



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)

APRIL 22, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP EARTH DAY / FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946) served as organist at York Minster from 1913 until his death.

Mighty God, your power fills heaven and earth, is hidden in atoms and flung from the sun. Control us so that we may never turn natural forces to destruction, or arm nations with cosmic energy; but guide us with wisdom and love, so that we may tame power to good purpose, for the building of human community and the betterment of our common lives. (Book of Common Worship)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"It is a wholesome and necessary thing for us to turn again to the earth and in the contemplation of her beauties to know a sense of wonder and humility... For the more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders of the world around us, the less taste we will have for its destruction."
— Rachel Carson

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Prelude in F"

Edward C. Bairstow

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

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

Ted Cmarada and Susan Spangler

Leader: God's Earth is our home. We live in God's world; we are not alone.

People: We share this life with the heavens and the earth, with the waters and the land, with trees and grasses, fish, birds and animals.

Leader: We are not alone. We live in God's world with all our brothers and sisters.

People: For God is good and everything God makes is good.

Leader: In this season of new life and Easter joy, let us come together to worship God our Creator!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #157

LORD OF THE DANCE

"I Danced in the Morning"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us to pray saying, "Our Father..."

People: You created us, you made this world, and you called your creation very good. Yet often we forget that you are our loving Parent who continues to bless your world.

Leader: Jesus told us that you are "...in heaven..."

People: Yet we fail to live in awe of you. We take you for granted, and we **don't see the awesome beauty of the world you have made.**

Leader: We pray, "Hallowed be your name..."

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

The Council of Constance was convened to resolve the crisis in which the church had three different popes (1414); Henry VIII ascended to the throne of England (1509); jazz musician Charlie Mingus was born (1922); the U.S. Congress authorized the motto "In God We Trust" to be used on all currency (1926); the atomic test in Nevada was the first nuclear explosion shown on live television (1952); and thousands of Americans observed the first Earth Day (1970).

The spacious firmament on high with all the blue ethereal sky, and spangled heavens, a shining frame, their great original proclaim: the unwearied sun, from day to day, does its Creator's power display, and publishes to every land the work of an almighty hand. (Joseph Addison)

People: We confess that our reverence for you does not always lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky and sea.

Leader: We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."

People: We confess that we often put our own interests first, exploiting your creation, and living for our own convenience and self-interest.

Leader: We pray, "Give us today our daily bread."

People: **We confess that we consume more than our share of the world's** resources, while billions go hungry every day and your whole creation suffers.

Leader: We pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

People: We confess that we see these words only in spiritual terms, while the Bible is filled with teachings about economic justice and creation care.

Leader: We pray, "Save us from the time of trial."

People: Help us to resist the temptations of spending more, using more, acquiring more, and wasting more.

Leader: We pray, "Deliver us from evil..."

People: Free us from greed and self-centeredness that separate us from you and others.

Leader: We pray, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever."

People: Help us to know that in caring for your wonderful world, we are working for your kingdom, being good stewards of your creative power, and giving you glory.

Leader: We pray, "Amen."

People: **We end our prayers with "Amen," a word that means "let it be so."** We know we can be faithful disciples by your grace. Amen!

"The Lord's Prayer and Creation Care: A Litany of Confession"
Written by Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette

HANDBELL ANTHEM "Morning Has Broken" arr. Michael Bedford

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 6:25-29, 30-33 Katlyn Dougherty
Nancy Heastings

EARTH DAY LITANY Katlyn Dougherty
Linda Harrington
Nancy Heastings

In a round world, no corners to hide in,
All life's connected, parts of the whole.
God made but one earth which needs protection.
We face this challenge; we claim this goal.
Gone are the days when we could be masters,
Using earth's gifts for our selfish ends.
Our role today is that of God's stewards,
To be a church that speaks and defends.
It's time we alter our basic outlook,
Renounce dominion, give up our pride.
Working with God we can restore creation,
In a round world with nowhere to hide.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

And God stepped out on
space and looked around
and said, "I am lonely –
I'll make me a world."
(James Weldon
Johnson)

The text of the hymn
*The King of Love My
Shepherd Is* was written
by Henry Williams Baker
(1821-1877) in 1868. It is
set to an ancient Irish
melody and the hymn
tune is named after an
Irish saint, ST. COLUMBA.
The hymn setting is
found in our *Glory to
God* hymnal, #802.

Craig Seller Lang
(1891-1971) was born in
New Zealand and made
his career in England as
an organist, teacher,
and composer.

