



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 12, 2016 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Composer Douglas Wagner (b. 1952) composed the *Fanfare and Processional* for his wedding. Wagner has published over 2,500 compositions, with over 15 million copies of his music having been sold to date.

Yes, Jesus, I want to be on your right side or your left side, not for any selfish reason. I want to be on your right or your best side, not in terms of some political kingdom or ambition, but I just want to be there in love and in justice and in truth and in commitment to others, so we can make of this old world a new world.
Amen.
(The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downward; give me an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give me an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow on me also, O Lord my God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."
— *Thomas Aquinas*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*
"Fanfare and Processional" Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 (*Psalms 5*)

Chenoa Stock

Leader: In the morning, O Lord, you hear our prayers.

People: In the light of this day we praise your name.

Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, you have gathered us into your house.

People: In the holiness of your presence, we bow down to worship and adore you.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #703

ST. CATHERINE

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pepo Mazingi

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pepo Mazingi

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we disobey your will. We show neither justice nor mercy to others. Christ our Savior, love incarnate, we confess that we take your love for granted. We do not give of ourselves, nor do we appreciate all the blessings we receive. Holy Spirit, power and breath, we confess that we block your movement in our lives. We lean not on your strength but cling to our own understanding. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us your peace. Turn us from our sins so that we may love you and, with joy, care for others. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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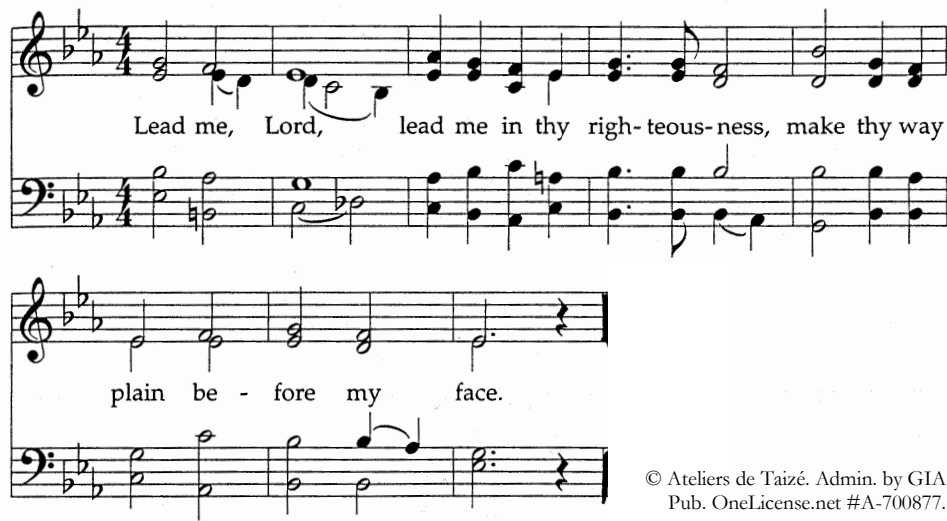
You give us prophets,
holy God, to cry out for
justice and mercy. Open
our ears to hear them and
to follow the truth they
speak, lest we support
injustice to secure our
own well-being. Give
prophets the fire of your
Word, but love as well.
Though they speak for
you, may they know that
they stand with us before
you, and have no
Messiah other than your
Son, Jesus Christ, the
Lord of all. Amen.
(Book of Common
Worship)

A native of Selma,
Alabama, Nathan Carter
(1936-2004) was Morgan
State University's
(Baltimore, MD)
Chairperson of the
Department of Fine Arts,
Director of the Performing
Art Series, and Director of
the acclaimed Morgan
State University Choir.

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)
was an English composer
and conductor. This
anthem was composed in
1923 for the Annual
Festival of the Rochester
(England) Diocesan
Church Choirs
Association and is still a
universal favorite 90
years after it was first
sung.

