



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 28, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
You who created us,
who sustains us,
who calls us to live in
peace — hear our prayer
for all who have died,
especially those who
gave their lives in the
service of others. Accept
the gift of their sacrifice.
Help us to shape a world
where we will lay down
the arms of war and turn
our swords into
ploughshares for a
harvest of justice and
peace. Let your healing
be the hope in all our
hearts. Amen.

The text for *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* was written by a British choir master named William Whiting, who composed it for a student about to set sail for America in 1860. In this country it became known as the *Navy hymn*. It was a favorite of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and was played at his funeral in 1945.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"I have touched the highest point of all my greatness;

And from that full meridian of my glory,

I haste now to my setting: I shall fall

Like a bright exaltation in the evening,

And no man see me more."

— William Shakespeare, *Henry VIII*, 3.ii.

"How swiftly passes away the glory of the world."

— Thomas á Kempis

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Brass Roots

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 97)

Carla Depperman

Leader: The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord, and all the peoples see your glory.

People: For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

Leader: The Lord preserves the lives of the faithful and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

People: Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord! Let us give our praise to the God who is Lord of all.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #8

MELITA

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carla Depperman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carla Depperman

Heavenly Power, you call us to your baptism waters of repentance and forgiveness, but we fail to answer your call. We do not turn with love toward our neighbors or to you. We cast shadows over your ever-present light of glory. Forgive us our failings. Guide us into unity with all your people for the sake of the whole world, created and redeemed by you. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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Fanfare for the Common Man was composed by American composer Aaron Copland in 1942, commissioned and first performed in March 1943 by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. It was written in response to the American entry into World War II.

The text for *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* was written by the American Julia Ward Howe. She transformed an older song, *John Brown's Body*, into this stirring national anthem, composing it in later 1861 during the early months of the Civil War. Howe was a writer and poet, who also worked diligently on behalf of the **Women's Suffrage Movement**.

Ralph Vaughan Williams' (1872-1958) setting of Psalm 47 was composed in 1920 for organ, brass, and percussion. It is frequently heard with organ solo as the accompaniment, and sometimes with full orchestra.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Carla Depperman

Leader: God prays for us, with us, and by the Holy Spirit literally in us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

* HYMN #339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LIFT EVERY VOICE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:6-11, 12-14

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Fanfare for the Common Man"

Aaron Copland

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Children of any age are welcome to come to the steps of the chancel for Moments with our Children. Those in first grade or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time (infants and toddlers up to age 3 to the first floor Nursery; pre-school age through grade 1 to Room 151).

* HYMN #354

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

BATTLE HYMN

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:1-11

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Quiet Glory"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Callahan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Callahan

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

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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

"O Clap Your Hands"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

text from Psalm 47

*O clap your hands, all ye people;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible.
God is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God; sing praises.
Sing praises to our King; sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth.
Sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen.
God sitteth upon the throne of God's holiness.
Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.*

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

On this day in history, Dante began writing his *Divine Comedy* (1302); President Andrew Jackson notoriously mandated that all Native Americans be resettled west of the Mississippi River, resulting in the *Trail of Tears* (1830); the first African American regiment from the North left Boston to fight in the Civil War (1863); the first all-color talking picture, *On With the Show*, premiered in New York (1929); and the Belgian army surrendered to invading German forces in World War II (1940).

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

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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| 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: | Eternal God, you bring joy out of sorrow, plenty out of want, and life out of death. We thank you for the treasures of the earth. Take these offerings for the sake of the resurrected One who has shown us the enormity of your love and glory. Amen. | |

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #331

"God of the Ages"

NATIONAL HYMN

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

William Mathias

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.



Each year at the Easter Vigil the Paschal Candle is lit for the first time and then re-lit each Sunday for the coming year. The design of the candle is rich in symbolism. The center of the candle is a gold cross with red *Alpha* and *Omega*, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The letters signify that Jesus Christ is the 'First and the Last,' the 'Beginning and the End.' (*Revelation 22:13*) The green laurel branches beneath the cross represent the victory of the resurrection. The current year represents that God is in the present amidst the congregation.

