



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)

JUNE 5, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP YOUTH SUNDAY

Georg Böhm (1661-1733) was a German Baroque organist and composer who was influential on Johann Sebastian Bach. The melody line (right hand) in this setting of the German chorale *Vater unser* was elaborated (ornamented) by Johann Gottfried Walther, Bach's cousin.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“Almighty God, again and again you have called upon young people to force change or fire human hopes. Never let older people be so set in their ways that they refuse to hear young voices, or so firm in their grip on power that they reject youth’s contributions. Let the young be candid, but not cruel. Keep them dreaming dreams that you approve, and living in the Spirit of the young man Jesus, the crucified one who now rules the world. Amen.”
— *Book of Common Worship*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

“Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 636”

J. S. Bach

“Vater unser im Himmelreich”

Georg Böhm

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

* 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: Lord, maker of heaven and Earth, good and evil...
People: Lead the way.
Leader: Fighter for the poor, belittled and pushed away...
People: Guide the way.
Leader: Lord of all animals, people, places and things...
People: Show us, in your sovereignty, the way to your joy and peace.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #157

LORD OF THE DANCE

“I Danced in the Morning”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know that you have given us many gifts. We recognize that often we do not use these gifts wisely, and we do not use them to share your word and message. We forget who gave us our talents and abilities. We fail to appreciate the gifts that you have given to others and refuse to see that they are equally valuable in your sight. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to recognize how we can best use our gifts for good in your world and share your love with all.

We pray too for your whole world. We know that there is suffering – that people are sick, that people experience violence, or that some people have simply given up hope. We pray that you will provide for the needs of all of your people. Comfort those who grieve and heal the wounds of those who are hurting. May we, with all your people, live into the fullness of your love for us.

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TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Leader: God has given us many amazing gifts: life, breath, family, friends, and talents to share. But the greatest gift that God has given us is Jesus Christ—who came to free us from our sin, heal us from our brokenness, and give us new life in him. 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 #647 "Give Thanks" GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong."

Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:6-8

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 4:8-10

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Joyful, Joyful"

from *Sister Act*

HOMILY

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
"A Glimpse of the Future"

SENIOR MESSAGES

Graduating Seniors: Jasmier Branch, Darlajia Farrell, Jason Ferrante
Madison Morrissey, Joan Mukogosi, Webster Neely
Barbara Olivis, Cori Reese

SLIDESHOW

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

"Simple Gifts"

arr. Robert Lehman

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free. 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gain'd, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

Simple Gifts is a Shaker song written by Joseph Brackett (1797-1882) in 1848. The tune gained recognition outside the Shaker community when composer Aaron Copland used it as a melody in his score to *Martha Graham's ballet Appalachian Spring*.

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:

French brothers Montgolfier completed the first ascent by a hot-air balloon, lasting 10 minutes (1783); Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was published as a serial story in a Washington, D.C. antislavery newspaper; nearly ten million men began registering for the draft in the First World War (1917); President Franklin Roosevelt took U.S. Currency off the gold standard (1933); Senator Robert F. Kennedy was fatally shot just after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary (1968); and the Apple II – the world's first computer designed for personal use – went on the market (1977).

Composer David German (b. 1954) was minister of music and organ at Calvary Church in Charlotte, NC. He wrote this trumpet tune for his wedding and dedicated it to his wife, Kathleen.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and
The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.

COMMUNION HYMN #525

LET US BREAK BREAD

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

After receiving communion, worshipers may go to one of the prayer stations for intercessory prayers, anointing with oil, the laying on of hands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, you have blessed us in many ways. We thank you for the gift of your love for us, of your sacrificial death and of our redeeming resurrection – and for the knowledge that through you we are forgiven forever. Thank you, too, for the gift of this Communion meal – for this food and for our fellowship, and for all of the gifts we each possess. Continue to help us to live out our faith, to see and understand your love and properly follow your guidance, today and **always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #66

PENTECOST

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

David German

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Jaszmier Branch
Charlotte and Ian Bush
Chloe and Jason Ferrante
Lynne Irvin, Avion LeVert
Julia Lewand, Madison Morrissey
Joan Mukogosi, Cecilia Novelli
Akil Turner, Tyrese Williams
Isaiah Wilson, Xander Yates

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir

Acolytes: David Bellin and Kira Mukogosi
Beadles: Matt Stuftt and Lenore Williams
Crucifer: Josh Bellin
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!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers today are in loving memory of Dr. George T. Noden, given by his family.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Our summer worship schedule begins next Sunday, June 12. We will combine our Sunday worship services into a 10 am service in the Sanctuary. During July and August and the first week in September, the service will move into the Courtyard, weather permitting. The 8:45 am Journey service will return on Rally Day Sunday, September 11.

