



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)

JULY 23, 2017 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

God is love.

— 1 John 4:8

Teilhard said that love is a fundamental force of attraction that complexifies elements in a creative union. By describing love as the fundamental physical energy of life, he saw love-energy operative at every level of life, from matter to mind. Love energy draws elements together toward greater unification and complexity. As life becomes more complex, he noted, consciousness rises.

— *Ilia Delio*

GATHERING MUSIC

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” (songbook #1)

“Be Thou My Vision” (songbook #2)

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” (songbook #3)

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

* SHARING GOD’S GOOD NEWS

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.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (from “A Wee Worship Book”)

Lora Bethea

Sung Response

“Glory to God”

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Leader: Beneath the mists of time, before the world began.
Beyond our understanding; in the beginning ... GOD

Sung Response

Leader: Fathering history, mothering creation,
Parenting earth's creatures from the beginning ... GOD

Sung Response

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

July 23 • 7th Sunday after Pentecost

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Leader: Expecting the right moment, preparing the right way,
Revealing the right person for each new beginning ... GOD

Sung Response

Leader: We believe in one God,
Maker and mover of heaven and earth!

Sung Response

* **HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (*songbook #4*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Callahan

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Callahan

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!**
¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" (*songbook #5*)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13

Damon Bethea

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Callahan

Children of any age are welcome to come to the front of the worship space for Moments with our Children. 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** "Though I May Speak" (*songbook #6*)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

The Rev. Callahan

SERMON

"What's Love Got to Do With It?"

The Rev. Callahan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. 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

"Ain't That Good News"

arr. Moses Hogan

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!

I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross, gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!

I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!

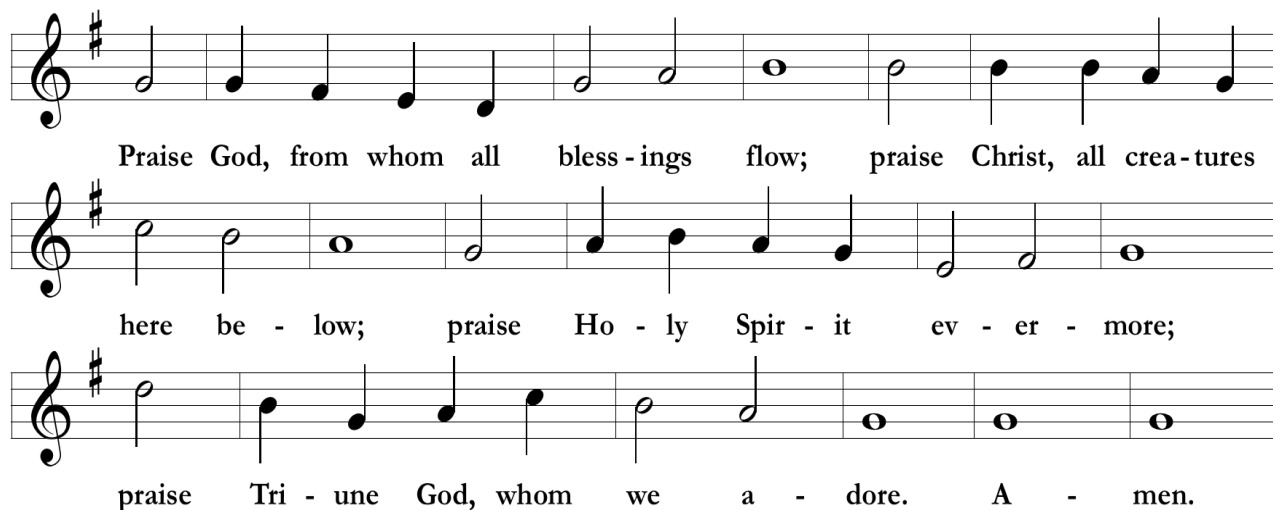
I got a harp up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!

I got a song up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures
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. Callahan

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: Beloved, we marvel at the greatness of your outflowing of love upon the world. We confess that our lives do not always reflect our gratitude. But here in this place and in this moment, we pray that you would accept and put to your purpose these gifts, mere tokens of our lives offered in gratitude to you.

People: **Amén.**

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.

Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

“Love Has Come” (*songbook* #7)

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Callahan



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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Liturgists: Damon and Lora Bethea
Musicians: Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Juddson Poeske, *Soloist*
Denise Sheffey-Powell, *Soloist*
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the Narthex 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 x118).

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase flowers for our worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is \$75 a Sunday during our outdoor worship services.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am.....**Journey Prayer Time.** An extended prayer time and bible reflection with a few songs. In Social Hall.
July 30 — 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. Fellowship is held in the Narthex.
July 30 — 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 Narthex. 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* to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for info on future classes (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122), or the Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush (RandyB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x123).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Summer Film Festival

Locked in Box, hosted by ELPC's Justice Committee, is the film being shown today as part of the Mission Board's *Summer Film Festival*. Please join us in the Social Hall after the 10 am service for this short documentary following the stories of individuals held in the U.S. Immigration detention system and those who visit them. Next Sunday will feature *Brainwashing of My Dad*, hosted by the Peace Committee (a documentary detailing media's influence).

Journey Prayer

Now 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.

Today's Deacon on Duty

Today's summer service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.

Hand Fans

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

Pre-Sold Faith Night Pirate Game Tickets

All who have pre-ordered Pirate tickets for *Faith Night* on Aug 17 are to pick up your tickets from David Carl on any Sunday prior to the game. Please contact David with questions (dbcarl333@gmail.com).



Chapel Market

The Chapel Market needs donations of men and women's 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.

