



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 27, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TRINITY SUNDAY

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) composed the tune NICAIA in 1861. The tune name commemorates the First Council of Nicaea, which adopted the Nicene Creed and formalized the doctrine of the Trinity in 325.

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day. Draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with you for the world you so deeply love. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"A deep sense of love and belonging is an irreducible need of all people. We are biologically, cognitively, physically, and spiritually wired to love, to be loved, and to belong."
— Brene Brown

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Timothy Albrecht
"Allein Gott in der Höh"
(All Glory Be to God on High)
"Nicaea – Holy, Holy, Holy" Robert Buckley Farlee

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

Thomas Morton

Leader: We gather in the welcome of God's love, in the joy of our unity in Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us listen for the voice of God!
People: As a family of faith we worship the Triune God – who lovingly made us, graciously redeemed us, and mightily sustains us each day.
Leader: Together, let us give God our thanks and our praise!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1

NICAIA

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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(William Glasser)

ON THIS DATE
IN HISTORY:
We celebrate the
birthdays of women's
rights campaigner Amelia
Jenks Bloomer (1818);
African American author,
essayist,
newspaperwoman,
settlement worker, and
activist Victoria Earle
Matthews (1861);
and scientist,
environmentalist, and
author Rachel Carson
(1907).

*Holy, Holy, Lord God
Almighty* is from the
oratorio *Redemption*. The
oratorio is a collection of
movements by G.F.
Handel (1685-1759) as
selected and arranged by
composer Samuel Arnold
(1740-1802). The original
work by Handel was an
Aria from his opera
Rodelinda.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Scripture assures us that we did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather the spirit of adoption. Through Christ you have been claimed as **God's own beloved children** – forgiven, loved, and free. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

Ray Anthony

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3: 1-17

Thomas Morton

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 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 #3

“Womb of Life and Source of Being”

RAQUEL

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:12-17a

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

SERMON

“A Sense of Belonging”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

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

G.F. Handel/Samuel Arnold

“Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.

Holy, holy, who was, and is to come.

Who shall not glorify thy name for thou only art holy,

Thou only art the Lord.

For thou only art the Lord.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DATE
IN HISTORY:

Reformer John Calvin died (1564); Charles Strite was awarded a patent for the first pop-up toaster (1919); the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco was opened to pedestrian traffic (1937); and the German battleship *Bismarck* was sunk off the coast of France (1941).

Language, identity, place, home: these are all of a piece — just different elements of belonging and not-belonging. (Jhumpa Lahiri)

Wir Glauben All an Einen Gott is one of the Lutheran catechism chorales found in Bach's monumental *Clavierübung III*, published in 1739. It is based on a hymn setting of the creed by Martin Luther. A driving ostinato line in the feet undergirds the three-voice fugal texture in the hands.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and
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: | Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing in a world of hurt and need; in Christ's name. | |
| People: | Amen. | |

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #312

ENDLESS FEAST

"Take Us As We Are, O God"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach

"Wir Glauben All an Einen Gott, BWV 680"

(We All Believe in One True God)

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. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Ray Anthony
Thomas Morton
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Jon Erik Schreiber, *soloist*
Acolyte: Youth
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Lynne Irvin
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Our Fellowship Time will be held in the newly renovated suite of rooms on the 1st floor leading to the South Highland Ave entrance. Please join us there following the 11 am service. 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 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

Our summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, June 10.

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
June 3 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy.
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
June 3 — Youth Sunday.

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.
Available 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 newly renovated suite of rooms on the 1st floor. 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* on Sunday, July 8 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (GloriaK@coh.net).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

“Hopes and Prayers of Pride” Ribbons

Create a ribbon for the *Hopes and Prayers of Pride* project today at one of the tables in the Highland Lobby or Narthex before and after the 11 am worship service. Please see the back of today's announcements for more info about participating with ELPC at the June Pride events.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next *Spiritual Gathering* will be held today at 12:30 pm. See Wil Forrest after the worship service to attend.

Middle School Mission Trip Meeting

Parents and youth in grades 6–8 who are interested in going to the middle school mission trip *Mission Possible* at Crestfield Camp (July 8–13) are asked to attend a meeting today at Noon in Room 239. Lunch is included. Registration forms and deposits are due Sunday, June 3. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info or with any questions (SaraH@coh.net).

Tour the Tower

Join tour guide Steve Evrard following today'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.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Elaine Phillips**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Kathy Kiewra**.



First Friday @ Kavsar — June 1

Join friends for an authentic Uzbek and Russian dinner as we visit Kavsar Halal Restaurant (16 Southern Ave, Mt Washington) on June 1 as part of the TRAIL young adult *First Friday* event. Visit www.kavsar.net to explore the delicious menu options. RSVP to Wil today (Wil@coh.net) to make sure we have proper reservations or if you want a ride from ELPC leaving at 6:30 pm.

Youth Sunday — June 3

Our Senior High youth will lead us during Sanctuary worship on Sunday, June 3. This special service is a tradition at ELPC as we celebrate the gifts of our youth, while praising God for the work of the Holy Spirit upon and through them. Our graduating seniors will share their faith stories and receive a blessing as they prepare for the next steps in their life journeys. This year, students completing third grade will be presented with a Bible as a gift from ELPC.

