



# 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 26, 2016 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Organist and composer Michael Bedford was installed as president of the American Guild of Organists at their national convention in Houston this past week.

"Let your life show the goodness of God. Pray with your body. Thank the Spirit for simple pleasures. Guard your mind and spirit against false desires or fears that would lead you away from loving your neighbor as yourself or trusting Christ completely. Build up the community around you; live at peace in the body of Christ. Be steadfast in faith, confident in both God's presence and God's future."  
—Feasting on the Word

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Let all the world in every corner sing my God and King.  
The heavens are not too high, [God's] praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low, [God's] praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing my God and King.  
— George Herbert, *The Temple*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*  
"Prelude in C" David Johnson  
ELPC Ringers  
"Triumphal March" Michael Bedford

### 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

Florence Johnson

Leader: The world belongs to God,  
People: **The earth and all its people.**  
Leader: How good and lovely it is  
People: **To live together in unity. Let us worship the Triune God together.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #610

AZMON

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Lord God, we confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken because of our sin of exclusion. We create separate circles - the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of power and the circle of despair, the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us. We confess that the circle of love is broken whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity or a hardening of the heart. Renew in us the spirit of grace, mercy and compassion that our broken circles may be healed. As always, Lord, forgive us our sins as we forgive all who have sinned against us. Amen.

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ON THIS DATE  
IN HISTORY:

Mozart wrote his Symphony no. 39 in its entirety in a single day (1788); the charter of the United Nations was signed in San Francisco (1945); the Berlin Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to that city (1948); Muhammad Ali's third and final retirement was announced in a letter to the World Boxing Association (1979).

The verses to *Jesus Loves Me* were written by Anna Bartlett Warner (1827-1915). William Bradbury (1816-1868) set the words to music in 1862 and added the refrain, "Yes, Jesus loves ..."

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Through God's grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

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

**HANDBELL ANTHEM**

"Rondo in E-flat"

Michael Helman

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Galatians 4:1-7

Florence Johnson

**MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN**

The Rev. Heather 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.*

**SABBATICAL PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**\* HYMN #373**

"O Day of Peace"

JERUSALEM

**REFLECTION ON CURRENT EVENTS**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*The text can be found on page 35 in the purple Glory to God hymnal.*

**OFFERING INVITATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*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**

"Jesus Loves Me"

William Bradbury  
arr. Doris Nelson

*Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.  
Jesus loves me! He will stay  
close beside me, all the way.  
If I love Him when I die,  
He will take me home on high.*

**\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Christ, all people here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

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

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

As prophets catch fire, as disciples draw flame, as apostles walk in the Spirit, O Holy One, Holy Three, fill us with fervent desire to enter your kingdom. Lead us by the cross of Christ to live in the love of Christ, now and forever. Amen.

The text for *Though I May Speak* comes from a paraphrase of familiar verses found in I Corinthians 13:1,3. The first two verses are in the first person singular, but they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love to be present and thrive in our community.

Marvin Mills composed *Toccata (EAM)* for Dr. Ed Moore's debut organ recital at ELPC in 2011. It incorporates two main themes, one written by Mr. Mills and the other based on Dr. Ed's initials, EAM. Through a system of matching the alphabet to the notes on the scale, he was able to come up with a note for the letter 'M', so the EAM motive is represented by the notes, E, A and G.

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: **Y también contigo.**

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: **Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.**

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

People: **Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.**

Leader: Lord, you've called us to be agents of reconciliation. Your grace is overflowing; your mercy is endless as the rain; your power ensures deliverance for all. Bless these gifts, the hearts and hands that have given them that we may be your agents of peace and reconciliation in the world. **Amen.**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 98

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things.

People: **The right hand and the holy arm of the Lord have secured the victory.**

Leader: The Lord has made known this victory and has openly showed righteousness in the sight of the nations.

People: **The Lord remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Leader: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.

People: **Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.**

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn, shout with joy before the Sovereign One, the Lord.

People: **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Leader: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who is coming to judge the earth.

People: **In righteousness shall the Lord judge the world and the peoples with equity. O sing to the Lord a new song!**

SERMON

"News from Pittsburgh - The Water is Wide"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #693

"Though I May Speak"

GIFT OF LOVE

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Marvin Mills

"Toccata (EAM)"

*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  
Florence Johnson  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
Organist/Music Director  
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, Music Associate  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
ELPC Ringers  
Acolytes: Dylan Geibel  
Cameron Mackey– Piccolo  
Beadle: The Rev. Joe Hajdu  
Crucifer: Lynne Irvin  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Following the service, please join us in the Narthex for our Fellowship Time sponsored by Joe and Jean Kennedy to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with their ELPC family and friends. All are welcome!

♦ **WORSHIP FLOWERS**

The flowers today are in honor of Joe and Jean Kennedy's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

*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**

*During the summer, we 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.*

10 am ..... **Courtyard Summer Worship.** Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and gathering music prior to the service.  
*July 3 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.*

♦ **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 listen for the still, small voice of God. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.

Open everyday

**Extended Session**

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 10 am Summer 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 in the Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance. It is available every Sunday.*

**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* **today in the Pastor's Conference Room** to learn more about ELPC & Presbyterian theology. Lunch provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp to register, or for more info (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22) on a future class.

