



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 17, 2018 • 10 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FATHER'S DAY / 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The tune name BEACH SPRING was named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia that was built near two beech trees by a spring, Beech Spring Baptist Church. Composer B.F. White (1800-1879) got the spelling wrong when the tune was published in *The Sacred Harp* in 1844 and the incorrect spelling has continued ever since.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Everyone has inside of [them] a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!"
— Anne Frank

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
"Two Settings of *Beach Spring*"
Wayne Wold
Janet Linker

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The Rev. Schoenewolf
People: Y también contigo. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

James Eng
Leader: God plants within us the breath of life, the potential for love, and gifts for God's service.
People: **And God sends us out into the world, that even through us, God's kingdom might come.**
Leader: May we listen, now, for God's call and be strengthened by God's Spirit.
People: **May our worship and our work bear fruit for God's kingdom. May our lives embody God's love.**
Leader: Let us, with joy, together worship God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*please see insert*)

BEACH SPRING

"Draw the Welcome Circle Wider"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Callahan

Holy God, you teach us that even a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom. Yet we confess that we are often too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness. Forgive us for the times: when we did not uphold the poor or the oppressed; when we did not advocate for those without power; when we did not sacrifice our own wants for the needs of a neighbor. Renew us with the love of Christ so that we no longer live just for ourselves, but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us. Amen.

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Lord, when I feel that what I'm doing is insignificant and unimportant, help me to remember that everything I do is significant and important in your eyes, because you love me and you put me here, and no one else can do what I am doing in exactly the way I do it.
(Brennan Manning, *Souvenirs of Solitude: Finding Rest in Abba's Embrace*, 20th century)

The Sarum Rite is a variant of the Roman Rite originating in the Diocese of Salisbury, England in the 11th century. It was largely abandoned after the Protestant Reformation, but was influential on the Anglican liturgy.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Callahan

Leader: Scripture assures us that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins. 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

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

David Carl

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 #36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

AR HYDY NOS

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

"Making a Big Deal out of Nothing"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

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. Dr. Bush

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

"God Be In My Head"

John S. Dixon
text from an old Sarum primer

*God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my singing.
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
God be at my end, and at my departing.
Amen.*

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:
The Battle of Bunker Hill was fought (1775); the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City (1885); African American poet and lawyer James Weldon Johnson was born (1871); and Amelia Earhart embarked on a transatlantic flight from Newfoundland to Wales – the first by a woman (1928).

The people respond – Amen! is the fifth and final movement of *Rubrics* by Dan Locklair (b. 1949). The suite was commissioned by the *Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh* and premiered at Calvary Episcopal Church on April 16, 1989.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Callahan

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:	Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. Multiply the work done by our time, treasures and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth.	
People:	Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #714

ITALIAN HYMN

“God of the Fertile Fields”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“The people respond – Amen!”

Dr. Moore, *organ*
Dan Locklair

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. Mary Lynn Callahan
David Carl
James Eng
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: Michele Bossers
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Our Fellowship Time will be held in the *Fellowship Room*, the newly renovated space on the 1st floor leading to the South Highland Ave entrance. Please join us there following the 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

The flowers today are in loving memory of Hubert H. Stone, presented by his son, Dr. Ron Stone.

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

Journey Worship will resume on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 9 at 8:45 am in the Social Hall.

10 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
June 24 — 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.
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 *Fellowship Room*, the newly renovated space 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, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. 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.



East Liberty Presbyterian Church

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Church Events and Announcements

June 17, 2018 • 4th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY AT ELPC

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.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Paul Miller**.



Summer Solstice Celebration for Young Adults — June 21

Young adults are invited to officially welcome summer as we examine and celebrate Christianity's ties to creation spirituality and the seasons at 6 pm on Thursday, June 21, beginning on the 3rd floor Music Room balcony.

Climb the Tower Heights — June 24

Join Steve Evrard following worship on Sunday, June 24 to climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower. High above the bustle of the streets below, you will have an opportunity to view the entire East Liberty valley and beyond. The climb requires a bit of stamina. Comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children. Please gather at the South Highland Ave entrance.



