



# 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)*

## AUGUST 5, 2018 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"... human beings have the undesirable distinction in nature of being the only ones running away from the reality that has been given to them. Nothing else in nature does this. ... we are the only species that spends so much time trying to be something or someone else." — Robert Wicks

"These roses under my window make no reference to former roses or to better ones; they are for what they are; they exist with God today. There is no time to them. There is simply the rose; it is perfect in every moment of its existence. Before a leaf-bud has burst, its whole life acts; in the full-blown flower there is no more; in the leafless root there is no less. Its nature is satisfied, and it satisfies nature, in all moments alike." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Finally, I am coming to the conclusion that my highest ambition is to be what I already am." — Thomas Merton

### GATHERING MUSIC

"God of the Sparrow" (songbook #1)	ROEDER
"Will You Come and Follow Me" (songbook #2)	KELVINGROVE
"Why Should I Feel Discouraged?" (songbook #3)	SPARROW

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* SHARING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, God is present in this place;  
People: And within our hearts!  
Leader: God's love is everywhere around us;  
People: And within us!  
Leader: We come to celebrate our oneness;  
People: To praise and worship God all around us and within!

### \* HYMN

"O Beauty Ever Ancient" (songbook #4)

ANCIENT BEAUTY

### CALL TO PRAYER

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Callahan

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

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### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

The Rev. Callahan

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are made one with God,  
forgiven and loved!

People: ¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

#### SUNG RESPONSE

“Spirit of the Living God” (songbook #5)

LIVING GOD

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 3:1-8

Don Breitbarth

#### MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*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

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal” (songbook #6)

YE BANKS AND BRAES

#### EPISTLE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:1-2

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:17-48, 6:5-6, 25-26 (selected verses)

The Rev. Callahan

#### SERMON

“Doing the Impossible”

The Rev. Callahan

#### 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

“Rejoice in the Lord, Always”

Henry Purcell

*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice! Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

#### \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

*The communion bread is being presented by Len and Sung Yoo.*



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— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Callahan

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Callahan

SHARING BREAD & CUP

*Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

COMMUNION HYMN

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (songbook #7)

BICENTENNIAL

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

*After receiving communion, worshipers may go to the prayer station for intercessory prayers, anointing with oil, and/or the laying on of hands.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Thank you, Beloved, for this meal, this reminder of our reality. Like this bite of bread, like this cup that we drink, let us take you in that we might become more and more aware of your presence already within us, your love wafting through us, your life breathing within us. Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN

“Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart” (songbook #8)

MORECAMBE

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Callahan



*Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.*

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
Don Breitbarth  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
Michael Painter, *Accompanist*  
ELPC Summer Choir  
Beadle: Michele Bossers  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Narthex after worship 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 are presented in honor of Carolyn Russ' significant birthday today by her husband, as we celebrate with thanksgiving another year in a wonderful marriage.

*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.  
Aug 12 — 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* 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](http://www.ELPC.church).

## 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 summer worship service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.

### Live-Streaming of our Service on Facebook

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

### Stained Glass Tour

Join tour guide Penn Hackney today for an in-depth tour of the stained glass in our Sanctuary and Chapel. Please gather in the Chapel following worship. Designed and created by eight Pittsburgh stained glass shops during the 1930s, the windows tell the history of Presbyterianism and our faith, as well as many Biblical stories, including the amazing depiction in the balcony of Revelation.



### Soul Food Adult CE Class

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



### Open Hand Ministries – Aug 7

Donate food, serve dinner, or help with both at the *Circles Dinner* on Tuesday, Aug 7 when we serve in our church neighborhood with Open Hand Ministries (OHM). Meet the OHM families that are working on goals of homeownership. Food donations needed: side dishes, salads, desserts. Contact Gina Anderson (503.956.4736; regina@wholechoice.net) for info.

### Worshipping with Rennerdale – Aug 12

On Sunday, Aug 12, ELPC will welcome Pastor Jodi Flack and members of First United Presbyterian Church of Rennerdale to worship. ELPC Deacon Sonya-Marie Morley, a rising senior at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, has served as seminary intern at Rennerdale for the past year. Located in Carnegie, Rennerdale is a 115-year-old church that's home to families with deep roots in the community. Join us for worship and see what God is doing in, through, and between these two houses of faith!

