



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 12, 2018 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

"The significance of the body in Christian teaching is one of the things that keeps me wedded to my tradition. Like the other Abrahamic faiths, Christianity teaches that matter matters to God. Unlike these other faiths, it teaches that the central revelation of God comes in human form, which means that divine truth comes wrapped in flesh—not just Jesus' flesh but also the flesh of the brother, the sister, the neighbor, the stranger, and mine too."
— Barbara Brown Taylor

GATHERING MUSIC

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (songbook #1)
"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" (songbook #2)
"Gather Us In" (songbook #3)

THE SERVANT SONG
WELCOME TABLE
GATHER US IN

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

Nathaniel and Sonya-Marie Morley

Leader: Come, let us worship our God, for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Parent of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

People: We come with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

Leader: Let us join our hearts and our voices as we together sing God's praise!

* OPENING HYMN

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (songbook #4)

HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nathaniel and Sonya-Marie Morley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nathaniel and Sonya-Marie Morley

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling issued by your Son, through your Spirit. But we confess to you and before each other that we have not always answered your call. We have failed to speak the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

Aug 12 • 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Nathaniel and Sonya-Marie Morley

Leader: In spite of our sin, we have reason to hope. In Christ, God has made us a new creation. The old has been washed away. We have been reconciled to God. We have been redeemed. 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

"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil" (songbook #5)

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 16:1-6, 11-15, 31

Sonya-Marie Morley

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-16, 25-5:2

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Jodi Flack

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**

"Feed Us, Lord" (songbook #6)

FEED US

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:35, 41-51

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

"Visible Grace"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Flack

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

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Craig Courtney

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all your loving kindness, hear your people as they pray;
And your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.*

*Grant, we pray, to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
And here after in your glory evermore with you to reign.*

*Praise and honor to Creator, praise and honor to the Son;
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!*

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* 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:	Loving God, as you fed your people manna in the wilderness and came to us in Christ as the Bread of Life, use our gifts, time, and talents to meet the hungers of the world in which we live that your love and grace may be made known to all. In Christ's name we pray.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

"I Come with Joy" (songbook #7)

DOVE OF PEACE

* 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.

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Jodi Flack
Musicians: Nathaniel and Sonya-Marie Morley
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Michael Painter, *Accompanist*
ELPC Summer Choir
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Jon Nelson and Nancy Levine are sponsoring our Fellowship Time today in the Narthex after the worship service in celebration of their recent marriage. 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 a *thank you* from Gail Noden to all the members of the congregation for their prayers, thoughts and phone calls during her recent illness.

♦ 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 19 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.



*Additional seating
is available in the
first floor Garth
Overlook Room*

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

Welcome to First United Presbyterian Church of Rennerdale!

This morning ELPC welcomes Pastor Jodi Flack and members of First United Presbyterian Church of Rennerdale in Carnegie 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.

Young Adult Ministry Event

The YAMs (young adult ministry) are invited to a *Mystery Outdoor Adventure* today. 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.*

Special Fellowship Time

Jon Nelson and Nancy Levine are sponsoring our Fellowship Time today in the Narthex after the 10 am worship service in celebration of their recent marriage. All are welcome!

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

The summer worship service DOD is **The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes.**

Live-Streaming of our Service on Facebook

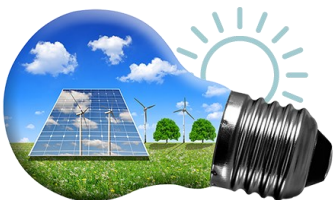
Portions of our Sunday worship service are streamed live on our Facebook page each week. So even when you travel, you can worship with your ELPC family!



Solar Power and Energy Efficiency – Aug 19

Solar United Neighbors (SUN) is a non-profit dedicated to bringing solar energy to homeowners. Join ELPC's Justice Committee to learn more about this exciting new initiative on Sunday, Aug 19 after the 10 am service in the Social Hall when SUN will present how homeowners can simplify and lower the cost of going solar through bulk purchasing solar panels. SUN will be joined by Conservation Consultants, Inc, also a non-profit, working in the area of energy efficiency and home retrofits. Learn

tips and strategies, and the best ways to improve your home. Refreshments will be served. Contact Lucy de Barbaro (lucyna.debarbaro@gmail.com) for more info.



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).

Unparalleled Views from Our Tower – Aug 19

Join tour guide Steve Evrard on Sunday, Aug 19 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 following worship.

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. 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!

Mark Your Calendars for Rally Day – Sept 9

On Rally Day Sunday, Sept 9, we will resume our regular worship schedule with Journey worship at 8:45 am, and Sanctuary worship at 11 am. We also will begin our new Church School year with classes for people of all ages at 9:45 am. For a complete listing of worship services and class offerings, please visit www.ELPC.church.

Registration is Open for Hope Academy's Fall Term

Find out more about Hope Academy's fall term of dance, theater, and music at www.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. Please contact Karly Threets for more info (KarlyT@coh.net).



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,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Shirley Fair,
Wil Forrest and his brother Loren,
Karen Fraser,
Becky Gloninger's mother Dorothy,
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 friend Joyce,
Karen Overfield's husband Russ, Rhonda Perroz,
Janet Pollard's mother, brother and son,
Matt Stufft's mother Linda,
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy and
Bob Washburn's wife Joanne.

Condolences to Martha DeMarzi on her sister's passing.

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

There are **Prayer Boxes**, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept entrances to the Sanctuary.

Extended Session Volunteer Team

Extended Session is the program that ministers to children in preschool through first grade during the second half of our weekly Sanctuary worship service. A complement to our 11 am service (at present we are in our summer worship schedule), *Extended Session* includes time for worship and time for play. Christian Education is assembling a volunteer team to assist our staff with this important ministry on a rotational basis. If you have a heart for nurturing the faith of children, please reach out to Sara Hackett for more details (SaraH@coh.net).

Please note that all adults who work with children or youth at ELPC must receive their criminal background and Act 33/34 clearances, as well as complete training in our *ELPC Child Safety Policy* and the state's mandatory reporter on-line training.

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, or contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

Needed Starting this Fall:

Food for Thought Mentors and Meal Team Members

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



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; 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!

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 (Sept 30 and/or Dec 30)! If you are interested in helping provide food and/or serve, contact Jan Herzer (412.231.3819).

Committee Meetings This Week

Neighbors..... Today, 11:15 am (2nd fl Library)
Personnel..... Tuesday, 6:00 pm (2nd fl Library)

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**Volunteers will be needed. No donations at this time.
MORE INFO WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!**