



# 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 24, 2018 • 10 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Louis Vierne (1870- 1937), the famed blind organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, composed six symphonies for organ. He dedicated the third symphony to fellow organist and composer Marcel Dupré. Vierne died while seated at the organ console of Notre-Dame as he was playing an organ recital.

After silence,  
that which comes  
nearest to expressing  
the inexpressible  
is music.  
(Aldous Huxley)

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Music, the greatest good that mortals know  
And all of heaven we have below."

— Joseph Addison

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
"Adagio from Symphonie III, Op. 28" Louis Vierne

### 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.  
People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 92)

Vince Ponder

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to God's name;

People: **It is good to declare God's steadfast love in the morning, and remember God's faithfulness in the night.**

Leader: We lift our hearts to the Lord with the music of the lute and harp, the melodies of our faith;

People: **For God has made us glad by all God's works – at the works of God's hands, we sing for joy.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #450

SLANE

"Be Thou My Vision"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Merciful God, there is much for which we seek your forgiveness. We imagine that we can live without you, even as you give us our very breath and spirit and life. We seek control over others, although you call us to live in unity and peace. We allow fears to overtake us, even though our every moment is in your hands. Draw us back into your embrace. Shape us into the likeness of your **Son. And by the power of your Holy Spirit, forgive us this day. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:  
Nero began a state-sponsored persecution of the Christian church (64 CE); Henry VIII was crowned king of England (1509); Booker T. Washington became the first African American to receive an honorary degree from Harvard University (1896); Marie Curie defended her thesis on radioactive particles and is the first woman to receive a doctorate in France (1903); Communist forces cut off all routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the Berlin Airlift (1948); Resurrection City, a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington, D.C. was closed by authorities (1968).

Gale Jones Murphy, a native of Memphis, Tennessee, is Music Director at Conway United Methodist Church in Orlando, Florida.

SUNG REFLECTION HYMN #649 (vs 1 and 3 only)

AMAZING GRACE

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.

**'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

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 #339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LIFT EVERY VOICE

SERMON

"Spiritual Music"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*Prelude in C Major*

*J. S. Bach*

*Prelude op. 28, no. 20*

*F. Chopin*

*Prelude op. 28, no. 15*

*F. Chopin*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*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. Schoenewolf

*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

"Why Do We Sing?"

Gale Jones Murphy

*Why do we sing when no one is listening? Why do we sing when nobody cares?*

*Why do we sing when we could be doing something else or pursuing the things of this world?*

*Why do we sing? Does our song make a difference? Why do we sing? Is our singing in vain?*

*Why do we sing? Is God getting the glory? Are we telling the story to lift up God's name?*

*We must sing 'cause we cannot keep silent. We must sing 'cause God gave us a song.*

*We must sing for God hath redeemed us. We must sing praises to our God.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise to God, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

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

PRAYER OF  
THANKSGIVING:

How grateful we are,  
O God, that you call us to  
serve through your Holy  
Spirit, who fills us with  
patience, generosity,  
creativity, and generous  
love. We pray that all we  
do – every word we  
speak, every song that is  
on our hearts – may be a  
small part of your faithful  
ministry plans for the  
world. Move through us  
this day in the name of  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

As some to church repair,  
not for the doctrine, but  
the music there.  
(Alexander Pope)

The hymn text for *When  
in Our Music God is  
Glorified* was written by  
Fred Pratt Green (1903-  
2000), credited with  
starting the 20th  
century's hymn  
explosion. Green was a  
British Methodist  
minister, serving  
churches from 1928-  
1969, as well as a prolific  
hymnwriter. His texts  
reflect a rejection of  
fundamentalism and  
show a strong concern  
for social justice.

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
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:	How grateful we are, O God, that you provide the strong melody for the song of our life and the firm foundation upon which we walk for all our days. We return to you a portion of what you've first given us. May it be used faithfully for your ministry both in this place and out in the world you've redeemed. In Christ's name we pray.	
People:	Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #641

ENGELBERG

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Rhapsody in Blue"

The Rev. Dr. Bush, *pianist*  
George Gershwin

*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. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Vince Ponder  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Christian and Ramsey Lewand  
Beadle: Polly McQueen  
Crucifer: Julia Lewand  
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

*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 (\$75 during July and August when we worship in the Courtyard).*

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

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

10 am.....Summer Worship. Our largest service moves to the Courtyard (weather permitting), with music from the Chancel Choir and gathering music prior to the service.

*July 1* — 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](http://www.ELPC.church).



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## Church Events and Announcements

June 24, 2018 • 5th 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 **Tony Richardson-Eckes**.

#### Climb the Tower Heights

Join Steve Evrard following today's worship service to climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower. The climb requires a bit of stamina. Comfortable shoes and pants are suggested; not recommended for small children. Please gather at the Highland Lobby entrance.

#### VCS Volunteer Training

All VCS volunteers are required to attend today's training session from 11:15 am-2 pm in the Social Hall.



#### 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).

#### First Friday @ the Garth — July 6

Enjoy an evening in the ELPC Garth (courtyard) to share fellowship and watch a movie outside around a fire pit (with 'smores!) at the *First Friday* TRAIL young adult event on July 6 at 7 pm. Contact Wil Forrest for info (Wil@coh.net).