Calling All Graduates

We acknowledge that many people from within our faith family have graduated or will be graduating from high school, college, trade school, graduate school, etc. We would like to celebrate these achievements by honoring our graduates in the August issue of *Reaching Out*. To be included, please submit name, degree, and school attended to Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).



Hope Academy Offers Summer Camps

Hope Academy will be offering two Summer Camps this year @ ELPC!

- *Pittsburgh Girls Choir Co-Ed Musical Scenes Camp* (July 9-13)
- *Hip Hop Orchestra Summer Music Camp* (July 23-28)

The Suzuki Institute @ Winchester Thurston will offer a special program for Hope Academy violin, viola, cello, and piano students (Aug 5–10). Visit www.ELPC.church/HopeAcademy for more info.

The Chapel Market Seeks Donations and Volunteers

The Chapel Market is in need of new and/or gently used summer clothing for women, children and men (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 (deissl@consolidated.net) for info or to volunteer on the first Thursday of the month.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL 2018



Register

It's not too late to register for our Vacation Church School program, which will run Monday to Friday, June 25–29 from 9 am–3 pm. Classes are filling, but there are a few spots left! Children ages 4–grade 5 (completed), are invited to attend as campers. Our days will be filled with worship, crafts, recreation, Bible study, and fun! Registration and volunteer forms are available on the 2nd floor Christian Ed table. Contact Gloria Knopp for more info (GloriaK@coh.net).

Donate

A donation bulletin board is in the Highland Lobby with the treasures we still need to be purchased for VCS. Items should be dropped off at the church by tomorrow in the Highland Lobby on the cart marked VCS DONATIONS, or see our Amazon wish list at <http://a.co/9hytkWW>.

VCS Volunteer Training

Everyone who has signed up to volunteer needs to attend a volunteer training session on Sunday, June 24 from 11:15 am–2 pm in the Social Hall.

JUNE 25-29
9 AM-3 PM



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

Tim Benedict's brother Mark,
Kate Carlson, Carol Chontos' father David,
Richard Depperman, Doris Dick's mother Mary,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Carole Forloines,
Crystal and Sean Gilroy and their family,
Beverly Kreger, Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,
Lee Lewand, Nicole Molinaro's friend Joyce,
Gail Noden, David Phillips' mother Nellie,
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy
and Pat Valoon.

Condolences to Harold Deiss on his brother's passing.

Condolences to Bobby Egelston on her mother's passing.

Condolences to Carol Hickman on her brother's passing.

Condolences to Beverly Kreger on her granddaughter'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.

Committee Meeting This Week

Session/Deacons Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Social Hall)



God's Love is for All

Many thanks to the multitude of ELPC folks who came out last weekend to reflect God's love to all people at many Pride events! At the Pride tabling events, we invited participants to write down hopes and prayers for Pride and tie them to a wire wall or column; you will notice these around the church today during worship and fellowship.



Know that you can still get involved in Pride as ELPC co-sponsors events with Black Pride Pittsburgh in July at ELPC and with TransPride Pittsburgh in September at Persad. See the display in the Highland Lobby or check out the mailing that came to you in May.



All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering on Saturday, July 7 at 1 pm. Contact Wil Forrest for info or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



"Sanctuary" Show Opening — June 20

Concept Art Gallery will be hosting a show of work by congregation members Doug Cooper and Stefani Danes called *Sanctuary: Sacred Space in a Secular World*. Proceeds from sales will benefit the *Building Our Future* campaign. Everyone is invited to attend the opening on Wednesday, June 20 from 5-7 pm. The gallery is located at 1031 South Braddock Ave (next to the Regent Square Theater).

Trinity Youth Conference — July 22 to 28

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

Make Breakfast for EECM Residents

Volunteers provide breakfast for the residents of EECM each Sunday. However, the 5th Sunday of the month needs to be filled (July 29, Sept 30 and/or Dec 30)! If you are interested in helping provide food and/or serve, contact Jan Herzer (412.231.3819).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

*will resume on Rally Day
Sunday on September 9.*



Looking for a way to put your love in action?

iSERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

If you have something to share, visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/serve-2, or contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

Your help is needed with:
VCS Volunteers are Still Needed