



# 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 19, 2018 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Tenderheartedness (love) is the spiritual faculty that supports the birthright of freedom and human dignity for all. It does not debase the person. Nor does it impede the growth of the personality. The loss of this quality is the basic cause of racism. Hardheartedness reduces human beings to "things" and treats women and men as "its" without the slightest twitch of conscience...Love fused with justice and undergirded with constructive coercive power is the ultimate solution to the problem of evil."

— Dr. Katie Cannon, first African American woman ordained in the United Presbyterian Church (1949-2018)

### GATHERING MUSIC

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" (songbook #1)

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"Rain Down" (songbook #2)

RAIN DOWN

"God Is Calling through the Whisper" (songbook #3)

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### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

Ray Anthony

Leader: Psalm 34 says these words: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you to honor the Lord. So depart from evil and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

People: **Yes, we desire to listen and learn. For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and God redeems the lives of God's children.**

Leader: And in John 6 can be found these words of Christ: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

People: **Yes, the wisdom of God encourages us to learn from Christ, to be fed by his body and being, and to be ever filled with the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: May these words of scripture guide our time of worship and prayer this day.

### \* OPENING HYMN

"Help Us Accept Each Other" (songbook #4)

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful children. We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of evil; we have not followed in the way of peace, nor honored all that is true and good. Though you offer us your holy wisdom, we have rejected your gracious gift. Forgive our sins against you and against those around us, O God. Lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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!**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 111

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

People: **Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of majesty and splendor is the work of the Lord, whose righteousness endures forever.

People: **Gracious and full of compassion is the Lord, whose marvelous works are to be remembered.**

Leader: The Lord gives food to the God-fearing, ever mindful of the covenant.

People: **The Lord has shown the chosen people works of power in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

Leader: The hands of the Lord work faithfulness and justice; all the commandments of the Lord are sure.

People: **They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

Leader: The Lord sent redemption to the chosen people, commanding the covenant forever; holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.

People: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; the praise of the Lord endures forever.**

**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**

“Together We Serve” (songbook #5)

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**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

II Samuel 1:17-27

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**SERMON**

“Public Grief, Private Love ”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

**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 SOLO**

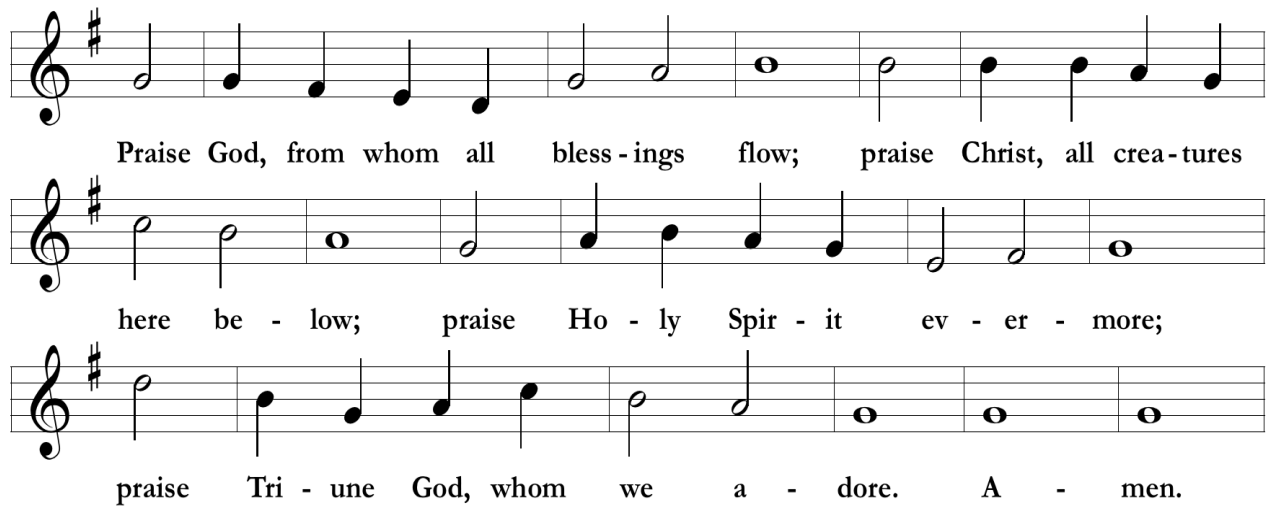
“Hear, Oh Lord, My Bitter Cry”

Antonín Dvořák

*Text: Psalm 61:1, 3, 4 and 63:1, 4-5*

**\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION**

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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: Receive, O God, these the fruits of our labor. With these gifts, also accept the offering of our lives. Unite us with Christ that we may ever share in his ministry and glorify you to the end of our days. In Christ's name we pray.

