



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 18, 2017 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

William Bolcom (b. 1938) composed 12 Gospel Preludes between 1979-1984, divided into four books of three each. No. 11, *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, is the second prelude in book four. Bolcom was professor of composition at the University of Michigan from 1973-2008. His compositions and performances have earned him the Pulitzer Prize, the National Medal of Arts, and two Grammy Awards.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Through dreams and visions, O God, you broaden the horizon and hope of your people, that they may discover the meaning of your covenant, even in the midst of trial and exile. Increase the number of those who believe in your word so that all people may joyfully respond to your call and share in your promises. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? Or does it explode?” — *Langston Hughes*

“Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.” — *Pope John XXIII*

“It's good to have plans and dreams, but don't be surprised if God brings you somewhere else.” — *Anne F. Beiler*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

William Bolcom

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.
Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 116)

Stuart N. Hutchison, Jr.

Leader: What shall we return to you, O God, for all your bounty to us?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: O Lord, I am your servant, the child of your servant girl. You have loosed my bonds.

People: I will give you thanksgiving and call on your name in the presence of all the people.

Leader: Let us worship and praise God!

People: Hallelujah and Amen!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN (please see music insert)

“This is the Day”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
The War of 1812 began as the U.S. declares war on Britain; William Penn founded Philadelphia, PA (1682); suffragette Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for voting in the Presidential election (1873); W. H. Richardson, a black inventor, patented the children's carriage (1879); Checker Cab produced the first taxi in Kalamazoo, MI (1923); American aviator Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, landing at Burry Port, Wales (1928); the UN Commission on Human Rights adopted the *International Declaration of Human Rights* (1948); Arnold Palmer won the U.S. Open (1960); the AIDS epidemic was formally recognized by medical professionals in San Francisco, CA (1981); and Pope Francis blamed human selfishness for global warming in his encyclical, named *Laudato Si (Be Praised), On the Care of Our Common Home* (2015).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Callahan

We are tempted, loving God, to go our own way without reference to eternal truths. We seek our own gratification rather than the well-being of all our brothers and sisters. We compare ourselves to others and find their failures but seldom discover or acknowledge our own shortcomings. We seek to build our lives by our own limited design rather than by your larger purposes. We engage in immoral and unjust behavior in the name of freedom and become enslaved to our selfish ambitions. Lord, the ground upon which we stand is crumbling beneath our feet. Forgive us, O God, restore the joy of your salvation, and grant us your firm foundation upon which to stand. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Callahan

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God does not cast us off or forsake us, but is with us in our suffering and adversity; God forgives our selfish and self-centeredness. God does not give up on us, but provides shelter in the midst of our troubles and forgiveness when we go our own way. Lift up your eyes to behold and receive God's promises and praise God with songs of praise and shouts of joy. 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 *(please see music insert and remain seated)* "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

Stuart N. Hutchison, Jr.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

Children of any age are welcome to come to the steps of the chancel for Moments with our Children. Those who have completed Kindergarten or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.

* HYMN *(please see music insert)*

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

HEBREW LESSON

Genesis 21:1-7

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

"In Due Time"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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

Stuart N. Hutchison, Jr.

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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Dr. Keith Hampton (b. 1957) is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Chicago Community Chorus. A specialist in the field of Gospel Music, he is classically trained as an organist and conductor and has served in several churches. Since its publication in 1998, *Praise His Holy Name* has become a standard part of the repertoire for choirs around the world.

BORN ON THIS DAY: Benny Payne, pianist (Billy Daniels Show), in Philadelphia, PA (1907); original member of the *Beatles*, Paul McCartney (1942); American actress Isabella Rossellini (1952); and LPGA golfer Laura Brown (1969).

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Praise His Holy Name”

Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see. Jesus, Jesus, how I love thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name! Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me. Jesus, Jesus, how I love thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name! Hallelujah! Praise his name! Let us praise his name, Hallelujah, Lord! Praise his name! Praise his name! Praise him!

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Aura S. Jirau Arroyo

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:	All we present to you now, O God, we have received from your hand. We give that the hungry may eat, the thirsty may receive pure water, and those in bondage may be freed. We give to share your good news to those who have not heard and to encourage those who are discouraged. We give, that your mercy may be known among all people. Most of all we give because you have given so generously unto us. Bless these gifts and may they be used to bless others. Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN (please see music insert)

“The Reason Why We Sing”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

David German

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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Sara Hackett
Stuart N. Hutchison, Jr.
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Journey Praise Team
Acolyte: Youth
Beadle: Michele Bossers
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 flowers today are in loving memory of Hubert H. Stone, presented by his son, Dr. Ron Stone.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Our summer worship schedule has begun. 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.

From the first Sunday in July through Labor Day weekend, a Journey Prayer Time will be held at 8:45 am in the Social Hall, with a few songs, an extended prayer time and bible reflection.

10 am.....Summer Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
June 25 — The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan preaching.

Summer 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 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.

Happy Father's Day

TODAY AT ELPC

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Free blood pressure screenings are available after today's worship service in the 1st floor Library. All are welcome!

Photo Exhibit by Hannah Price – Through June 23

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

Today's Deacon on Duty

Today's Sanctuary service DOD is **Kathy Kiewra**.



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Young Adult Ministry: Faith: Head & Heart – June 21

On Wednesday, June 21, young adults are invited to relax at the Taizé service at 7 pm, then gather in the 2nd floor Parlor to discuss how we have understood our faith through the years with our guest facilitator Jan Irvin.

Help Pull Weeds at ELPC – June 24

Spring is here and so are the weeds in our landscaping! Help us eliminate them from 9 am-Noon on Saturday, June 24. Please contact Chuck Lukehart (412.782.6447).

