



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 25, 2017 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Johannes
Brahms' (1833-1897)
Six Pieces for Piano,
Op. 118 were complete
in 1893 and dedicated to
Clara Schumann.
Brahms' later piano
works are more
introspective than the
more virtuosic
compositions earlier in
his life.

"I am a little too
absorbed by science to
be able to philosophize
much; but the more I
look into myself, the
more I find myself
possessed by the
conviction that it is only
the science of Christ
running through all
things, that is to say true
mystical science, that
really matters. I let
myself get caught up in
the game when I
geologise."
(Pierre Teilhard de
Chardin)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Matter is spirit moving slowly enough to be seen."

"You are not a human being in search of a spiritual experience. You are a spiritual being immersed in a human experience."

— Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 2 in A Major"
"Hornpipe"

Johannes Brahms
John S. Dixon

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. Mary Lynn Callahan

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Callahan

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #14

DIX

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 38:1-18

Joni James

CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN #406 (sing 3 times)

HOLY GROUND

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Margaret Baco

Leader: You have told me, O God, to believe in hell, but you have forbidden me
to think of any person as damned.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Margaret Baco

The world, this palpable world, which we are wont to treat with the boredom
and disrespect with which we habitually regard places with no sacred
association for us, is in truth a holy place, and we did not know it.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ (1881 – 1955) was a French Jesuit priest, internationally respected paleontologist and geologist who took part in the discovery of Peking Man. He was also a theologian, who, ahead of his time, devised a theology based on evolution. Although his theological writings were banned from publication by the Roman Catholic Church in his lifetime, he has since been praised by Pope Benedict XVI and other eminent Catholic figures, and his theological teachings were cited by Pope Francis in a 2015 encyclical, *Laudato si'*.

Composer and conductor Jack Halloran (1916-1997) was born in Rock Rapids, Iowa. *Witness* was arranged in 1986 and has been a standard in the choral repertoire since.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Margaret Baco

Leader: Do not forget that the value and interest of life is not so much to do conspicuous things ... as to do ordinary things with the perception of their enormous value.

Creation, incarnation and redemption are to be seen as no more than three complementary aspects of one and the same process. ... Through the incarnation God descended into nature in order to super-animate and take it back to God. ... By means of all created things, without exception, the divine assails us, penetrates us, and molds us. We imagined it as distant and inaccessible, when in fact we live steeped in its burning layer. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

BELL ANTHEM

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior”

arr. Jacob B. Weber

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1–2:3 (*selected verses*)

The Rev. Callahan and

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

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 #281 (*repeat continuously as the cantors sing the verses*)

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

“Holy Spirit, Come To Us”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-5, 14

The Rev. Callahan

SERMON

“R-Evolutionary Theology”

The Rev. Callahan

* HYMN #292

“As The Wind Song”

WAIKUA TAPU

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

“Witness”

arr. Jack Halloran

Who’ll be a witness for my Lord? Oh I’ll be a witness for my Lord.

There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn’t believe.

The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight.

Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old.

Christ told Nicodemus as a friend: “Man, you must be born again.”

He said: “Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe and be baptized.”

Then you’ll be a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord.

You read about Samson, from his birth he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

There are really only two ways, it seems to me, in which we can think about our existence here on Earth. We either agree with Macbeth that life is nothing more than a 'tale told by an idiot,' a purposeless emergence of life-forms including clever, greedy, selfish, and unfortunate species that we call homo sapiens – the 'evolutionary goof.' Or we believe that, as Pierre Teilhard de Chardin put it, 'There is something afoot in the universe, something that looks like gestation and birth.' In other words, a plan, a purpose to it all." (Jane Goodall, "Reason for Hope: A Spiritual Journey." New York: Warner Books, 1999:xi-xii.)

George Frideric Handel's (1685-1759) *Hornpipe* is from his second *Water Music Suite*, premiered in 1717 and composed at a request from King George I for a concert on the River Thames.

Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Philistines.
Then old Samson went a wand'rin' about. Samson's strength was never found out.
'Till his wife sat upon his knee. She said: "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!"
Samson's wife, she talk so fair Samson said:
"Cut off my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand,
And my strength will come like a natural man."
Samson was a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord.
There's another witness for my Lord!
My soul is a witness for my Lord.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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:	Glorious Christ, you whose divine influence is active at the very heart of matter and at the dazzling center where the innumerable fibers of the multiple meet: you whose power is as implacable as the world and as warm as life, you whose forehead is the whiteness of snow, whose eyes are of fire, and whose feet are brighter than molten gold; you whose hands imprison the stars; you are the first and the last, the living and the dead and the risen again; it is to you to whom our being cries out a desire as vast as the universe: in truth you are our Lord and our God!	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #24

HOLY MANNA

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Callahan

POSTLUDE

"Hornpipe"

