



# 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)*

## MAY 26, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS SUNDAY

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy was commissioned to compose a set of voluntaries by the English publishers Coventry and Hollier. Mendelssohn composed several voluntaries and then decided to extend and organize them into a set of six sonatas. The use of the term *sonata* does not refer to the classical sonata form, but rather as it had been used by Bach, as a suite of varying pieces. Mendelssohn's six sonatas, his opus 65, were published in 1845.

"We are called to care for creation not only as responsible citizens, but as followers of Christ ... We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather one complex crisis that is both social and environmental."  
Pope Francis

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"The old Lakota was wise. He knew that [our] heart away from nature becomes hard; he knew that lack of respect for growing, living things soon leads to lack of respect for humans, too."  
— *Chief Luther Standing Bear*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

"Grave—Adagio—Allegro maestoso e vivace"

*Please use this time to fill out the red Friendship pads and for quiet worship preparation.*

### 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

Michele Bossers

Leader: Young and old, and everyone in between, we picture a world where all live in harmony with each other with God's wonderful creation.

People: **As friends and acquaintances gathered here, we look forward to a time when Christ's love guides all that we say and do.**

Leader: Through our worship in song and prayer, we renew our commitment this day to respect all God-given gifts and use them for the good of the poor and vulnerable of this earth.

People: **May our time together seal us within the covenant of God's grace—as partners in the ongoing work of planting sowing, and harvesting that which leads to abundant life and lasting peace for all.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #714

ITALIAN HYMN

"God of the Fertile Fields"

### INTRODUCTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS THEMES

Carol Chonoska

### EARTH CARE TESTIMONY 1

Stefani Danes

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"We look at the daunting [reality] of the climate crisis and think, "This is too much." But every action is changing our world, moment by moment. Awakening to that means not asking whether you can contribute, but how."  
Julia Butterfly Hill

Temperatures in Pennsylvania have increased more than 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit in the past 110 years. Pittsburgh is also experiencing, on average, nearly six more days per year above 90 degrees Fahrenheit than in 1970.

"You carry Mother Earth within you. She is not outside of you. Mother Earth is not just your environment. In this insight of inter-being, it is possible to have real communication with the Earth, which is one of the highest forms of prayer."  
Thich Nhat Hanh

The American Lung Association ranked Allegheny County at number 7 out of 227 areas studied for most year-round particle pollution. Their study also ranked us 10<sup>th</sup> for worst short-term particle pollution nationwide. Plus, Pittsburgh moved from 37<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> on the ranking of the worst metropolitan regions for ozone pollution.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Almighty Creator, by your word sprung forth life, filling the land, sea and sky with many kinds of living beings. We rejoice in the richness of your creation, and we pray for your wisdom as we seek to manage, not destroy, what you have made. Control our covetous spirits and wasteful habits. Remind us of the joy found in simplicity by being good stewards of your bounty. Forgive our violent ways, whether done to one another or to your world. Let us always be guided by your grace and work in harmony with your Spirit, O God our Maker and Redeemer. In Christ's name. Amen.

## TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
**¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!**

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 19

David Jennings-Smith

## EARTH CARE TESTIMONY 2

Michele & Henk Bossers

## MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

*Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children. Those who have completed first grade or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.*

## \* HYMN #22

"God of the Sparrow"

ROEDER

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Job 12:7-10, 13

## SERMON

"Asking for Advice"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*"If the world is to be healed through human efforts, I am convinced it will be by ordinary people whose love for this earth and this life is even greater than their fear."*  
— Joanna R. Macy

## EARTH CARE TESTIMONY 3

Fred Kraybill

## OFFERING INVITATION

Fred Kraybill

*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.

The text of *Grant Us Thy Peace* is based on a 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> century Latin hymn. Martin Luther paraphrased the text in German (*Verleih uns Frieden*) in 1524.