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

## TODAY AT ELPC



### New Members and Friends Class TODAY • following 10 am worship

*Interested in becoming part of the ELPC church family?*

Join us in the Pastor's Conference Room to learn about ELPC and Presbyterian theology.

### Vacation Church School Volunteer Training — Today

There will be a training session for all volunteers following the 10 am worship in Room 234.

### Justice Committee Meeting — Today

The Justice Committee will meet directly after worship in the courtyard. Please join us to work addressing immigration, refugees, building relationships with Islamic partners, full inclusion of GLBTQIA folk, racism and moving forward with the prison ministry.

### Soul Food Summer Session — Today

The Soul Food class will hold the first of its three monthly summer sessions shortly after this service in the Second Floor Library (Room 250). The other two classes will be held on July 24 and August 28.

### Get Your ELPC Tie-Dyed T-shirt

*Don't you just love those colorful tie-dyed ELPC t-shirts created by the LGBTQ Ministry?* Purchase your own from the bookstore for \$10. The shirts have the church name on the front and *God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.* on back.

### Today's Deacon-On-Duty

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Mary Evrard**.



### Hand Fans

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

### Journey Prayer — Begins July 3

Beginning Sunday, July 3 and concluding September 4, 8:45 am in the Social Hall, a *Journey Prayer* time of sharing and gathering of the Journey worshipping community will be held. *Journey Prayer* will include singing, reading of scripture and shared prayer in the style of the Journey Worship service. This time of prayer will be alternately led by Pastors Randy, Patrice and Mary Lynn. **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!**

### 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) by July 6 with the graduate's name, degree earned, and name of the school from which they have graduated.

### Renovation Presentations — July 10

Join with representatives of our architectural firm, Pfaffmann + Associates, to hear about the current plans for church renovations. They will be leading a presentation on Sunday, July 10 at 8:30 am and again at 11:30 am in the Chapel. It is our hope to begin construction in early Fall 2016, so come learn more about the work and improvements soon to begin!

### 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 Film Series — Begins July 10

ELPC's Mission Board invites you to attend their 2016 Summer Film Series. *Just Eat It. A Food Waste Story* kicks off the series on Sunday, July 10 after the 10 am service. Hosted by the Neighbors Committee, the viewing of this film will show food lovers Jen and Grant diving into the issue of food waste from the farm, through retail, and all the way to the back of their own fridge. The additional films are:

- ✦ *The Canary Effect* — July 17 (host: Justice Committee)
- ✦ *The Imitation Game* — July 24 (host: Justice Committee)
- ✦ *Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA* — July 31 (host: Peace Committee)

### Bike Rack Installed on Baum Boulevard

Interested in riding your bike to ELPC? There's a new bike rack on the Baum Blvd side of the church!





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

Suzanne Bennett, Mike Dillon's sister Carol,  
Katelyn Haas's friend Kathleen,  
Kathery Hackney's brother Kevin, Cathie Hajdu,  
Grace Confer-Hammond and her aunt's family,  
Jan Herzer's friends Bob, Sharon and Francine,  
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,  
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,  
Nancy Thomas, and Pat Valoon's friend Kristen.  
*Our condolences to Ray Anthony on his brother's passing.*  
*Our condolences to Darrell and Gloria Knopp*  
*on their brother-in-law's passing.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Justice..... Today, 11:15 am (Courtyard)  
Session ..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd Floor Parlor)

### Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

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. 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). On Friday, July 1 at 7 pm, young adults are invited to get a personalized tour and to observe a service at the Hindu Jain Temple. This is a TRAIL young adult event.

### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – July 16

*God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.* Now more than ever we need to stand in loving solidarity with all God's children. *Wear a rainbow ribbon* (found in the pews). *Pray for your neighbor. Welcome a stranger. Come together* with others. The next LGBTQ Ministry *spiritual gathering* will be on Saturday, July 16 at 4 pm. We will seek understanding, healing and celebrate God's love for all together. To learn more about this gathering or the LGBTQ Ministry, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

**i SERVE**  
LOVE IN ACTION

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

◆ weSERVE List Member ◆

### 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.

IN OUR

## COMMUNITY



### Elias David Moncado in Concert – July 15

Rising violin star Elias David Moncado will perform at ELPC on Friday, July 15 at 7 pm, as part of a cultural exchange with New Castle's Eintracht Maennerchor and Platin Scala of Wenden, Germany. The 15-year-old phenom is one of the top violinists of his age in the world. Join us in welcoming this incredibly talented young man to America. Tickets are \$10; \$8 for seniors/students; \$5 for children. Visit [ELPC.church](http://ELPC.church) for details.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Contemplative Prayer – Wednesdays after Taizé

Following the 7 pm Taizé prayer service each Wednesday, you are invited to the front of the Chapel, where we will sit together in silence for 20 minutes. If you have never practiced Centering Prayer, someone will be there to help get you started. Meditation cushions and back jacks will be provided, or you can sit in the front pew.

### 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.

### Sponsor Our Chancel Flowers for Worship

If you would like to purchase the chancel flowers used in our Sanctuary worship service, please contact Norma (Norma@coh.net). A brief notation of your choosing will be included in the printed Sunday bulletin when you sponsor that week's flowers.

The cost is \$100 per Sunday from Sept to June, and \$50 per Sunday for July and August (outside summer courtyard worship). Available Sundays are July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.