SUNG PRAYER (please sing 3x)

"Lead Me, Lord"



ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pepo Mazingi

Leader: Brothers and sisters, Christ lived for us, Christ died for us, Christ rose from the dead for us that we might be free from sin and brokenness and know new life and wholeness and peace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

GREETINGS FROM OUR MISSION CO-WORKER IN BOLIVIA

Chenoa Stock

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 7:36-8:3

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

There is an Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger in the Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance.

*** HYMN #726**

"The Summons"

KELVINGROVE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 21:1-21a

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

"Wrestling With Power"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SOLO

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Nathan Carter
text: *Glory to God* #39

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Callahan

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

"With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered God's people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of God's name, make God's praise to be glorious.

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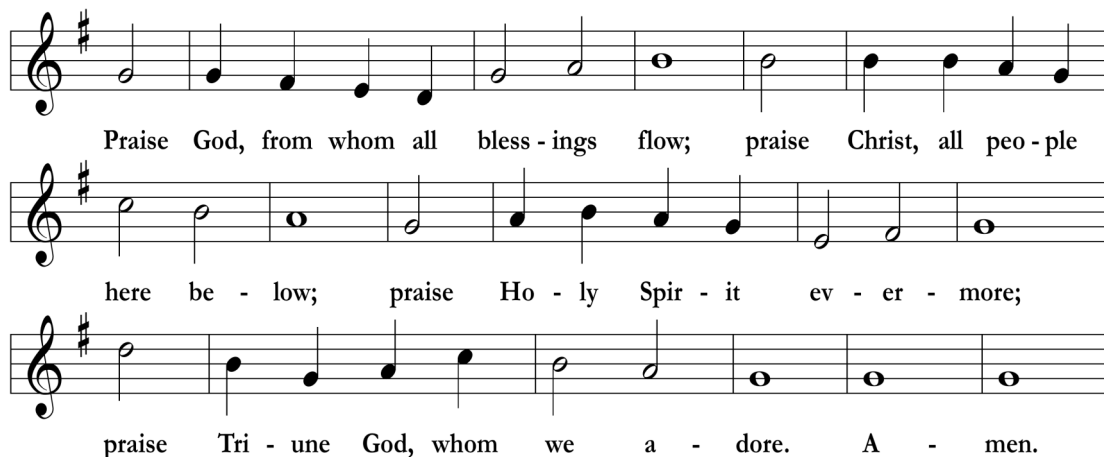
ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:

The first blood transfusion was performed, saving the life of a fifteen year old French boy (1667); Virginia's state legislature became the first American government jurisdiction to adopt a Bill of Rights (1776); the Iowa territory was organized (1838); The National Baseball Museum and Hall of Fame was dedicated in Cooperstown, NY (1939); civil rights leader and NAACP field secretary Medgar Evers was murdered in front of his home in Jackson, Mississippi (1963); the Supreme Court struck down all state laws prohibiting or restricting interracial marriages (1967).

Craig Seller Lang (1891-1971) was born in New Zealand and made his career in England as an organist, teacher, and composer.

* 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.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Chenoa Stock

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, we present our tithes and offerings in joyful thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received from you. Use them and us as instruments of your peace, serving the call of the church, that all the world might know your love and sing your praise. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #740 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune"

Dr. Moore, *organist*
C. S. Lang

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. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Pepo Mazingi
Chenoa Stock
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Anqwenique Wingfield, *soloist*
Acolytes: Kiara Rockeymore and Lucy Staszak
Beadle: The Rev. Joe Hajdu
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!

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pamela Kimmel (412.441.3800 x18).

♦ **WORSHIP FLOWERS**

The Chancel flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Virginia E. Evans.

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 x11). The cost is \$100 a Sunday.

♦ **WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

Today marks our first summer worship service at 10 am. Weather permitting, we will celebrate communion outside in the courtyard on July 3. That is also the first Sunday for anyone interested to gather for Journey Prayer, held in the Social Hall from 8:45 – 9:20 am.

10 am.....**Sanctuary Summer Worship.** Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and a prelude prior to the service.
June 19 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy 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 Ave 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, 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.