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 L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Carla Depperman
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
The Brass Roots:
Carloz Gil and Jay Villella, *trumpets*
Rana Jurjus, *horn*
Morgan Wynn, *trombone*
Will Hammer, *tuba*
Abby Langhorst and Zach Mathes,
timpani and percussion
Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the McKelvy Room after worship for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome to attend.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

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

♦ WORSHIP ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
June 4 — 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.
June 4 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush 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 Sunday, July 9 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info, or to register (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Photo Exhibit by Hannah Price – Through June 23

ELPC is hosting a photo exhibit featuring the work of Hannah Price, a photographic artist and filmmaker primarily interested in documenting relationships, race politics, social perception and misperception in the 2nd floor Parlor through June 23. All are invited to view the photo exhibit daily from 9 am-7 pm.

Today's Deacons on Duty

Today's *Journey* service and Sanctuary service DOD is Sonya-Marie Morley.



Hosanna Preaching Prizes Awarded to ELPC Pastors

The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf participated in the *Hosanna Preaching Prize* competition recently on the topic of *Blessed: Preaching "Israel" as Ancient Symbol and Contemporary Reality*. Randy received first place for his sermon *Unfaithful Phrases: My Country Right or Wrong*. Heather was awarded second place. The sermons are posted on the website <http://new.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/component/content/article/18/311>. Congratulations to our well-spoken pastors!

Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is now receiving *only* donations of spring/summer, new or gently used clothing. Donations are preferred during shopping hours, Monday 10 am-Noon, but can be left at the church during business hours.

LGBTQ Ministry:

God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.

You are invited to join the LGBTQ Ministry to celebrate Pride this summer! Volunteers are needed to welcome people at the PrideFest booth (contact Liz Gonda at edgonda@yahoo.com to help) and to witness to God's love in the PrideFest Parade. To learn more about any of the events below, to get a ride to the parade, or to get involved please contact Wil Forrest, LGBTQ Ministry Coordinator (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All people are welcome!

- ✦ *RCC Pride Concert* on Sunday, June 4 at 4 pm and fellowship after at 5801
- ✦ *PrideFest Booth* on Saturday, June 10 from 12-5 pm and Sunday, June 11 from 1-7 pm
- ✦ *PrideFest Parade* on Sunday, June 11 at 12:30 pm
- ✦ *Post-Pride Meet & Greet* on Thursday, June 15 from 6-8 pm at 5801

Book and Video Study – June 1

Join us for our final conversation on Thursday, June 1 from 6:30-8 pm to explore the connections between science and religion. Sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee.

New Fellowship Ministry Open to All – June 2

All Over the Burgh: ELPC's Meet-Up Group is all about fellowship and fun by exploring Pittsburgh's free (or mostly free) events around town. It's an opportunity to meet others from the ELPC family while enjoying all the Burgh has to offer! Events chosen will be accessible by public transportation. All are welcome! The first event will be the 3 Rivers Arts Festival's the *Rebirth Brass Band*, an award-winning New Orleans institution, on Friday, June 2 at Dollar Bank Main Stage (Point State Park) from 7:30 pm-9 pm. Our gathering will be cancelled if it is raining and we will look for another event to enjoy at a later date.

Meet about 6:30 pm as close to the stage as we can get. Look for your event hosts, Drew and Amy Simpson, and the ELPC sign. Please contact Wil Forrest for more info (Wil@coh.net; 412.260.2554).

First Friday @KBOX – June 2

Come sing the night away at the *First Friday* TRAIL young adult event on June 2 at 7 pm at KBOX Karaoke House (214 S Craig St, 15213). RSVP to Wil ASAP so we can get the right size space for our own private karaoke room. Learn more at www.kbktv.com.

Pentecost Sunday – June 4

Next Sunday, June 4 is the Day of Pentecost and the liturgical color is red. Please join us for worship at 8:45 am and 11 am and wear red as we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit and the conclusion of the season of Easter. The *Pentecost Offering* will be received at both worship services.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Resources – June 4

Join us on Sunday, June 4 at 12:30 pm in Room 234 and increase your understanding of risks, symptoms, screening guidelines, and important resources for screening and treatment for breast and cervical cancer within the community. The presentation will briefly overview what breast and cervical cancers are, how it may affect each individual personally, and what one can do to act on the risk factors in their own life. The focus will be on the resources available for individuals that may be struggling to afford care and to access services for screening and treatment. Individual assistance will be available for those who need help getting insurance or paying for screenings or treatments. Light refreshments will be provided.



