TIME OF PREPARATION

“When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall … think of it, always.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

GATHERING MUSIC

“The Mighty God with Power Speaks” (songbook #1)       KINGSFOLD
“God Welcomes All” (songbook #2)          THEMBA AMEN
“Woke Up This Mornin’” (songbook #3)         WITH MY MIND

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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 50)

Annabel Degenholtz

Leader: God’s mercies never end; they are new every morning. We gather in gratitude, that our faith may increase.
People: We will sing our songs of praise. We will proclaim the good news of the gospel.
Leader: Take delight in God, who is with us wherever we go. Trust God, even when we do not feel like singing.
People: We commit all our ways to God. We will wait patiently for answers to our prayers.
Leader: By God’s grace, we are gathered for worship. In God’s love, we are no longer exiles and strangers.
People: We have been called together by the Holy Spirit. We will treasure this special time in sacred space.
Leader: Let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East or West” (songbook #4)

MCKEE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

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

Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949) adapted the tune McKee in 1940 for use with the text In Christ There Is No East or West. He named it for Rev. Elmer McKee, rector of St. George’s Church in New York City, where Burleigh was baritone soloist for 52 years.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we face our world with cowardice. We would rather avoid danger than take a stand against injustice. We want to enjoy privileges not available to others. We wish to keep away from all the cries for help that bombard us. The problems around us are overwhelming. The distress within us is staggering. Too often we lash out at others rather than turn to you for guidance and strength. Now, in these moments together, we cry out for your help. We want to be your people. We want to live with a clear conscience and right spirit. Remake us, loving God. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, let us believe the good news of the gospel.

People: ¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

SUNG RESPONSE

“Spirit of the Living God” (songbook #5; sing 2x)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-14

“ZICOMO” MALAWI

ANNABEL DEGENHOLTZ

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

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.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1-5; 2:2-4; 3:17-19

* HYMN

“I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry” (songbook #6)

SERMON

“What’s Going On”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING INVITATION

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.

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**OFFERTORY**

"O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit"

Thomas Tallis

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
And lighten our understanding,  
That we may dwell in the fear of thy Name,  
All the days of our life,  
That we may know thee, the only true God,  
And Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.


**DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION**

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. Schoenewolf

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: Faithful God, thank you for welcoming us into your family, where we realize that the needs of others is our concern and responsibility. May we find justice, peace and community in serving you and others. May our offerings be received as an outpouring of thanksgiving for you, our gracious and just God, and a blessing to our siblings everywhere.

People: Amen.

* Hymn

"What a Mighty God We Serve" (songbook #7)

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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**ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:**
Race riots in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles began with 34 people killed and more than 1,000 injured, and the U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination of Thurgood Marshall as U.S. Solicitor General (1965); the 911 number was pioneered in Schaumburg, IL (1991); and Anthony Phillips received US Patent # 5,136,787 for a ruler template for the computer keyboard (1992).

Born on this day were Alex Haley, Author of Roots and Autobiography of Malcolm X in New York City (1921) and Steve Wozniak, one of the founders of Apple Computer, Inc (now Apple Inc.) in San Jose, CA (1950).

You may shoot me with your words, you may cut me with your eyes, you may kill me with your hatefulness, but still, like air, I'll rise.  
(Maya Angelou)
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 Avenue 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, 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 (Room 135, 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 Sept 29 and Oct 6 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
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TODAY AT ELPC

Stained Glass Tour
Join tour guide Penn Hackney for an in-depth tour of the stained glass in our Sanctuary and Chapel following today’s worship service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.

Today’s Deacon-On-Duty
Today’s worship service DOD is Linda Harrington.

LGBTQ Ministry — Aug 17
You are invited to the next gathering of the LGBTQ Ministry here at ELPC 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, x118; Wil@coh.net). God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.

Special Fellowship Time Honoring Anthony Williams
Sunday, Aug 18 • after worship service
Anthony Williams has served as a youth worker at ELPC for over 18 years. As an integral part of our youth ministry team, Mr. Anthony has nurtured the faith of generations of teens at ELPC, chaperoned dozens of Mission Trips and retreats, led a basketball ministry for youth in the community, and supported Confirmands on their journey to adult membership at ELPC. Whether through an interactive Bible Study or a game of Spades, Mr. Anthony has taught the love of God in Christ to all, and has modeled what it means to put one’s faith in action.

Late this spring, Mr. Anthony was named Head of School of The Neighborhood Academy. With this exciting transition in his life, Mr. Anthony has discerned the need to step down from his role at ELPC to dedicate his time and energy to his new position. We give thanks for Mr. Anthony – for his impact on the lives of many here at ELPC and at TNA.

We will celebrate his 18 years of service during a special fellowship time in his honor, after the 10 am worship service on Aug 18. Please join us to thank him and wish him well on the next leg of his journey!

Summer Film Festival — Aug 18
Join the Mission Board Committees on Sunday, Aug 18 after worship to view BlacKkKlansman, the final film in their Summer Film Festival. 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, as they team up to take down the extremist hate group as the organization aims to sanitize its violent rhetoric. Sponsored by the Peace Committee (134 minutes)

Youth and Young Adult Events — Aug 20 and 30
For more info on the following youth and young adult events, or to RSVP, please contact Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

 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.

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!

Café Justo Coffee for Sale — Aug 25
Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during Fellowship Time on Sunday, Aug 25. 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.
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:
Craig Cannon,
David Carl’s friend’s son Morgan,
Molly Dimond—Stephany’s sister—in-law Andrea,
Agnes Green, Liz Hopkins’ mother Margery,
Morris Jordan, Heather Lawrence’s sister Christine,
Lee Lewand, Gail Mallory, Rhonda Perroz,
ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,
Heather Schoenewolf’s aunt Mary Lou and uncle Jim,
Tim Sergi’s sister Kimberly, Pat Valoon, and
for those who face a lifetime in jail or prison.
Condolences to David and Heather Schoenewolf on his father’s passing.

In our Community

Climate Crisis Town Hall — Aug 14
Join PA Representative Mike Doyle for a Climate Crisis Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, August 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall (Oakland).

Vigil for Sheldon Stoudemire — Aug 25
All are welcome to attend a vigil to celebrate the life of the Rev. Sheldon Stoudemire and to witness to the devastating destruction caused by senseless gun violence at Northside Common Ministries (1601 Brighton Rd, 15212) on Sunday, Aug 25 at 2 pm.

Hospice Volunteers Needed
AHN Healthcare@Home is looking for volunteers to visit with hospice patients in this community. Many of the patients are home alone and would enjoy and appreciate the company of a volunteer. It is often difficult to find volunteers due to socioeconomic and racial biases so we are reaching out to our neighbors. Volunteers provide companionship, supportive presence, and spiritual support to patients. Volunteers may choose a fixed schedule or a flexible one, depending on their availability. Healthcare@Home will provide free training and necessary clearances, TB testing, and drug screening. Please contact Rachel Akiva, Volunteer Coordinator for AHN Healthcare@Home, for more info (412.266.6420, akivar@healthcareathome.com).

The Chapel Market is in need of summer clothing donations, toiletry items and diapers (sizes 5/6). Please leave donations at the Highland Ave lobby entrance.

Silent Retreat — Oct 11 to 13
The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to a silent retreat from Friday–Sunday, Oct 11–13, at The Ark and The Dove in Gibsonia. In silence, we’ll celebrate the beauty of autumn and draw closer to God. Registration info will be available soon.

Did you know ELPC livestreams its 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.