Grief Retreat – June 24

ELPC will host a half-day retreat for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The retreat will be held on Saturday, June 24 from 9 am-12:30 pm, and will be led by Ted Cmarada and Susan Spangler, Clinical Social Workers and members of the church. The retreat is free, and anyone is welcome to attend. If you are interested in participating, please contact Susan by Thursday, June 22 (240.285.6507; sspanglerlcs@gmail.com).

HAT Co Singers and Band Perform – June 24 and 25

Hope Academy's HAT Co Singers and Band, *The Fortunes*, will perform at 3:45 pm on Saturday, June 24 at the WYEP Summer Music Festival in Schenley Plaza.

The group will also perform the HAT Co Cabaret of *Things that get me up in the Morning/Things that keep me up at Night* on Sunday, June 25 at 7 pm at City Theatre (Hamburg Studio, 1300 Bingham St, 15203). *Free events!*

Young at Heart Luncheon – June 25

The Deacons will host the *Young at Heart Luncheon* on Sunday, June 25 after the 10 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. Please bring your calendars, as we will be scheduling fall interviews to capture members' earliest memories of the church and reasons for continued membership for the *Bicentennial Oral History Project*. If you have any questions or want to make reservations, contact Kate Carlson (KateC@coh.net).

Pastor Patrice's Commissioning Service – June 25

Pastor Patrice Fowler-Searcy will travel as a member of the Pittsburgh Presbytery delegation to Malawi, Africa from July 10-25. Please join her and the other delegation members for the commissioning service at 6 pm on Sunday, June 25 at Bethany Presbyterian Church (740 Washington Ave, Bridgeville 15017). Please visit www.bethanypresby.org for info.



New Fellowship Ministry – July 1

All Over the Burg: ELPC's Meet-Up Group is 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!

Come join us at Rodef Shalom Biblical Gardens (4905 5th Ave, Oakland) on Saturday, July 1 at Noon. The Gardens is displaying *the Agriculture, Horticulture, and Archeology of the Ancient Near East* for FREE. Please contact Wil Forrest for more info (Wil@coh.net).



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

Ray Anthony, Diana Armstrong,
Lynn Buchanan, Kathy Callahan's mother Ginny,
Barbara Goodwin's husband John,
Barbara Griffin's brother Jim, Joe Heckel,
Jan Herzer's friend Francine and niece Amanda,
Gloria Knopp, Lee Lewand,
Gail Mallory's friend Ailene, Chris Markwell,
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,
Marti Moore, Pat Valoon, and Jon Walker.

Our condolences to Mary Randolph on her mother's passing.

Our condolences to the family of Norris Stephens on his passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Youth & Young Adult..... Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 244)
Session..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (McKehy Rm)

Summer Film Festival – Begins July 9

ELPC's Mission Board is again hosting a summer film festival, beginning Sunday, July 9 after the 10 am service with the viewing of *The Secret Life of Your Clothes*. In this revealing 1 hour film, charismatic paralympian Ade Adepitan tells the fascinating story of the afterlife of our clothes. He follows the trail to Ghana, the biggest importer of our castoffs, where thousands of tons of our old clothes arrive every week. Ade meets the people who make a living from our old clothes, from wholesalers and market traders to the importers raking in more than the average yearly wage in a single day! The Neighbors Committee is hosting this viewing. A different film will be shown every Sunday in July after worship.

Faith Night and Pirates Baseball – Aug 17

All are welcome for a night of fun and faith when the Pittsburgh Pirates take on the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday, Aug 17 at the 7:05 pm home game. Immediately following the ballgame, Mgr. Clint Hurdle and Pirate players will share how and why their faith is the driving force in their lives. The ticket price is \$20 (due by July 9) and that includes sitting with your church family for the game and a free hat. Join us for a wonderful evening of faith, connections, and baseball. Please contact David Carl (Dbcarl333@gmail.com) or Jan Herzer (412.780.2345).

Looking for a way to put your love in action?



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

♦ Visit the iSERVE webpage ♦

www.cathedralofhope.org/programs/iserve-2

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Paid Research Opportunity

Would you like to join a study testing the effects of a stress reduction class for healthy aging? For more info on this paid research opportunity at Carnegie Mellon University, please call 1.866.627.1923 or email your questions to cmuhealthyaging@gmail.com.

Allegheny County Summer Food Program

Through Aug 18, the Department of Human Services will operate the *Summer Food Program*, a free breakfast, lunch and recreation program for children through 18 years old, as well as eligible individuals with disabilities. Nutritious meals will be available on weekdays at more than 80 sites throughout the county. For info about the *Summer Food Program*, including site locations, meal times and disability eligibility, please call 1.800.851.3838 or visit www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/food.aspx.

Art Exhibit – Through July 8

Church friend and artist Dan Eash has a special art exhibit at the *Bottle Works: Arts on 3rd Avenue* gallery in Johnstown (411 3rd Ave). His drawings, prints, paintings, sculptures and more are included in this exhibit running until July 8.

Fill Backpacks to Address Summer Hunger – July 19 and 26

FOCUS, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and the Pittsburgh Public Schools collaborate to fill and distribute 1500 backpacks to address summer weekend hunger. Volunteers are needed to fill the backpacks on Wednesdays, July 19 and 26 from 12:15-2:15 pm at Martin Luther King school on the North Side (near Hazlett Theater). Please contact Nancy Heastings (412.930.0879; n.heastings@comcast.net) if you are interested.

Food Donations for EECM

Please leave your non-perishable food donations for EECM in the baskets in the Narthex and South Highland Ave hallway.

Due to the timing of the renovation construction work, we are not able to offer Vacation Church School this summer. Information on alternative church fellowship and family events will be available shortly.

ELPC Updates in Your Inbox

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