



# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God — the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)*

## MAY 8, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
Delivering God, each day  
we awaken to your  
goodness and our hearts  
cry out in praise as you  
set us to tasks for the  
well-being of the world.  
Do not let us hinder your  
love, but strengthen our  
will, as we offer thanks  
through every simple  
gesture of this day.  
Amen.

While the church doesn't  
officially celebrate  
Mother's Day, the fourth  
Sunday of Lent has been  
called "Mothering  
Sunday". This refers to  
an old custom either to  
visit one's mother or to  
visit one's "mother  
church." The name  
comes from  
Galatians 4:26, where  
Jerusalem is referred to  
as "our mother."

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"There is no question facing contemporary people which is more relevant than this:  
How are we to use our freedom?" — Michael Green

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Contrapunctus I" (from *The Art of the Fugue*)

The Brass Roots

J.S. Bach

arr. Ralph Sauer

"Fire Dance"

Anthony DiLorenzo

"Sonata" (from *Die Bänkelsängerlieder*)

Anonymous

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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 93)

Sonya-Marie Morley

Leader: The Lord God is robed in majesty and has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

People: **Ever since the world began, God's throne has been established; you are from everlasting.**

Leader: Mightier than many waters or the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

People: **God's testimonies are very sure and holiness befits your house. You are our God forever more.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #265

DUKE STREET

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness. We have not trusted in your power to provide for our needs. We have not honored our mothers and fathers, our sisters and brothers. We have been slow to forgive others or ourselves. Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth, that we may rejoice in your promise to set us free from all sin and captivity, to the glory of your risen and ascended Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The ascension of Jesus is described in Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:9. The former implies Jesus' ascension occurred later on Easter Day, while the latter version takes place 40 days after the resurrection. This double description reminds us that Christ is the risen Lord culminating the gospel as well as the sending Lord initiating the church's mission.

"The royalists of the economic order have conceded that political freedom was the business of the government, but they have maintained that economic slavery was nobody's business."  
(Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1936)

William Boyce (1711-1779) was an English organist and composer. Born in London, he was a choirboy at St. Paul's Cathedral and was later appointed Master of the King's Musick in 1755.

SUNG REFLECTION HYMN #814 (sing twice)

MON AÎME SE REPOSE

"In God Alone"

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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!

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

Nathaniel Morley

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

*Our Extended Session program is provided for infants and toddlers up to age 3 in the first floor Nursery and pre-school age through grade 1 in Room 151.*

\* HYMN #661

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

SPARROW

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 16:16-34

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Setting Captors Free"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*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

"Alleluia"

William Boyce

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

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

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:  
Hernando de Soto first sighted the Mississippi River (1541), victory in Europe (VE Day) was celebrated (1945), and **it's the birthday of jazz** pianist Mary Lou Williams (1910), born in Atlanta but raised here in East Liberty.

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933) was a well-known German organist who taught music theory and composition at the Leipzig Conservatory. He embarked on a concert tour of America in spring 1932. The tour did not go well as he was suffering from diabetes at the time. After returning to Leipzig, his health deteriorated quickly and he died at the age of 55 in April 1933.

The Brass Roots is completing their second **season as ELPC's brass** ensemble in residence. They will be in concert with Dr. Ed Moore on Friday, May 20 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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:	Gracious God, you are the One who first has given to us all that we need for life. Guide us to use what we now gather for the well-being of your church, for those in need of shelter and food, and for nurturing faith in all people. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #260 (*verses 1-3 only*)

HYFRYDOL

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

The Brass Roots  
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*  
Sigfried Karg-Elert  
arr. Donald Rotermund

“Praise the Lord”

*Our worship concludes with the postlude. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until the postlude has concluded.*



*Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.*

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Nathaniel and Sonya-Marie Morley  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
**Gabriel D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
*The Brass Roots:*  
Kenton Bandy and Carloz Gil, *trumpets*  
Carrie Vertin, *horn*  
Morgan Wynn, *trombone*  
Chris Pearlberg, *tuba*  
Acolytes: Youth  
Beadle: Laura Ristau  
Crucifer: Youth  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome to attend.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in honor of the wedding of Steve and Mary Evrard, which was held yesterday in the Sanctuary.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am ..... Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
*May 15* — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am ..... Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.  
*May 15* — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

Extended Session

After the *Moments with the 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 "Ticket" and that your child bring it with him/her 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 151.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 7 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 Ave hallway)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.  
Open 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:*

**Stay after today's service for our Fellowship Time** in the McKelvy 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 for an opportunity** to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more information on future classes (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Happy Mother's Day!

