



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 8, 2018 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life."
— *Deuteronomy 30:19a*

"It's so clear that you have to cherish everyone.

I think that's what I get from these older black women,

that every soul is to be cherished, that every flower is to bloom."
— *Alice Walker*

"Always realize that even your strongest advocate and opponent is a part of the human family, albeit they may have small shortcomings, and even strength in them, they are part of that human family... your goal is to make sure that the sacredness of human life is always preserved."
— *The Rev. Bernice King*

GATHERING MUSIC

"Morning Has Broken" (*songbook #1*)

BUNESSAN

"O Lord, Our Lord" (*songbook #2*)

HOW MAJESTIC

"Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" (*songbook #3*)

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

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 (*from Psalm 19*)

Damon Bethea

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

People: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and redeemer.

Leader: Let us worship God in the beauty of holiness.

People: Hallelujah and Amen!

* HYMN

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (*songbook #4*)

SPIRIT

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

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor, the marginalized, people we deem different from ourselves. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another radically and unconditionally. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show in whose body we are all members and in whose name we pray. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

“Come and Fill Our Hearts” (songbook #5; sing 3x)

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:21-26

Lora Bethea

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

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.

COMMISSIONING OF TEENS AND YOUTH MISSION TRIP TEAMS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

* HYMN

“I Need You to Survive” (songbook #6)

Hezekiah Walker

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 20:13 and Genesis 1:24-31

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

Thou Shalt. Thou Shalt Not.
“Cherish Life and Commit Murder”

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

“There Is A Balm in Gilead”

arr. William Dawson

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Some times I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say “He died for all.”*

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* 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:	We rely on your promise, O God, that you will not forsake us; our pledge to you is that we will be faithful. As we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, give us a vision of what commitment can mean. Accept and bless the gifts that we bring this day, as our response to your never ending love for us. May how we walk in this world be an example that others might know and learn the ways of Christ.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (songbook #7)

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* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy



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◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Damon and Lora Bethea
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Summer Choir
David Jennings-Smith
Jon Erik Schreiber
Denise Sheffey-Powell
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Narthex after the service 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 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 with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
July 15 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

Summer Extended Session

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 10 am 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 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 an *Inquirers' Class* today after worship in the 3rd floor Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info about future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Commissioning Our Mission Trip Teams

This morning during our service, we will 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; and the Sr High Mission Trip Team will be doing mission work in Hampden, West Virginia from August 4–10.

Systemic Racism Film Series

The Mission Board and mission committees are sponsoring a film series in July. 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.

The first film, hosted by the Justice Committee, will be shown on July 8, and is titled *Fenceline: A Company Town Divided*. 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.

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Social Hall "Garage Sale"

Thanks to the renovation, there are many pieces of furniture which we no longer need or can use. In case someone might be able to use them, we are going to be having a *Social Hall "Garage Sale"* today before the 10 am worship service and also after the Systemic Racism film. These pieces will be brought to the Social Hall stage area for you to look and adopt. Everything is *free to a good home*, although there will be a place for you to leave a donation if you wish. It will be your responsibility to take the pieces you choose and transport them immediately. For questions or more info, please call Paul Martin (412.441.3800 x131).

Soul Food Adult CE Class

The Soul Food adult Christian Education class will meet today after worship in the Highland Room.



Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Summer worship* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.

Below Ground Tour

Discover the huge boilers and see the blowers that feed air to our more than 7,000 organ pipes during today's *Below Ground Tour*! Please gather at the Highland Lobby after worship to join the tour.



Hope Academy Offers Summer Camps — Starts Tomorrow!

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 for more info, or contact Karly Threats (KarlyT@coh.net).

Systemic Racism Film Series — Continues July 15

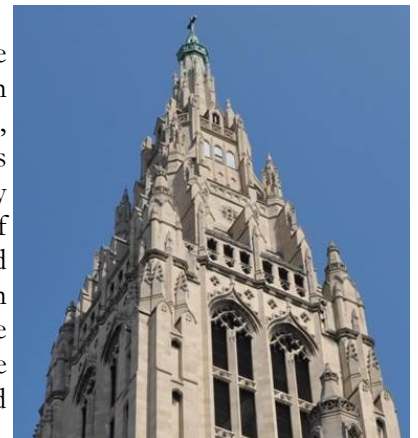
The Peace Committee will host the next viewing in the *Systemic Racism Film Series* on Sunday, July 15 after worship in the Social Hall. In *The White Man's Burden* (**no children due to profanity**), successful African-Americans live in gated communities, while impoverished Caucasians populate crime-ridden 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.

Young Adult Day at the Movies — July 15

Join other young adults and congregation members to break bread, watch the Justice Committee's movie *White Man's Burden* and engage in conversation in the Social Hall on Sunday, July 15 after the 10 am service.

Tower Tour — 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 during our *Tower Tour* on Sunday, July 22 after the 10 am service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.





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,
Doris Dick's mother Mary,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Shirley Fair,
Crystal and Sean Gilroy and their family,
Barbara Krimmel,
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine, Lee Lewand,
Nicole Molinaro's sister Janine and friend Joyce,
Marti Moore, Gail Noden,
David Phillips' mother Nellie,
Gloria Ritchey's daughter Reva and grandson Gianni,
Carol Schaefer, Jamar Thrasher's grandmother,
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy
and Pat Valoon.

Condolences to the family of Joe Heckel on his passing.

Condolences to Mary Anne Kirby on her mother'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

Deacons.....Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Garth Overlook Rm)

LGBTQ Ministry – July 28

ELPC will co-host the *Family Game Day with Black Pride Pittsburgh* on Saturday, July 28 from 1-5 pm in ELPC's Game Room. Families from all over Pittsburgh come to ELPC each year for this fun afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. All are welcome!

And all are invited to the next monthly *spiritual gathering* on Sunday, August 19 at 11:30 am. Please contact Wil Forrest for more details or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

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 (deisshl@consolidated.net) for info or to volunteer on the first Thursday of the month.

The
Chapel
Market

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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

Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers – Aug 23

In the past year, have you served as a greeter and/or usher? Sang in a choir? Served with Open Hand Ministries? Mentored or provided meals at Food 4 Thought? Helped with church yardwork? Taught at Church School? Gave your time or talent in any way?

All who have served in our church and community this year are invited to our annual *Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* on Thursday, Aug 23 from 6–7:30 pm in the Courtyard. More info will be coming later; just plan to save the date and share food and fellowship!



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:
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