10 am.....Sanctuary Summer Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
June 12 — 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 a *New Members and Friends Class* on June 26 after the 10 am worship for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp to register or for more info (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22).

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

June 5, 2016 • Youth Sunday

TODAY AT ELPC

Youth Sunday

Today is *Youth Sunday*, and members of our senior high Church School class have prepared the liturgy, and our graduating seniors will share their reflections. Please give thanks for the gifts of our youth and praise God together!

Hand Fans

Keep cool while at worship this summer with the new ELPC colorful hand fans available near each entrance to the Sanctuary. Please leave them at the exit when worship is over.

Vacation Church School Needs

- ✦ *Volunteers*—We need helpers in a range of roles (recreation leader, several pre-school assistants). Adults and youth are welcome to sign up using the forms on the bulletin board or on the website.
- ✦ *Supplies*—Needed items can be found on the bulletin board behind the front desk. Please return supplies to the front office by Sunday, June 12.

ELPC T-Shirt Pick-Up and Purchase

In the Highland Ave lobby today, you will be able to pick up your pre-ordered ELPC t-shirt or buy one for just \$10. Each tie-dyed rainbow shirt has the church name on the front and *God created you. God loves you. Be yourself!* printed on the back. Get yours in time for PrideFest and *Circle of Faith*.

Circle of Faith

Please join the ELPC family at the *Circle of Faith* today as we show our love for all of God's people at the Schenley Plaza tent. The *Circle of Faith* is a public witness by various faith communities to welcome and include LGBTQIA persons, as well as their families and allies. ELPC members are invited to gather together for this event and celebrate our own congregation's diversity. Transportation for those who reserved a seat in the church van will leave at 1 pm from the Highland Ave entrance.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty

The *Journey* service DOD is **Carol Sharp**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **George Clark**.



Calling All Graduates!

We'd like to celebrate the accomplishment of everyone who has graduated from high school or beyond! Please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net) with the graduate's name, degree earned, and name of the school from which they have graduated by July 6, so that the names can be listed in the August issue of the *Reaching Out*.

Silent Saturday – June 11

Come and go at any time during our *Silent Saturday* on June 11 from 9 am–4 pm. Participate in shared prayer fully, partially or not at all; and explore creative opportunities, the beauty of the Garth, or the devotion of the Chapel.

Breakfast with Chenoa Stock – June 12

The Mission Board invites you to a breakfast gathering at ELPC on Sunday, June 12 at 8:30 am with Chenoa Stock. Greet her while she shares an update on her mission activities in Bolivia with Joining Hands. All are welcome!

Summer Worship Schedule – Begins June 12

We will switch over to our summer worship schedule next Sunday, June 12 with one Sunday service at 10 am. In July, August, and on the first Sunday of September, this service will be held in the courtyard (weather permitting). Indoor seating will be available in the 3rd floor Music Room. Beginning July 3, we will also be inaugurating a Journey Prayer service from 8:45 – 9:20 am. We will meet in the Social Hall, share an opening song and scripture reading, and then move into a time of shared prayer for our Journey community, church family, and all of God's creation.

Young at Heart Luncheon – June 12

The ELPC Deacons invite you to our annual *Young at Heart Luncheon* on Sunday, June 12 following the 10 am Sanctuary worship in the Social Hall. This is a special opportunity to celebrate and honor our senior congregants for their contributions and participation over the years. Lunch will be followed by entertainment. The event is free for members who are 65 and over; \$10 for all others. To ask questions, make reservations, or share memories, please contact Kate Carlson (KateC@coh.net).

ELPC to Receive Humanitarian Award – June 12

The Islamic Center of Pittsburgh (ICP) has selected ELPC as one of six organizations to be honored on Humanity Day, Sunday, June 12 at 7 pm. ICP invites friends and neighbors of all faiths to join in the celebration while sharing the Ramadan tradition with our Muslim sisters and brothers. The event is free, but reservations are necessary and can be made at eventbrite.com.