Today Presbyterian Women (PW) celebrates all women – from young to old – by the gift of a carnation on this Mother's Day. We are also passing out a survey about PW. Members will be at all doors following the service to collect your surveys. Thank you for your participation and support.

### Today's Deacon-On-Duty

The *Journey* service DOD is **Mary Figlar**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Sonya-Marie Morley**.



### The Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is accepting donations of clean, gently used spring and summer clothing. Men's casual shirts and pants are especially needed. The Chapel Market is open for donations, as well as shopping, on Mondays from 10 am to Noon and Thursdays from 6 pm to 8 pm.

### Toy Makers Group – May 11 and 25

All handy crafters are invited to join the Toy Makers in the Sewing Room on Wednesdays, May 11 and 25 from 9 am to Noon to make toys for children locally and around the world.

### Spring Planting Day – May 14

All are welcome to join us for our *Spring Planting Day* in the Courtyard and Highland Ave area on Saturday, May 14 from 9 am to Noon. Come and have a part in making our outside as beautiful as the inside. For more info, please contact Chuck Lukehart (412.782.6447).

### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – May 14

The next LGBTQ Ministry spiritual gathering will be on Saturday, May 14 at 4 pm when we will share fellowship and plan for summer Pride events. To learn more about this event, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All allies and LGBTQ folks are welcome!

### Presbyterian Women Spring Social – May 14

Every woman in the congregation is invited to join Presbyterian Women (PW) for a spring social to celebrate our lives as women from 4:30-6:30 pm in the Social Hall on Saturday, May 14. Bring a dish that celebrates you (favorite food, your ethnic background or just a fun food). RSVP by Tuesday, May 10 to Kelli Booher (kjbooher@gmail.com).

### Silent Saturday Cancelled – May 14

The *Silent Saturday* scheduled for May 14 had to be cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience, and hope you will join us in June for the next event.

### End of Life Issues in Pennsylvania – May 15

*A spiritual event? A medical event? Or, increasingly, is it a legal event?* Many of us in our lifetime become the family member or friend with the responsibility to handle the affairs of a person who dies. Join us Sunday, May 15 at 12:30 pm in Room 234 as Carolyn Russ, Attorney at Law shares what tools are available, your rights and expectations as a decision maker and the paper work you will need in such a situation. Having this knowledge now will provide both you and your loved one or dear friend the preparation time to have those difficult discussions that need to take place before a tragedy or a serious illness changes their lives as well as yours. A light lunch will be served. Sponsored by the ELPC Health Ministries.

### Pentecost Sunday – May 15

When we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 15, our Confirmation Class will be received as adult members of our church, and we will receive the *Pentecost Offering*, which helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, as well as address the needs of at-risk children—nationally and locally. Everyone is invited to wear red or colorful clothes as we rejoice in the Spirit's energizing, fiery presence in our lives.

### Tour the ELPC Tower – May 15

You are invited to join ELPC member Regis Will for the ELPC Tower Tour following the Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, May 15. Take a trek up the steeple via a series of ladders and then enjoy the amazing view of Pittsburgh's East End. Appropriate footwear and trousers are recommended. The group will gather in the hospitality area near the guard's desk immediately after worship. Please allow 30–40 minutes for the tour.

### Sewing Group – May 16

The Sewing Group will meet from 2–8 pm on Monday, May 16 in the Sewing Room. Drop in as your schedule permits. Hand sewing, machine sewing, cutting, or organizing skills are always needed. All are welcome!

### Ruth Donalson Piano Recital – May 18

Come and enjoy an hour of piano music with pianist Ruth Donalson on Wednesday, May 18 at 2 pm in the Music Room. A variety of music will be presented and requests will be honored. Maybe we could even have a sing along! Sponsored by the ELPC Health Ministries.