G.F. Handel

Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

The Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of God's Forgiveness, as well as the Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication and the Prayers of Intercession are all offered in the words of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. *(Minor changes have been made to use inclusive language).*

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Margaret Baco
Sara Hackett
Joni James
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Acolytes: Sam Bard and Duncan Rieger
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

The *Young at Heart* luncheon will be held after worship. If you have registered for this event, please go to the Social Hall for lunch and entertainment. *Please note that we will still have our Fellowship Time in the McKelvy Room after this morning's service also. All welcome!*

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

We would like to extend a special thank you! to ELPC member Suzan Krauland and her business partner Carolyn Walker from Bloom Brigade for preparing the Sanctuary flowers to enhance our worship space.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am.....Journey Prayer Time. An extended prayer time and bible reflection with a few songs. In Social Hall.
July 2 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush.
10 am.....Summer Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and music prior to the service.
July 2 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush 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 or the *Young at Heart* luncheon in the Social Hall. 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

Young at Heart Luncheon

The Deacons will host the *Young at Heart Luncheon* after this morning's 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*. Even if you haven't registered, please stop by the Social Hall to see if any extra meals are available for purchase.

Today's Deacon on Duty

Today's Sanctuary service DOD is **Susan Spangler**.

Hand Fans

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

Pastor Patrice's Commissioning Service

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 today at Bethany Presbyterian Church (740 Washington Ave, Bridgeville 15017). Please visit www.bethanypresby.org for info.



HAT Co Singers and Band Perform

Hope Academy's teen Theater Company (HAT Co) presents their end of the year Cabaret performance, *Things that Get Me Up in the Morning / Things that Keep Me Up at Night*, today at 7 pm at City Theatre on the South Side. This is a collection of original monologues, songs, and favorite poetry that explores the things that get us motivated to jump out of bed in the morning, ready to take on the day; along with the things that jolt us wide-eyed awake and leave us breathless in the middle of the night.



Summer Worship Schedule — Journey Prayer Time Begins

During July and August and the first week in September, the 10 am summer worship service will move into the Courtyard, weather permitting.

Beginning next Sunday, July 2 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.



New Fellowship Ministry — July 1

All Over the Burgh: 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).

Young Adult Ministry: First Friday @ Prayer Walk — July 7

The TRAIL young adult *First Friday @ Prayer Walk* event on July 7 starting at 7 pm will begin and end at ELPC. While we will ride together to experience, learn about and pray over different parts of our hometown, we will also do some recreational and contemplative walking too. Come ready to walk and pray! See Wil for details (Wil@coh.net).

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:

- *July 16:* A Justice that Heals, *host: Justice Committee*
- *July 23:* Locked in Box, *host: Justice Committee*
- *July 30:* Brainwashing of My Dad, *host: Peace Committee*



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

Ray Anthony, Lynn Buchanan,
Kathy Callahan's mother Ginny,
Dave and Bobby Egelston's grandson Nathaniel,
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, Marti Moore,
Jon Nelson's cousin Rayna, Pat Valoon, and Jon Walker.

Our condolences to Mary Randolph on her mother'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.

No Committee Meetings This Week

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

will resume on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 10

New Members and Friends Class— July 9

Attend a *New Members and Friends Class* on Sunday, July 9 after the 10 am worship service in the McKelvy Room to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush for more info, or to register (RandyB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x123).

Flute Performance — July 14

Join us for an evening of flute music on Friday, July 14 at 7 pm, as we welcome Brittany Trotter to the Hope Academy teaching staff, and say good-bye to teaching artist Kristine Rominski. Instructor Laura Carmichael will accompany on piano.

LGBTQ Ministry: Spiritual Gathering — July 16

God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.

All are invited to attend the next *Spiritual Gathering* of the LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, July 16 at 11 am. See Wil Forrest for details or to attend. All people are welcome!

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).

♦ Want to serve on a flexible schedule?
Join the weSERVEList today! ♦

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Trinity Youth Conference "TYC" — July 23 to 29

TYC is a regional Presbyterian leadership conference for youth who have completed grade 9 through college-age students at Living Waters Camp (Schellsburg, PA). The week will be full of faith formation, intentional Christian community, play, worship, and thoughtfulness. Info about cost, workshops, registration, and schedule can be found at www.TrinityYouthConference.org.

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 cmuhealthaging@gmail.com.

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.

RENOVATIONS CONTINUE ON SCHEDULE

ELPC's renovation officially got underway on May 17. The initial stage involved removal of some asbestos and renovation work on the Ground Floor and 2nd Floor. During the summer, those areas will have restricted access as a new entrance is created on the Whitfield St side of our church, and new offices and classrooms are renovated on the 2nd Floor. It is hoped that this stage of work will be completed in time for Rally Day.

The next phase will begin in September and focus on renovation work along the 1st Floor north hallway (from our Highland Ave entrance heading towards the Chapel).