Book Study: The Search for Truth about Islam – June 18

Join Michele Bossers as she leads a book study on Ben Daniel's *The Search for Truth about Islam*, sponsored by the Justice Committee, on Saturday, June 18 from 9–11 am. The book is available for \$10 online, and two copies are in the ELPC library. In his book, Presbyterian pastor Ben Daniel tackles common stereotypes and misconceptions that tend to define Islam in the popular imagination.



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

Carol Bonner,

Linda Benedict's parents Tom and Lois,

Christa Brown's nephew Darrin, Mike Dillon's sister Carol,

Dave and Bobby Egelston's niece Tina, Cathie Hajdu,

Jan Herzer's friends Bob, Sharon and Francine,

Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,

Nicole Molinaro-Karaczun's friend Chris,

Marti Moore, Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,

Heather Schoenewolf's friend's nephew Jacob

and cousin Louise, Jon and Cami Teacoach,

and Pat Valoon's friend Kristen.

Our condolences to Joe Kennedy on his uncle's passing.

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

Committee Meetings This Week

Personnel..... Tuesday, 6:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)

Property..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)

Peace..... Thursday, 5:30 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)

Buzzword Perform and Play Event – June 22

The Opera Theater of Pittsburgh will present a performance for young children, from birth to age 5, and their families from 6-7 pm on Wednesday, June 22. Interactive and child-friendly, this show is short enough to hold the interest of toddlers. Food will be served, and space is limited. RSVP to Norma (412.441.3800 x11).

HAT Co Performs at WYEP Summer Music Festival – June 25

Hope Academy's teen theater company (HAT Co) band will rock out with original songs and popular covers as part of WYEP's Summer Music Festival at Schenley Plaza on Saturday, June 25 from 3-10 pm. Bring a blanket, some food and have some fun with us at this free, all-day music festival! HAT Co will perform between 3 and 5 pm.

Vacation Church School Volunteer Training – June 26

There will be a training session for all volunteers following the 10 am worship on Sunday, June 26 in Room 234.

Young Adult Ministry

Spend the summer with other young adults exploring the intersections of Christianity with other faith traditions and other cultures. We will be seeking how to interact with and learn from other traditions while concurrently respecting them and honoring our own beliefs. Each event will include time to explore but also time to reflect as a group. A full complement of programs will be offered while allowing for a balance of structure and choice to the schedule. Young adults are invited to express interest in a selection of summer programs by RSVPing via the YAM Facebook page (or via Wil if not on Facebook – Wil@coh.net).

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



RCC Concert “Hand in Hand” – Today!

The Renaissance City Choir concludes their 30th anniversary season with the concert *Hand in Hand* today at 4 pm in the ELPC Courtyard. Purchase tickets at the door, or call 1.800.838.3006.

Dreams of Hope Video Release Party – June 10

Join *Dreams of Hope* on Friday, June 10 from 7-10 pm at ELPC for LOVEYOURSELFIE, an EP and Music Video Release Party hosted by LGBTQA+ Youth. There will be food, music, games and lots of selfie opportunities. No one will be turned away if they can't give the \$5 suggested donation. All ages are welcome!

PrideFest March and Booth – June 12

As a faith family, we will witness God's love for all people at PrideFest on Sunday, June 12. We will go downtown after worship, and ride in/walk beside the ELPC van in the Equality March beginning at Noon. Then we will staff the ELPC booth to greet people and tell them all about ELPC. Transportation will be provided to and from downtown. To work at the PrideFest booth, please contact Liz Gonda (412.657.7823; egonda@gmail.com). To reserve a seat in the church van or to help decorate the van for the Equality March, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.260.2554).

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Every home should have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to safeguard against fire and CO poisoning. If you are in need of a CO detector and unable to secure one, the church has purchased a limited number. Please see or contact Pastor Patrice (PatriceFS@coh.net) or Kate Carlson (KateC@coh.net) to receive one. For free smoke detectors, contact the American Red Cross (412.263.3100).

Mission Trip to New Jersey – Aug 21 to 26

The Mission Board is organizing a work trip to New Jersey from August 21-26. This will be our sixth trip supporting *Lend A Hand* with Hurricane Sandy home restoration and rehabilitation. Please contact Michele Bossers if you are interested (michele2285@gmail.com; 412.303.9243).

iSERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

◆ **PrideFest Booth Volunteer** (June 12 afternoon) ◆

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 to learn about other service opportunities.