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 first grade 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 #14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 23:10-13

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON "Global Sabbath Rest"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Edward C. Bairstow

*The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is
mine for ever. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the
verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear
Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy Cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a
table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice
floweth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed; but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently
laid, and home rejoicing brought me. And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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:	Creator God, Loving Shepherd, Spirit of joy, go before us this day that we might follow where you lead. Take these gifts ahead of us that your mercy might precede our needs, and your grace prepare the way for all that is to come. Whether we work or rest, serve or play, may all we do be to your glory. In Christ's name.	
People:	Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #32

ELLACOMBE

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune"

C.S. Lang

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
Sara Hackett
Ted Cmarada and Susan Spangler
Katlyn Dougherty
Linda Harrington
Nancy Heastings
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Acolytes: Annie Cowan and Emmy Thompson
Beadle: Lenore Williams
Crucifer: Isaiah Wilson
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us for our *Fellowship Time* after the service in the downstairs Whitfield Lobby. Whether you come for a cup of coffee and to meet some new people, or to take part in the frequent post-service events, you are welcome to take the stairs or elevator down to the Ground Floor and join us!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

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 x111). The cost is \$150 a Sunday.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
April 29 — The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes.
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
April 29 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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

The *Prayer Room* will re-open after the first floor renovations are completed. The Sanctuary and Chapel are available for prayer (barring a scheduled event).

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 Whitfield Lobby. 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 an *Inquirers' Class* TODAY and April 29 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp to register for next week (GloriaK@coh.net), or see Dr. Randy Bush after the service to join the group in the Music Room.

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Officer Ordination & Installation

Please keep our newly ordained and installed officers in your prayers as they fulfill important tasks for our faith family and community:

Elders — Isaac Degenholtz (*youth*), Steve Evrard, Nick Genger-Boeldt, Todd Goss, Brittney Krieger, Nate Morley, Scott Richardson-Eckes, Tiffany Sudar, Tim VanFleet

Deacons — Trish Buben, Peta Harrigan Cole, David Cowan, Beth Minnigh, Sonya-Marie Morley, Kira Mukogosi (*youth*), Tony Richardson-Eckes, Erich Stein

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Climate Ribbon Project

ELPC's Justice Committee invites you to celebrate Earth Day by participating in *The Climate Ribbon Project*—an arts ritual to affirm our solidarity as we unite to fight against *climate chaos*. Ribbons will be available in the Highland Ave Lobby today for you to write about what you love most in the environment and want to keep safe. Then join us at Fellowship Time where the ribbons will be on display — read them and choose one or two to take with you as a visual reminder of our shared responsibility to care for our common home.



Christian Spirituality & Sound

Dr. Edward Alan Moore will discuss *Christian Spirituality and Sound* following today's 11 am service in the Social Hall. A light lunch will be served. Sponsored by ELPC's Spiritual Life Committee.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Mary Evrard**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Rick Frederick**.



"Birthday Donations" Request

We are looking for supplies (napkins, plates, icing, candles, etc.) to make kid's birthday bags available through the food pantries. Please bring in donated items as soon as possible so that we can put together the bags at the *All Church Retreat* on May 4-6. Additional details are on the 2nd floor bulletin board.

Drink in the Justice

Did you know we always serve Fair Trade-PLUS Café Justo here at ELPC? Did you know the first order ELPC did for Café Justo was on April 18, 2011 and since that date we have bought \$11,463 of coffee?! (Approximately 1432 pounds of coffee-over 200 pounds per year!) Did you know Café Justo helps keep families together? Learn more about this amazing coffee at www.justcoffee.org.

ELPC Supports OHM!

ELPC members are celebrating Open Hand Ministries' 10th anniversary by participating in the 2018 Pittsburgh Marathon! ELPC's relay team, *ELPC Energy*, and 6 others running individual races are raising money for OHM's programs. Please consider supporting these congregation members with your prayers and donations: Elaine Bellin, Trish Buben, Dana Carl, James DiGiorgio, Margaret Edgecombe, Tim Engelhardt, Tucker Ferda, Rick Frederick, Eric Jester, David Phillips, Emily Rosenthal and Molly Davidson Welling. Donations can be mailed to Open Hand Ministries (100 Sheridan Ave, 15206), or online (www.crowdrise.com/openhandministriespitt2018).

ELPC is also seeking volunteer support for these upcoming Open Hand Ministries events:

- ✦ *Dinner for the Open Hand Ministries Circles group on Tuesday May 1* — donate salads, side dishes and desserts;
- ✦ *Pasta dinner on May 4* at Shadyside Presbyterian Church for the OHM Marathon Team — set up, serve and/or clean up; and
- ✦ *Work Day on Saturday, May 5* — house rehab.

Please contact Frank (817.705.6856) for more info or to sign up.