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

Joseph Adjaye, Ray Anthony, John Bavaro,
Henk Bossers, Lynn Buchanan,
Marilyn Castle's son Tom, Mary Evrard's aunt Laura,
Barbara Goodwin's husband John,
Barbara Griffin's brother Jim,
Jan Herzer's friend Francine and niece Amanda,
Gloria Knopp, Lee Lewand, Gail Mallory's friend Ailene,
Chris Markwell, Polly McQueen's brother Clay,
Sonya-Marie Morley's friend Tammy,
David Phillips' friend's sister-in-law Marcia, Gwen Puza,
Mary Randolph's mother Cecilia, Judy Roberts,
Gwen Schmidt, Richard Szeremany, Pat Valoon,
and Jon Walker.

Our condolences to Mark Krauland on his mother's passing.

Our condolences to Judy Roberts on her dog's passing.

Our condolences to Chris Wharton on his grandfather's passing.

Our condolences to Fran Zalewski on his brother's passing.

A Note of Thanks....

Fran Wilson thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.

Committee Meeting Next Sunday

The church building will be closed tomorrow for Memorial Day.

Justice Next Sunday, 12:15 pm (Rm 244)

Summer Worship Schedule – Begins June 11

On Sunday, June 11, we begin our *Summer Worship Schedule* and will have one Sunday worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary. From the first Sunday in July through Labor Day weekend, we follow our special two-part *Summer Worship Schedule*. Each Sunday morning at 8:45 am, there will be a 30-minute Journey Prayer Time held in the Social Hall, consisting of a few songs, an extended prayer time, and a shared reflection on a bible passage. Afterward, we will hold our summer worship service at 10 am in the Courtyard (weather permitting).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

June 4 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “Year End Celebration and Breakfast” led by Mary Alice Lightle.

Journey with Scripture – Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; I Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers – “Thanking our Iraqi and Afghan Translators by Resettling them in the U.S.” led by Joel Laudenslage

Soul Food – A discussion of a meditation by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Harrington, and Judy Roberts

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Wear Orange Community Event – June 3

Join the Pittsburgh chapter of *Moms Demand Action* for a family-friendly fair on Saturday, June 3 from 2-4 pm at Sixth Presbyterian Church (1688 Murray Ave, 15217) with food and activities. Wear orange to honor the national day of gun violence awareness and prevention.

Torchbearers' Appreciation Luncheon – June 3

The National Black Presbyterian Caucus Pittsburgh Chapter will have the *Fourth Annual Torchbearer's Appreciation Luncheon* at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on Saturday, June 3 from 11 am-2 pm. Proceeds benefit the Robert Coleman/Leroy Patrick Scholarship Fund. For tickets (\$25) and info, contact Alan Perry (412.322.1835) or Judith Wilson (412.320.3818).

Tour the Steeple, See the View – June 11

Enjoy spectacular views of the East End from the ELPC steeple on a guided tour led by ELPC member Tim VanFleet on Sunday, June 11. Gather at the Hospitality Desk (Highland Ave entrance) immediately following our Sanctuary worship service. Please wear appropriate apparel, including shoes and pants. Allow 30-40 minutes.

Teilhard's Mysticism Commuter Retreat – June 16-18

Join us for this 3-day retreat at ELPC led by Kathleen Duffy, SSJ, PhD and author of *Teilhard's Mysticism*. Through input, prayer, song, film, contemplative activities, and sharing, we will follow Teilhard as he travels ever more deeply from Circle to Circle into the arms of the Cosmic Christ. Visit the Spiritual Life bulletin board to pick up a brochure and register for this retreat.

Young at Heart Luncheon – June 25

The Deacons will host the *Young at Heart Luncheon* on Sunday, June 25 after the 11 am service in the Social Hall. The event is free for congregation members 65 and over and \$10 for all others. Lunch will be served with entertainment following the meal.

Looking for a way to put your love in action?



Visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2 to learn about other service opportunities, or contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x14).

Many hands will be needed to pack and prep office spaces for moves due to upcoming renovations.

Work days are from 10 am to 3 pm on:
Thursday, June 1 ♦ Saturday, June 3 ♦ Tuesday, June 6
Just show up ready to pack.