This July, our Summer worship services will feature a sermon theme called

### THOU SHALT. THOU SHALT NOT.

Each of our pastors will be preaching on one of the Ten Commandments found in Exodus 20. They will present the commandment's admonition of what should be avoided, while also looking at what positive exhortations are included in these words of ancient wisdom. Please join us for this month-long, multi-voiced sermon series!



## 2018 SUMMER FILM SERIES

*Each year in July, the Mission Board and mission committees sponsor a film series. The themes of this year's documentaries and movies are a continuation of our on-going systemic racism series. Join us in the Social Hall following worship to view the movies, discuss the themes, and enjoy lunch together.*



### Fenceline: A Company Town Divided — July 8

*Hosted by the Justice Committee*

This film documents African-American residents in Norco, Louisiana who believe that increasing pollution is negatively impacting their health, and demand to be relocated from under the shadow of a Shell oil refinery. Thaddeus Popovich, co-founder of *Allegheny County Clean Air Now*, will lead our discussion.

### The White Man's Burden — July 15

*Hosted by the Peace Committee*

In an alternate universe, successful African-Americans live in gated communities, while impoverished Caucasians populate crime-ridden inner-city ghettos. When African-American mogul Thaddeus Thomas (Harry Belafonte) wrongly accuses Caucasian Louis Pinnock (John Travolta) of being a Peeping Tom, Pinnock loses his job and watches as his family falls apart. In a desperate attempt to repair his life, Pinnock takes Thomas hostage.

### We Wear The Mask:

### The Hidden Face of Women in Poverty — July 22

*Hosted by the Neighbors Committee*

*We Wear the Mask*, which was filmed in Pittsburgh, digs deeply into the psychology of poverty to shine a spotlight on women, an often underestimated segment of society. Tammy Thompson, the films producer and executive director of Circles of Greater Pittsburgh, will lead our discussion afterwards.

### The Canary Effect — July 29

*Hosted by the Mission Board*

This 2006 documentary looks into the effects that the U.S. and its policies have on Indigenous peoples (Native Americans). Delving deeply into the historic realities of the American Indian, this film details the genocidal practices of our government and its effects on present-day Indian country. Featuring interviews with the leading scholars and experts on Indian issues, the film brings together the past and present on film.





*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,  
Shirley Fair, Carole Forloines,  
Crystal and Sean Gilroy and their family,  
Beverly Kreger, Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,  
Lee Lewand, Nicole Molinaro's friend Joyce,  
Marti Moore, Gail Noden, David Phillips' mother Nellie,  
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy  
and Pat Valoon.

*Condolences to Alysha Carroll on her grandmother's passing.*

*Condolences to Harold Deiss on his brother's passing.*

*Condolences to Bobby Egelston on her mother's passing.*

*Condolences to the family of Garland Hawkins on his passing.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach..... *Today, 11:00 am (Highland Rm)*  
Planned Giving..... *Today, 11:00 am (Trustees Rm)*  
Spiritual Life ..... *Saturday, 10:00 am (TBD)*

### LGBTQ Ministry – July 7

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

### Commissioning Our Mission Trip Teams – July 8

Join us in worship on Sunday, July 8 as we pray for and commission our youth for their upcoming mission trips — Jr High Mission Trip Team will be serving in the Slippery Rock and New Castle communities from July 8–13; Sr High Mission Trip Team will be doing mission work in Hampden, West Virginia, from August 4–10.

### Hope Academy Offers Summer Camps

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

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

The Suzuki Institute at Winchester Thurston will offer a special program for Hope Academy violin, viola, cello, and piano students (Aug 5–10). Visit [www.ELPC.church/HopeAcademy](http://www.ELPC.church/HopeAcademy) for more info, or contact Karly Threats (KarlyT@coh.net).

### Looking for a way to put your love in action?



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

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### Allegheny SolarFest – Today!

The 4th annual Allegheny SolarFest, a 100% solar-powered event to celebrate the power of the sun, will be held today from 10 am-3 pm in Buhl Community Park (at the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh). There will be outdoor entertainment, a puppet workshop, and free museum admission. Visit [www.pittsburghkids.org/events/4093](http://www.pittsburghkids.org/events/4093) for more info.

### Pet Rock Eco Party – July 19

The East Liberty Branch of Carnegie Library will have a *Pet Rock Eco Party* on Thursday, July 19 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Decorate your own pet rock just like the 1970s with its own carrying case. Also learn about composting techniques from the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, and enjoy a sustainable cooking demonstration. All ages welcome. To register or for more info, please call 412.622.3282.

### 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](http://www.TrinityYouthConference.org).

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

*will resume on Rally Day*

*Sunday on September 9.*



Can you find  
Calvin the  
Church  
Mouse?

### Church Tours

following 10 am worship service

### Below Ground – July 8

Discover the huge boilers and see the blowers that feed air to our more than 7,000 organ pipes!

### Tower – July 22

Gain insights into the history and construction of our landmark tower, as you ascend many sets of spiral stairs to enjoy unparalleled views of East Liberty and beyond.

*Please gather in the  
Highland Lobby to join any tour.*