TODAY AT ELPC

Upcoming Worship Services

Today marks our first summer worship service at 10 am. Next Sunday, June 19, join Pastor Patrice as she leads this 10 am worship service. Also, be in prayer for Pastor Randy and Pastor Heather who will be attending our denomination's General Assembly in Portland, Oregon. Pastor Randy will be back on June 26 with his annual story sermon *News from Pittsburgh*. Then weather permitting, we will celebrate communion in the courtyard on July 3. That is also the first Sunday for anyone interested to gather for Journey Prayer, held from 8:45 – 9:20 am in the Social Hall.

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.

Young at Heart Luncheon

The ELPC Deacons invite you to our annual *Young at Heart Luncheon* today 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. Even if you didn't RSVP for this event, please come to the Social Hall because a few extra meals are available!

ELPC to Receive Humanitarian Award

The Islamic Center of Pittsburgh (ICP) has selected ELPC as one of six organizations to be honored today 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.

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.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.

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 *Reaching Out*.

Volunteer Opportunity: Yard Work — June 18

If you would like to help with weeding and trimming the church grounds in the Courtyard and outside perimeter, please join us on Saturday, June 18 from 9 am-Noon. All are welcome. For more info, please contact Chuck Lukehart (412.782.6447).

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 on the Justice shelf. In his book, Presbyterian pastor Ben Daniel tackles common stereotypes and misconceptions that tend to define Islam in the popular imagination.

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).

YAM Event: Meditation with Buddhists — June 22

The Young Adult Ministry is invited to spend time meditating with Buddhist monks and other young adults at the Pittsburgh Buddhist Center (Natrona Heights) on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30 pm. Learn more at PittsburghBuddhistCenter.org. RSVP via the YAM Facebook page, or contact Wil for info (412.260.2554).

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).



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.

Committee Meetings This Week

Neighbors..... *Today, 12:30 pm (Session Rm)*
Deacons..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)*

HAT Co Performs at WYEP Summer Music Festival – June 25

Hope Academy's teen theater company (HAT Co) band will perform original songs and popular covers as part of WYEP's *Summer Music Festival* at Schenley Plaza on Saturday, June 25 from 3-10 pm. 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.

Vacation Church School – June 27 to July 1

ELPC's Vacation Church School will be held Monday to Friday, June 27–July 1, from 9 am–3 pm. Our theme will be *Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus*, published by Mennonite Media. Children ages 4–grade 5 (completed), are invited to attend as campers as spaces are still available in those age groups. To register or inquire about space availability, contact Gloria Knopp (412.441.3800 x22).



New Members and Friends Class

Sunday, June 26 • following 10 am worship

Interested in becoming part of the ELPC church family?

Learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology.
RSVP to Gloria Knopp (412.441.3800 x22).

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



PrideFest March and Booth – TODAY!

As a faith family, we will witness God's love for all people at PrideFest today. 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. For more info, please contact Wil Forrest (412.260.2554).

CeaseFirePA Event – June 15

Join CeaseFirePA and Amnesty International on Wednesday, June 15 from 6-8 pm for an action meeting calling for sensible gun control legislation in PA. There will be presentations, letter writing and light refreshments at this event at the Jeron X. Grayson Community Center (1852 Enoch St, Hill District).

Donations to EECM

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

Youth Car Wash – July 9

ELPC youth will be washing cars at Vento's Pizza (in front of Home Depot on N Highland), on Saturday, July 9 from 9 am-2 pm. Donations in exchange for a clean car will be greatly appreciated, and will help fund the youth mission trip in Pittsburgh this summer. For more info, please email Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Summer Celebration of Service – Aug 18

Join us for the sixth annual *Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* on Thursday, Aug 18 from 6–7:30 pm in the Courtyard.

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).

Notecards to Support Women and Children are Available

Blank notecards featuring women and children will be on sale all year, benefiting women and children around the world. They are available from Kate Carlson in the office. You may purchase five cards for \$10.

Centering Prayer – Tuesdays

Jon Nelson will lead *Centering Prayer* on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Prayer and Meditation Room. Please note the day and time changes from Wednesdays. All are invited.