SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION
“You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”
— St. Augustine of Hippo, Confessions

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

“Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541” Johann Sebastian Bach

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. 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 (from Psalm 113)
Leader: Who is like our God, high above the heavens in glory?
People: Blessed be the name of God.
Leader: Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?
People: Blessed be our Savior Jesus Christ.
Leader: Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy to sorrow, and brings life out of death?
People: Blessed be the living and true Holy Spirit.
Leader: Let us worship our triune God and ever bring our offerings of praise.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #366
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious God, you know our sin. Too often we have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have not forgiven our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful in small and great things alike. Forgive us this day, O Lord. Make us faithful stewards of the resources you have given us, patient servants working now for the sake of your future realm, and generous ambassadors of forgiveness and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.
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 #294 (sing 3x)

“Within Our Darkest Night”

Dans nos obscurités

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Peter 5:6-11 The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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

Presentation of Children: Rachael Brianne Ammon, daughter of Heather and Russell Ammon
Miguel René Rivera-Stevwing, son of Felix Rivera-Mercè and Kalyn Stevwing

Profession of Faith
A ct of Baptizing

* HYMN #350 “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” KEEP YOUR LAMPS

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:34-38 The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“The Unburdened Heart” The Rev. Dr. Bush

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
In Salem, MA seven women and two men were charged and executed for witchcraft (1692); President Lincoln issued a preliminary emancipation proclamation freeing rebel state slaves (1862); J.R.R. Tolkien began creating his stories of Bilbo Baggins and Middle Earth (1921); Fiddler on the Roof opened on Broadway (1964); and the Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into full-scale war (1980).

The text for the African American spiritual Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning borrows from a couple biblical sources: the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) and the story of the vision of Jacob’s ladder (Genesis 28:10-17).

Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps a singing bird will come. (Chinese proverb)

A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. (Proverbs 15:13)
**Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer**

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**

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**

“Fight the Good Fight”

Fight the good fight with all thy might! Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;

Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God’s good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;

Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; his boundless mercy will provide;

Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near, he changeth not, and thou art dear;

Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

**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: O God, you look with mercy upon the earth; you care for the poor and downhearted and give all a place of welcome at your table. May these gifts and our lives continually show forth your love for any in need this day. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

**Recessional Hymn #363**

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

**Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

“Fanfare”

Composer John Gardner (1917-2011) was born in Manchester, England and educated at Exeter College, Oxford. In 1956 he joined the faculty of the Royal Academy of Music. His Five Hymns in Popular Style were commissioned for a music festival in Farnham and premiered on May 14, 1963. Fight the Good Fight is the fifth setting in this collection. The text, inspired by I Timothy 6:12, was written by the Rev. John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875) and first appeared in print in 1863.

William Mathias (1934-1992) was a renowned Welsh composer of choral, orchestral, and instrumental works. His Fantare for organ was commissioned for the inaugural concert for the new organ at Memorial Hall, Barry, Wales in 1987.

As long as algebra is taught in school, there will be prayer in school. (Cokie Roberts, 1943 - 2019)
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. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Lynne Chadwick
Terri Pennybaker

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Piano

Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: Laura Ristau
Crucifer: Aura Jirau
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ Fellowship Time

Please join us in the Social Hall and Courtyard for our annual Church Picnic after worship. All are welcome to attend!

♦ Worship Flowers

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Z. Wainwright and Miss Hattie E. Wainwright.

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

8:45 am........Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.

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

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 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 annual Church Picnic in the Social Hall and Courtyard. 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.