
  - Sponsored by the Peace Committee (134 minutes)

**Youth Ministry High School Mission Trip — Aug 4 to 9**

Youth in grades 9–12 will be serving around Pittsburgh this summer for the **High School Mission Trip** from Aug 4-9. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

**LGBTQ Ministry — Aug 17**

You are invited to the next gathering of ELPC’s LGBTQ Ministry on Saturday, Aug 17 at 11 am for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800, wil@coh.net). **God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.**
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Craig Cannon,
Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law Andrea,
Liz Hopkins’ mother Margery,
Morris Jordan, Lee Lewand, Gail Mallory,
ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,
Heather Schoenewolf’s friend Tony and uncle Jim,
Tim Sergi’s sister Kimberly, Pat Valoon, and
for those in the criminal justice system who are homeless.

Condolences to David and Heather Schoenewolf on his father's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Justice ......................................... Today, 11:30 am (Rm 211)
Peace................................. Thursday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)
Environmental Team.......... Friday, 1:15 pm (Highland Rm)

Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers — Aug 22
As a faithful ELPC servant, you are invited to the Annual Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers on Thursday, August 22 from 6-7:30 pm in the Garth (Social Hall if raining). Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, fixings and drinks will be provided. Please plan to bring either a side dish or dessert to serve about 8 people. If you want your container back, please label it with your last name. No need to bring serving utensils or to RSVP. Just come and attend a relaxing evening of fellowship, food and appreciation! Let us serve you in thanks and gratitude!

Hope Academy’s Fall Term — Begins Sept 21
The Fall term of Hope Academy classes begins Sept 21. Visit www.HopeAcademyArts.com to register, apply for scholarships, RSVP for information sessions, or schedule an audition. Hope Academy violin, viola, and cello students will perform with Black Violin at the Byham Theater on Thursday, Sept 26 at 7 pm.

Memorial Service — July 24
East Liberty Family Health Care Center’s Medical Director, Dr. David Hall’s father, Harold G. Hall passed away. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at Eastminster Presbyterian Church (250 N Highland Ave) on Wednesday, July 24 from 8-9:30 am. There is no need to RSVP.

Celebration of Humanity Nominations — Due Aug 1
The Celebration of Humanity honors local individuals who demonstrate Northside Common Ministries’ mission to answer the Biblical call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and receive the stranger, and the prophet’s call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Individuals are encouraged to nominate themselves or others by Aug 1. Winners will be notified by Aug 15, and honored at a Celebration of Caring event on Thursday, Sept 19 from 6–8:30 pm at Alloy 26 (located in the former Allegheny Center Mall, Northside). Nomination forms, tickets for the event and more info are available at www.ncm.org, or contact Jay Poliziani, Director of Northside Common Ministries (jay.poliziani@ncmin.org, 412.323.1163).

Youth and Young Adult Events
For more info on the following events, or to RSVP, please contact Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

 Outdoor Labyrinth — Friday, Aug 2, 7 pm
You may have walked the labyrinth at ELPC before but let’s explore some outdoor ones in Pittsburgh! Afterward, we will go out for dessert, so bring money if you would like to join us for that as well. Please RSVP by July 31.

 Tuesdays in the Park — Tuesday, Aug 20, 5:30–7 pm
Contact Kelli for park location.

 Drive-In Movie Time — Friday, Aug 30, 6:30 pm
Let’s take a trip back in time and experience the movies outdoors at Dependable Drive-In Theater (549 Moon Clinton Rd, Moon). We will meet at ELPC and leave at 6:30 pm. Bring money for the concession stands or snacks of your own! We will decide which movie to watch as we get closer to the date. Please RSVP so we can plan on how many spaces/chairs we need, and if you need a ride.

Did you know ELPC livestreams its Sanctuary worship service each Sunday? If you find yourself unable to attend worship or are enjoying a summer vacation, we hope you will join our faith family in spirit. Subscribe to us on YouTube or follow us on Facebook—and tune in! Past services also are available at www.ELPC.church.