Free Mini-Concert after Taizé — July 26

Join us for Taizé on Wednesday, July 26 at 7 pm in the Chapel, and stay for the concert and celebration afterward. There will be cake in the narthex to celebrate July birthdays and anniversaries, accompanied by a performance of Haydn's *London Trios* for two flutes and cello offered by Taizé musicians Charlie Anderson, Jean Thomas and Hannah Whitehead.

What better way to spend a summer evening than with soulful worship, beautiful music, and cake! Come, celebrate summer!



Faith, Science, and Our Spiritual Life — July 27

Got questions? Interested in the connections between faith and science? Want to meet similarly minded folks? Join in the conversation on the last Thursday of each month (July 27, 6:30 pm) as we read, watch videos, and discuss the faith that we share, ways in which it overlaps with science, and how all of that affects our spiritual life.

Weeding ELPC Grounds — July 29

We have scheduled a weeding session for the church grounds on Saturday, July 29 from 8-11 am. *(Note the change in the times.)* Everyone is welcome and encouraged to help! For more info, contact Chuck Lukehart (412.782.6447).

Black Pride Pittsburgh — July 29

We are pleased to welcome *Black Pride Pittsburgh* to ELPC as they hold their *Family Game Day* on Saturday, July 29 from 1-5 pm. All ELPC friends and members are welcome and needed to fully demonstrate that ELPC is a place for all of God's people! To learn more, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

Young Adult Ministry Event — July 29

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will gather at 7 pm at ELPC or meet at Observatory Hill on Saturday, July 29 to share a fun summer Pittsburgh tradition—a free outdoor movie in Riverview Park on the Northside! For details on that evening's movie, *The Good Lie*, please visit www.Pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/cinema-riverview.

OHM Circles Group Dinner — Aug 1

ELPC is providing dinner for the Open Hand Ministries (OHM) Circles group on Tuesday, Aug 1. We are seeking people to donate salads, side dishes, and desserts, as well as to help serve the meal. This is a great opportunity to support and meet the OHM families who are preparing for home ownership. If you are able to donate or help serve dinner, contact Henry Petrilli (hlp615@gmail.com).

TRAIL's First Friday @ Gateway Clipper Outing — Aug 4

Young adults are invited to spend a summer evening on the three rivers with friends during the *TRAIL First Friday @ Gateway Clipper* outing on Aug 4 at 7 pm. We will set sail on the Gateway Clipper and return to Station Square for fellowship and refreshments. Bring money to sail (\$20) and snacks. Learn more at www.GatewayClipper.com, or contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

Workday with OHM — Aug 5

All ages and skill levels are welcome to help Open Hand Ministries rehab an abandoned house into a quality, affordable home for a family from 9 am-3 pm on Saturday, Aug 5. For details, please contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR201@gmail.com).



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

Ray Anthony, John Bavaro,
David Carl's friend Madelyn and her mother,
Martha DeMarzi and her friend Noah,
Patrice Fowler-Searcy's mother and grandmother,
Pam Kimmel's friend Molly and niece Jen,
Gloria Knopp, Lee Lewand,
Gail Mallory's friend Ailene,
Chris Markwell, Marti Moore,
Jon Nelson's cousin Rayna and friend Theo,
Pat Valoon, and Jon Walker.

There are **Prayer Boxes**, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept entrances to the Sanctuary.

Committee Meeting This Week

Peace..... *Thursday, 5:30 pm (Session Room)*

LGBTQ Ministry – Aug 5

All people are welcome to join the LGBTQ Ministry at our *Spiritual Gathering* on Saturday, Aug 5 at 2 pm. Contact Wil Forrest for details (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

All Over the Burgh Event – Aug 18

All Over the Burgh, ELPC's meet-up group, is all about fellowship and fun by exploring free (or mostly free) events around town. Events are easily accessible by public transportation. All members and friends are welcome to join us on Friday, Aug 18 for *Friday at Frick* for the (free) American/folk foot-stomping sounds of *The Mixus Brothers*. Bring your own picnic basket, blanket, and beverages, and meet on the grounds across from the Playhouse entrance around 5:45 pm. Music starts at 6:30 pm. Look for the ELPC sign! *Note: There will be wine sales and food trucks.*



Save the Date to Celebrate – Aug 24

All who have served in our church and community this year are invited to our *Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* on Thursday, Aug 24 from 6–7:30 pm in the Courtyard. Save the date and plan to share food and fellowship. Visit ELPC.church/programs/iSERVE to learn more about service opportunities. For more info, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

Just Published and New to the Bookstore

ELPC Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut, has written a new book, *Meeting Jesus the Christ Again – A Conservative Progressive Faith* and it is available in the ELPC bookstore for \$10. A limited number of copies are available, so get yours now.

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Free Dental Clinic – July 28 and 29

A free dental clinic is coming to Pittsburgh on Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29 from 7 am-4 pm at the AJ Palumbo Center (1304 Forbes Ave). No eligibility or income requirements, and no appointments or registration are necessary. Visit www.mompgh.org for more info.

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.

Food Donations for EECM

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

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

iSERVE
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).

♦ **Considering your options to serve this fall?**
Talk to Wil now....there is much to do! ♦



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

You no longer have to travel to the Ground Floor or the 2nd floor to see the construction work in progress. On Monday of this past week, demolition began in both the Women's and the Men's restrooms by the Highland Ave entrance. The ceilings are gone in there now and soon work will begin to update them and make them ADA compliant (exchanging locations, too – Women's will be Men's and vice versa).

The Whitfield entrance and new Ground Floor Lobby area continue to progress and carpet is on its way for the 2nd floor offices and classrooms. We are still looking at Sept 10, Rally Day, to begin using the new and improved children and youth classrooms. The adult classes are likely to be a bit more transient for the first half of the year.

Please continue to keep everyone involved in "Building Our Future" — architects, construction workers, church employees and church members — in your prayers.