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

Sue Bailey, Carol Bonner,  
Linda Benedict's parents Tom and Lois,  
Marilen Bowser, Christa Brown's nephew Darrin,  
Kate Carlson's friend Patsy and husband Tom,  
Carol Chontos (ELPC employee),  
Dave and Bobby Egelston's niece Tina, Cathie Hajdu,  
Jan Herzer's friend Bob, Gail Mallory,  
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,  
Nicole Molinaro-Karaczun's friend Chris,  
Mary Jo Pettengill, Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,  
Heather Schoenewolf's friend's nephew Jacob,  
father John, friend Bob and cousin Louise,  
and Pat Valoon and her friend Kristen.

*Our condolences to Tim and Linda Benedict on their sister-in-law's passing.*

*Our condolences to Tina Calabro on her mother's passing.*

There are **Prayer Boxes**, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept.

### Committee Meetings This Week

Worship, Music & Arts..... *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 244)*  
Joint Session/Deacons..... *Tuesday, 6:45 pm (Social Hall)*  
NO Personnel..... *Tuesday*  
Mission Board..... *Thursday, 5:00 pm (Rm 244)*  
YAM Advisory Team... *Thursday, 7:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)*

### Senior High Mission Trip Planning – May 18

Youth in grades 8–12 who are planning on participating in this summer's mission trip in Pittsburgh should attend the planning meeting on Wednesday, May 18 from 5–7 pm. Parents should attend the informational meeting the same evening from 6–7 pm. For more info, please contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

### Church School Classes

May 15 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – “Faith Formation in the Midst of a Consumerist Age” led by Scott Hagley

**Journey with Scripture** – Acts 2:1–21; Psalm 104:24–34, 35b; Romans 8:14–17; John 14:8–17, 25–27 led by Jan Irvin

**Seekers** – “Wonderful and Horrible: Experiencing the Holy Land from a Palestinian Perspective” led by Mark Blank

**Soul Food** – A discussion of a meditation by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michele Bossers and Barb Fotta

**YAM** – “Telling Stories.” Come with a story to tell or a question for the group

IN OUR

## COMMUNITY



### Donations to EECM

East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) is in need of these donations: lotion, shampoo and conditioner. Their May food-of-the-month is rice. Please leave your donations in the basket near the Hospitality Desk.

### The Brass Roots and Organ in Concert – May 20

The fifth season of our *Cathedral Concerts* series will come to a close with the sounds of brass and organ at 7:30 pm on Friday, May 20 in the Sanctuary. The Brass Roots, ELPC's resident brass ensemble, will be joined by Dr. Ed Moore at the organ for another sonic spectacular! There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be received. Invite your friends and family for an evening that is sure to lift your spirits!

### Readings/Conversation on Mental Illness Stigma – May 22

Please join us on Sunday, May 22 at 12:30 pm in Room 234 to hear readings by those with mental illness to counteract the dangerous and shameful stigma surrounding mental illness. The goal is to help make a statement that there is no shame in their experiences, and that people who suffer from mental illness can also survive and prosper, emotionally and professionally. Light refreshments will be provided.

### Hope Academy Music Recitals & Showcase – May 22

Hope Academy's end-of-year recitals for instrumentalists and vocalists will take place throughout ELPC on Sunday, May 22 from 2 to 5 pm. This is a good opportunity for families interested in private music instruction to see Hope Academy's program in action and meet the teaching artists. Everyone is invited and the recitals are free!

This year's showcase performance, *Wild Women Don't Get the Blues*, will be on Saturday, May 21 at 4 pm and at 7:30 pm and on Sunday, May 22 at 1 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 each and seating is limited. More info is available online at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

**iSERVE**  
LOVE IN ACTION

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

♦ Vacation Church School Volunteers (*teens and adults*) ♦

AND

♦ Thursday Evening Chapel Market Volunteers ♦

### Looking for a way to put your love in action?

Contact Wil (412.441.3800 x14). Visit the iSERVE webpage at [www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2) to learn about other service opportunities.