**People: Amén.**

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.**

**Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN**

“There's A Wideness in God's Mercy” (*songbook #6*)

IN BABILONE

**\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush



*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. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
Ray Anthony  
Musicians: Michael Painter, *Accompanist*  
David Jennings Smith, *Cantor/Soloist*  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Following the service, please join us in the Narthex 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 today are in honor of the wedding of George Rivers and Tracee Kirkland, held yesterday at ELPC.

♦ **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 26 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy 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 the *Inquirers' Classes* on **Sept 30 and Oct 7** to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch is provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).



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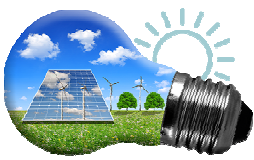
## Church Events and Announcements

August 19, 2018 • 13th Sunday after Pentecost

### TODAY AT ELPC

#### Solar Power and Energy Efficiency

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 today 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.

#### LGBTQ Ministry

All are invited to our monthly *spiritual gathering* today at 11:30 am. Please contact Wil Forrest for more details or to attend (Wil@coh.net or 412-260-2554).

#### Unparalleled Views from Our Tower

Join tour guide Steve Evrard today 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.

#### Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

The summer worship service DOD is **Sonya-Marie Morley**.

#### 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!



#### Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers – Aug 23

In the past year, have you served as a liturgist? Helped at the Thanksgiving Feast? Served with EECM? Volunteered at the Chapel Market? Helped with VCS? Served on a committee? 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!

#### Hope Academy On-Site Registration – Aug 25

Hope Academy on-site registration will be 9 am–2 pm. Many classes are filled. Please contact Karly Threets at 412-441-3800 x117 before coming in to register. A Suzuki Pre-Twinkle Strings information session for ages 4–7 will be 9–10 am. For children ages 0–3 years old with a parent/guardian, the Suzuki Early Childhood Education Baby and Toddler Music Class will be 10–11 am. If you are registering for Hope Academy's Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre or tap dance classes you are invited to come, with your child, to try on gently used ballet and tap shoes and find appropriate black leotards and pink tights. The Dancewear and Shoes Donate, Recycle and Swap will be from 10 am–12 pm. *If you'd like to donate gently used dance clothing or shoes, drop them off at the front desk of East Liberty Presbyterian Church.* There will also be a free West African Dance Trial Class for young people 10–15 from 11 am–12 pm. For more info and links to RSVP: [bit.ly/HAonsiteregEVENT1819](http://bit.ly/HAonsiteregEVENT1819)

#### 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](http://www.ELPC.church).

#### 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.





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

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,  
Lee Lewand, Barbara Krimmel,  
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,  
Paul Martin's wife Danielle,  
Polly McQueen's sister Lisa and children,  
Joel and Beth Minnigh's friend Shirley,  
Nicole Molinaro's friend Joyce,  
Marti Moore,  
Karen Overfield's husband Russ, Rhonda Perroz,  
Janet Pollard's mother, brother and son,  
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy and  
Bob Washburn's wife Joanne.

*Condolences to **Martha DeMarzi** on her sister's passing.*

*Condolences to **Tim Benedict** on the passing of his brother Mark.*

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

### Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach..... *Today, 11:15 am (Session Rm)*  
Contemporaries Steering..... *Today, 11:15 am (Harambe Rm)*  
YAYA ..... *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Highland Meeting Rm)*  
Session ..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Garth Overlook Rm)*

### Connections Dinner Groups

It's time again to form new Connections Dinner groups. What are Connection Dinners? They are small groups of 8-12 people who meet monthly or bimonthly and share a meal together. The meal can be at someone's home, a restaurant or at the church. Connections Dinners are a great way to meet new people at ELPC and make new friends. If you are interested in joining a group this fall please email Elaine Phillips at [connectelpc@gmail.com](mailto:connectelpc@gmail.com). Deadline for registration is October 1.

#### 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/iserive-2](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-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*

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### "Sanctuary" Artwork by ELPC Members Talk – Aug 23

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*. This Thursday, Aug 23 at 6 pm Doug and Stefani will be giving a short talk at Concept Gallery on their exhibit *Sanctuary*. 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!

### "Fresh Start" Hair Blitz Back to School Drive – Aug 25

Alpha Iota Alpha Christian Sorority, Inc. in partnership with Bloomfield Garfield Corporation is offering students K-12 "Fresh" hair styles, cuts and manicures at no cost to prepare them for the 2018-2019 school year. Each child will leave with a special gift to keep them "Fresh" for the school year. Please join them on Saturday, Aug 25 from 11 am-3 pm at the Bloomfield Garfield Community Center, 113 N. Pacific Ave. Registration is required. Please email [alphaiotaalphasorority@gmail.com](mailto:alphaiotaalphasorority@gmail.com) or 412-626-2266.

### 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).

### Food Donations for EECM

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



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