Facing Systemic Racism Series — June 9

Please join us for the program *Systemic Racism: Discovering Our Implicit Bias* on Saturday, June 9 from 6–8 pm. 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. Sponsored by the Mission Board.

The Chapel Market Seeks Donations

The Chapel Market is in need of new and/or gently used summer clothing for women, children and men. There isn't a high demand for men's dress clothes, so please limit men's donations to basic clothing. Toiletry donations are also requested (soap, deodorant, etc.). *The Chapel Market* is open on Mondays (10 am–12 pm), and the first Thursday of each month (5–7:30 pm). Contact Linda and Harold Deiss (deisshl@consolidated.net) for info or to volunteer on the first Thursday of the month.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We begin our *Summer Worship Schedule* on Sunday, June 10 and will have one Sunday worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

From the first Sunday in July through Labor Day weekend, we will hold our summer worship service at 10 am in the Courtyard (weather permitting).



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

Gina Anderson's son Rohun,
John Buckley's mentee David, Aimee Caldwell,
Kate Carlson, Carol Chontos' father David,
Gabe D'Abruzzo, Wil Forrest's mentee Dan,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Bobby and Dave Egelston's friend Gary
and Bobby's mother Doris, Wil Forrest's mentee Dan,
Dennis Hare, Maria Elena Hernandez,
Jan Herzer's friend Leslie, Diane Jackson's niece Sarah,
Morris Jordan, Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,
Lee Lewand, Paul Martin's wife Danielle,
Polly McQueen's brother Clay and his family,
Gail Noden, David Phillips' mother,
Jan Pressman and her family,
Betty Rieley's son and Laura Ristau's brother Tom,
Carol Schaefer's brother-in-law Allen,
Pastor Heather's friend Drew,
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy,
Cami Teacoach's father Bill, Antwone Wright, Pat Valoon.

Committee Meeting This Week

The church building will be closed tomorrow for Memorial Day.
Youth & Young Adults..... Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 224)

June Pride Events

All ELPC members are welcomed and needed to stand for love and justice! Attend events, volunteer, march, pray, and/or create a ribbon for the Hopes and Prayers of Pride project at one of the tables today in the Highland Lobby or Narthex.

Delta Pride Booth — June 9 (12-5 pm) and June 10 (1-7 pm)

- ✦ Shared table downtown with other inclusive Presbyterian churches
- ✦ Contact Liz Gonda via text (412.657.7823)

People's Pride March — June 10 (10:30 am-Noon)

- ✦ Public march downtown to support diverse LGBTQ+ community
- ✦ Email Tony Richardson to participate or with any questions (Overthepond_50@hotmail.com)

Pride on the Square — June 10 (12-4 pm)

- ✦ Interactive family-friendly event in Market Square
- ✦ Contact Brittney Krieger for more info (Brittney.Krieger@bayer.com; 908.723.5303)

Delta Equity March — June 10 (12:30-1:30 pm)

- ✦ March downtown to support the LGBTQ+ community, ELPC van available
- ✦ Contact Wil Forrest to participate (Wil@coh.net)

Sign up with Wil Forrest for a seat in the van to ride to/from ELPC Pride events. Departures from ELPC's South Highland Ave entrance at 9 am and 11:15 am; return to ELPC at 3 pm from Delta booth.

IN OUR

COMMUNITY

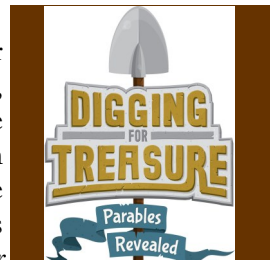


RCC Pride Concert: Joined by Heart — June 3

The Renaissance City Choir presents its Pride Concert *Joined by Heart: Love Will Always Win* on Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3 at 4 pm in the ELPC courtyard. Communities throughout time have realized that by coming together they can change the world. With this concert, we especially honor our transgender, gender-queer, gender non-binary, and two-spirit family members, who help to teach us that there are more colors in our crayon box than just pink and blue. Love will always win against hate and fear. Tickets are available online at www.rccpittsburgh.com.

Register for Vacation Church School!

Registration is now open for our Vacation Church School program, which will run Monday–Friday, June 25–29 from 9 am–3 pm! Children ages 4–grade 5 (completed), are invited to attend as campers. This year's theme will be *Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed*. Jesus often taught in stories, called parables. Our days will be filled with worship, crafts, recreation, Bible study, and fun! Registration and volunteer forms are available online (www.ELPC.church) and on the 2nd floor Christian Ed table.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

June 3 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) — “Christian Contributions to Politics: Freedom and Resistance Part 2” led by John Burgess, James Henry Snowden Professor of Systematic Theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — 1 Samuel 3:1–20, Deuteronomy 5:12–15; 2 Corinthians 4:5–12; Mark 2:23–3:6 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “My Life as a Christian in North Korea after WWII” led by Sung Yoo

Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm) — A discussion of *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu, David Carl, Roberta Smiley, Pam Napier-Barnes

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor — Find rooms, teachers and curriculum at www.ELPC.church