



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 15, 2018 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

“No one must use the name of God to commit violence. To kill in the name of God is a grave sacrilege. To discriminate in the name of God is inhuman.”
— Pope Francis

“Yahweh is one of God’s names, and Moses was the first one he told it to. Maybe it means *I am what I am* or something along those lines, and maybe it doesn’t. At other places in the Bible he is given names like Elohim, el Shaddai, the Lord. Jesus called him mainly Abba, which is Aramaic for father. Yahweh doesn’t seem to care too much what people call him as long as the lines of communication are kept open.”

— Frederick Buechner, *Peculiar Treasures: A Biblical Who’s Who*

GATHERING MUSIC

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord” (songbook #1)

LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul” (songbook #2)

BLESS THE LORD

“Jesus, Name Above All Names” (songbook #3)

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD’S GOOD NEWS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 (Psalm 148:11-12, The Message)

David Jennings-Smith

Leader: From the ends of the earth, let all people praise God’s name.

People: **Earth’s kings and all races, leaders and important people, robust men and women in** their prime, those with gray hair and little children,

Leader: Let us praise the name of God – it’s the only Name worth praising. God’s radiance exceeds anything in earth and sky.

People: Hallelujah! Let us praise God!

* HYMN

“Earth and All Stars!” (songbook #4)

EARTH AND ALL STARS

CALL TO CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

LITANY OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: In love, God created the world and called it good. And God created us in God’s image, calling each of us Beloved Child.

All: We confess that we do not always reflect the love of God. We sin against God and our neighbor in word and in deed – by that which we have done and by that which we have left undone. We have wounded this planet, others, and even ourselves – sometimes on purpose, sometimes without even realizing it. Forgive us, gracious God.

July 15 • 8th Sunday after Pentecost

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Leader: Confident of God's mercy, we confess our sins before God in a time of silent prayer.

Time of Silent Prayer of Confession

Leader: We acknowledge in prayer the brokenness we witness in this world, and even in our own lives. We lift up the suffering around us and within us: of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit; of those without food, water, shelter, or love; of those who have been separated from their families; of those who have no voice, who are victims of injustice, or are oppressed in any way; of those with no peace.

All: We confess that we contribute to this brokenness in the world as individuals and as participants in unjust systems. We pray for healing – for ourselves and for all of your people. Bind up the brokenhearted, heal the sick, care for the needs of the vulnerable, bring justice and peace to all – for us and through us.

Leader: Confident of God's power, we lift our prayers of intercession to God in a time of silent prayer.

Time of Silent Prayer of Intercession

Leader: We acknowledge in prayer the grief we witness in the world, and experience in our own lives. We remember those who have gone before us in faith, giving thanks to God for their witness, **inspiration, hope and love ...** Confident of God's redemptive promises, we lift our prayers of gratitude and grief in this moment of silence.

Time of Silent Reflection

CHORAL RESPONSE "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Thomas Dorsey

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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!

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:16-20 The Rev. Callahan

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN The Rev. 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.

* HYMN "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (songbook #5) MIT FREUDEN ZART

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Exodus 20:7 and Ephesians 4:1-6 The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON *Thou Shalt. Thou Shalt Not.*
"The Importance of Names" The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

* HYMN "We Are One in the Spirit" (songbook #6) THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Ken Medema/Jack Schrader

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,

When the people of the Lord get down to pray.

A door's gonna swing open, and the walls come atumblin' down,

When the people of the Lord get down to pray.

You're gonna know it when the Lord stretches out his hand,

And the people of the Lord get down to pray.

There's gonna be a brand new song of victory in this land,

When the people of the Lord get down to pray.

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Callahan
Margaret Edgecombe

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

People: Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.

Leader: Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for your many gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our desire to live lives worthy of your calling. May we bear witness to your goodness in word and deed, and glorify you at all times. This we ask in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together saying: Our Father....

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

* CLOSING HYMN

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (songbook #7)

AZMON

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Margaret Edgecombe
David Jennings-Smith
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Michael Painter, *Accompanist*
ELPC Summer Choir
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

The flowers in the choir area are placed in memory of our beloved Music Associate Gabe D'Abruzzo, who died this past Monday, July 9. Our prayers are with his family and everyone who knew him and was blessed by the sharing of his talents during our worship services.

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 piano and choir.
July 22 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush 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* 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 (412.441.3800 x122; GloriaK@coh.net).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Systemic Racism Film Series

The Peace Committee will host today's viewing in the *Systemic Racism Film Series* 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. All are welcome!

Young Adult Day at the Movies

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 after today's 10 am worship service.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Summer worship* service DOD is **Matt Stuftt**.

Live-Streaming of our Service on Facebook

Our Sunday worship service is streamed live on our Facebook page each week. So even when you travel, you can worship with your ELPC family!

Soul Food Adult CE Class

The Soul Food adult Christian Education class will meet today after worship in the Highland Room to review our thoughts about *The Book of Joy*.

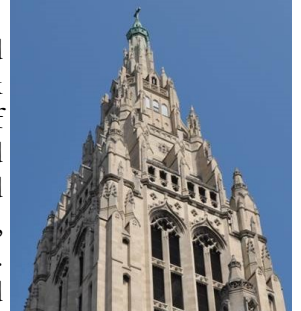


New Members and Friends Reception – July 22

ELPC's Membership & Outreach Committee is hosting a reception on Sunday, July 22 after worship for our new members and friends. Please join us in welcoming them in the Fellowship Room.

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. *Please note: This tour is not recommended for small children. Please wear comfortable shoes.*



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 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).

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!



Registration is Open for Hope Academy's Fall Term



Find out more about Hope Academy's fall term of dance, theater, and music at HopeAcademyArts.com. Download a course brochure, register online or apply for a scholarship. We've added two Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre dance classes and a new African Dance and Drumming class, in partnership with Balafon West African Dance Ensemble. Classes fill quickly and half of our spots are reserved for minority and low-income students.

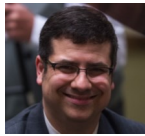


As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Tim Benedict's brother Mark,
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, Lee Lewand,
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,
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 Mary Anne Kirby on her mother's passing.

*Condolences to the family of
Gabriel D'Abruzzo on his passing.
Funeral arrangements will be
announced when they are available.*



As our church family grieves the loss of Gabe, we do not need to do it alone. Following this morning's service, you may go to the *Prayer and Meditation Room* where you might hold Gabe in silent prayer. The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan and ELPC members and therapists Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarda will be there — available to listen, to talk, to pray with you. *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)*

Committee Meeting This Week

Christian Ed..... Today, 11:00 am (2nd fl Parlor)

2018 SUMMER FILM SERIES

The themes of this year's Mission Board and mission committees' 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.

We Wear The Mask:

The Hidden Face of Women in Poverty — July 22

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 founding executive director of Circles of Greater Pittsburgh, will lead our discussion afterwards. *Host: Neighbors Comt.*

The Canary Effect — July 29

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. *Host: Mission Board.*

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



"Sanctuary" Artwork by ELPC Members

Concept Art Gallery (1031 South Braddock Ave next to the Regent Square Theater) is 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. At the conclusion of the exhibition on Aug 31, the piece *City Church City* will be installed at ELPC. Stop by Concept Art Gallery to see the comprehensive exhibition before it's over!

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.

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).

Food Donations for EECM

Please leave your non-perishable food donations for EECM in the baskets in the Narthex and South Highland Ave hallway.

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/iserve-2, or contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

Your help is needed with:
weSERVE List