### Young Adult Ministry Event – Aug 12

The YAMs (young adult ministry) are invited to a *Mystery Outdoor Adventure* on Sunday, Aug 12. Choose between three different mystery options of how we will spend our afternoon. Please meet in the 2nd floor Parlor at 11:30 am. All you need to know is to come dressed to be outside and to bring your sense of adventure. *Bring money for lunch*. Contact Wil Forrest for more info (Wil@coh.net).

### Special Fellowship Time – Aug 12

Jon Nelson and Nancy Levine will be sponsoring our Fellowship Time next Sunday, Aug 12 after the 10 am worship service in celebration of their recent marriage. All are welcome!

### LGBTQ Ministry – Aug 19

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

### Environmental Double Feature – Aug 19

We all understand the need to reduce fossil-fuel emissions that fuel global warming and climate crisis. But what actions to take? Which steps matter the most? Our Justice Committee invites you to two ½-hour presentations on Sunday, Aug 19 following the 10 service in the Social Hall. The first is *Stewards of the Earth: How to Improve Your Home and Save Energy* (tips and strategies for homeowners and renters by Conservation Consultants, Inc); the second presentation is by *United Solar Neighbors* (how neighbors get together to enable cost-effective ways to install solar panels on their roofs). All are welcome! Refreshments will be served. For more info, please contact Lucy de Barbaro (lucyna.debarbaro@gmail.com).



CATHEDRAL  
**RUMMAGE**

SAVE THE DATE!  
**SAT, NOV 3**  
9am-2pm  
More info soon!

**SALE**





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

Tim Benedict's brother Mark,  
Bill and Lynn Buchanan's son Paul,  
Carol Chontos' father David,  
Martha DeMarzi's sister Genie,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Shirley Fair, Karen Fraser,  
Becky Gloninger's mother Dorothy,  
Jan Herzer's friend Max, Lee Lewand,  
Pam Kimmel's niece Jen, Barbara Krimmel,  
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,  
Paul Martin's wife Danielle,  
Joel and Beth Minnigh's friend Shirley,  
Nicole Molinaro's sister Janine and friend Joyce,  
Marti Moore, Gail Noden,  
Karen Overfield's husband Russ, Rhonda Perroz,  
Janet Pollard's mother and brother,  
Matt Stufft's mother Linda,  
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy and  
Bob Washburn's wife Joanne.

*Condolences to the family of Sara Weber-Striplin  
on her passing.*

*Congratulations to Leslie and Matt Lazor  
on the birth of their daughter Martha.*

### ***A Note of Thanks....***

Kate Carlson would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers while she was recovering from her recent surgery.

## **Committee Meeting This Week**

Justice .....Today, 11:15 am (Rm 227)

### **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!

### **The Great Exchange: The Great Outdoors – Aug 26**

Folks of all ages are invited to participate in *The Great Exchange* following worship on Sunday, Aug 26. Together, across the generations, we will explore fun and intriguing discussion questions centered around the topic of *nature*. We will have a simple lunch while sharing our stories with one another in the Social Hall. Come and enjoy!

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### **Open Job Interviews – Aug 8**

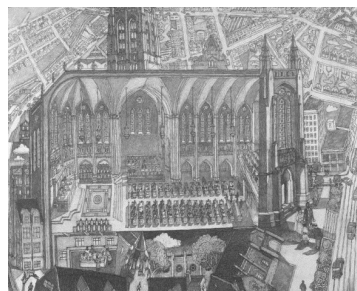
The *Milkshake Factory* will be holding open interviews on Wednesday, Aug 8 from 10 am-3 pm at ELPC, and also on Thursday, Aug 9 from 5-8 pm at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, for its new East Liberty location opening in September. For more info, please visit [www.TheMilkShakeFactory.com](http://www.TheMilkShakeFactory.com).

### **Work and Life in Palestine Discussion – Aug 15**

On Wednesday, Aug 15 from 6 to 9 pm, First Unitarian Universalist Church (605 Morewood Ave) will host Palestinian-American Sam Bahour, who will discuss the current conditions living under Israeli occupation. Mr. Bahour's independent commentaries on Palestine have been widely published, and he lives and works from Ground Zero in Palestine. This presentation is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Palestine Solidarity Committee, Friends of Sabeel North America-Pittsburgh and UUJME (Unitarian Universalists for a Just Peace in the Middle East). For more info, please contact Kate Daher ([katedaher@gmail.com](mailto:katedaher@gmail.com); 412.641.0264).

### **"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 exhibit before it's over!

### **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](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/serve-2), or contact Wil Forrest ([Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x114).

### **Needed Starting this Fall:**

*Food for Thought Mentors and Meal Team Members*