Grief Support Group — Begins April 23

ELPC will host a *Grief Support Group* on Monday evenings beginning April 23 from 6:30-8 pm through May 21. The group is co-facilitated by Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarada, licensed psychotherapists, and is open to anyone in the community who is grieving the loss of a loved one. This group is offered free of charge. Participants should plan to attend all five sessions. Contact Ted (240.446.4937) or Susan (240.285.6507) for info. *Sponsored by the ELPC Board of Deacons' Health Ministry.*

ELPC's "Group of Ten" Meeting — April 26

The ELPC *Group of Ten* is studying regional air pollution and the steps we can take to improve our local air quality. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 26 at 7 pm. All are welcome!

ELPC will not have any worship services on Sunday, May 6 due to the route of the Pittsburgh Marathon. Please join us at Crestfield Camp for our All-Church Retreat!



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

Gina Anderson's son Rohun, Gabe D'Abruzzo,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Bobby and Dave Egelston's friend Gary and
Bobby's mother Doris,
Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy's brother Christopher,
Jan Herzer's friend Leslie, Diane Jackson's niece Sarah,
Morris Jordan, Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,
Lee Lewand, Polly McQueen's brother Clay and his family,
Joel Minnigh's brother Wendell,
Gail Noden, Jan Pressman and her family,
Betty Rieley's son and Laura Ristau's brother Tom,
Carol Schaef's brother-in-law Allen,
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's friend Drew,
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy,
Cami Teacoach's father Bill and Pat Valoon.

Committee Meeting This Week

Long-term Facility MgmtTuesday, 7:00 pm (Highland Rm)

YAMs @ Art All Night – April 28

Young adults from ELPC and friends are invited to go as a group to enjoy the annual Pittsburgh cultural event *Art All Night* on Saturday, April 28 (leaving ELPC at 8:30 pm). See www.artallnight.org/wp for details. Please contact Wil Forrest if you plan to attend (Wil@coh.net).

Facing Systemic Racism Series – Begins April 28

ELPC's Mission Board will be presenting a series of events titled *Facing Systemic Racism*. To tackle racism in our society, we need to acknowledge the systems in our society that create institutional racism and racial privilege. Please join us for our first program on Saturday, April 28 from 6–8 pm as we explore our topic *What is Systemic Racism?* We will be led Laura Mariko Cheifetz, deputy director of systems and sustainability at the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum. We will share a potluck dinner together at 5:30 pm. Bring a side or dessert to share. More details are on the info tables.



ELPC's Pastor Emeritus Leads Sunday School – April 29

The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut, ELPC's pastor emeritus, will speak at ELPC next Sunday, April 29 during the Seekers' Sunday School class from 9:45-10:45 am. Dr. Chesnut will highlight aspects of his recent book *Meeting Jesus the Christ Again-A Conservative Progressive Faith*, followed by a question/answer period. A book signing will take place during Fellowship Time after the 11 am worship service. All are invited to attend!



Looking for a way to put your love in action?

♦ Vacation Church School ♦

Contact Wil Forrest if you can help
(Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

IN OUR COMMUNITY

NAACP Annual Human Rights Dinner – May 1

The NAACP's annual *Human Rights Dinner* will be held on Tuesday, May 1 at the Westin Convention Center Hotel, beginning with a reception at 5:30 pm (followed by dinner). The event's theme is *New Visions, New Directions*. Please call 412.471.1024 for more info.

Belle Voci Benefit Concert – May 12

The musical group *Belle Voci* will blend service with song in the benefit performance *Sing for the Cure* on Saturday, May 12 at 7:30 pm at ELPC. Proceeds benefit *Susan G. Komen and the Race for the Cure*. Please see Pam Kimmel for tickets, or visit www.bellevocipgh.com for more info.

Tour the Tower – April 29

Join tour guide Steve Evrard following next Sunday's Sanctuary worship service to climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower. Comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children. Please gather at the information desk at the Highland Ave entrance after worship.

PW Bible Study – May 1 and 7

Join Presbyterian Women on Tuesday, May 1 at 10 am and/or Monday, May 7 at 7 pm for their Bible Study *In Community with All the Saints*. Tuesday's session will be followed by a potluck lunch. Bring your own place setting.

All-Church Retreat – May 4 to 6

Now is the time to register for our *All-Church Retreat* at Crestfield Camp from Friday–Sunday, May 4–6 (Pittsburgh Marathon weekend). Our theme is *We are the Church Together*. Persons of all ages are invited to this intergenerational retreat. Registration forms are available in the Whitfield and Highland lobbies. **Note: ELPC will have no worship services on Sunday, May 6.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

April 29 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) – “The first 3 Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-5)” led by Charles Nordquist

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 22:25–31; 1 John 4:7–21; John 15:1–8 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Good Samaritan Rm) – “Meet and Greet with the Rev. Dr. Robert Chesnut” and book signing

Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm) – A discussion of *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu, led by Steve Evrard, Linda Harrington, Judy Roberts, Katlyn Dougherty