"The care of the earth is our most ancient and most worthy and, after all, our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it, and to foster its renewal, is our only legitimate hope."  
Wendell Berry

Louis Vierne (1870-1937), the famed blind organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, composed six symphonies for organ. He dedicated the third symphony to fellow organist and composer Marcel Dupré. Vierne died while seated at the organ console of Notre-Dame as he was playing an organ recital.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

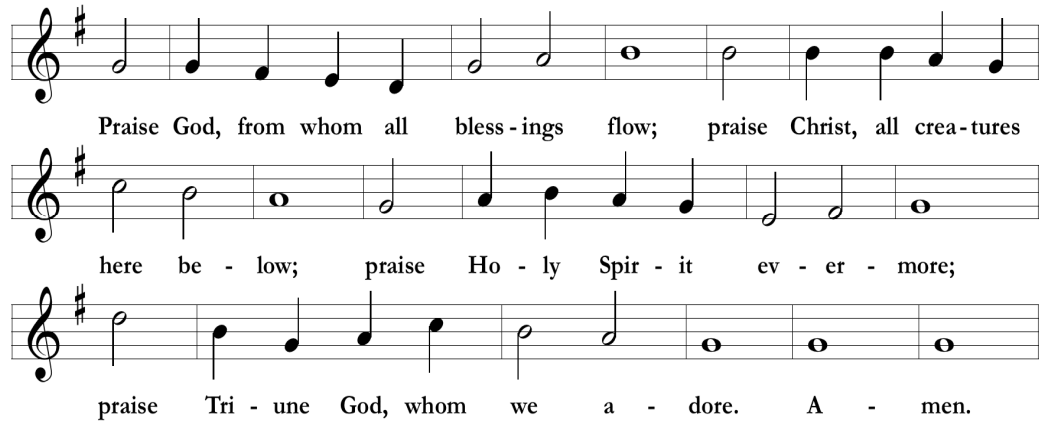
"Grant Us Thy Peace"

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy  
Text: Martin Luther

*Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord  
O Source of every blessing!  
We cannot keep Thy saving Word  
Unless Thy peace possessing.  
Thy peace O give  
By which we live*

## \* 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. Dr. Bush  
The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader:	El Señor esté con ustedes.	The Lord be with you.
<b>People:</b>	<b>Y también contigo.</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Leader:	Levantemos nuestros corazones.	Lift up your hearts.
<b>People:</b>	<b>Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.</b>	<b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b>
Leader:	Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>People:</b>	<b>Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.</b>	<b>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</b>
Leader:	Creative, mothering God, receive the offerings that we present to you this day. May they be used to care for all creatures, great and small, and ensure that this world is left in a state that all future generations may enjoy — a creation that reflects the grace and love revealed by our risen Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. <b>Amen.</b>	

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #625 "How Great Thou Art"

HOW GREAT THOU ART

## \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## \* POSTLUDE

"Final from Symphonie III, Op. 28"

Louis Vierne



*Our worship concludes with the postlude. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until the postlude has concluded.*

*As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church). This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video. Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.*

#### ♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgyists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Michele Bossers  
Rev. Henk Bossers  
Carol Chonoska  
Stefani Danes  
David Jennings-Smith  
Fred Kraybill  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Youth  
Beadle: Liz Hopkins  
Crucifer: Youth  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our *Fellowship Time*. All are welcome.

#### ♦ 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.*

#### ♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....**Journey.** An interactive, energetic service for those seeking an fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
*June 2* — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.  
11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
*June 2* — Youth Sunday

#### Extended Session

After the *Moments with our Children* during the 11 am Sanctuary service, a children's ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served. In an effort to best know and care for your child, we ask that all families fill out a green Extended Session NAMETAG that your child wears to Extended Session every week.

\* *Young Children's Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3)* — First Floor Nursery. Every Sunday.

\* *Pre-school age children (through grade 1)* — Room 110B.

#### ♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

##### Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 38-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 9 am to 1 pm

Wednesdays, 9 am to 8 pm

##### Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

##### Prayer Room *(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 also:*

Stay after today's service for a special reception in the Social Hall. 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* on **Sunday, June 16** to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (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

#### Earth Care Challenge

Join the Environmental Team following the 11 am worship service today in the Garth Overlook. They will be available to accept Earth Care Pledges from those still wanting to commit to a personal action(s) to help save the planet. Consider what you can change or take on as new in the area of transportation, energy, food, yard and garden, home and education and advocacy. The Team will also have a table of robust resource information. For example: do you want to know more about composting, how do I start to participate in environmental activism and advocacy, or switching to renewable energy?

#### Café Justo Coffee for Sale

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during today's *Fellowship Time*. For just \$10/pound, your purchase will support this fair trade cooperative and help provide a sustainable income for Mexican coffee farmers. Check or cash only please.

#### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

*People are talking.* All are invited to the monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today at 12:30 pm when we will continue our discussion of the themes in chapters 7-8 of Matthew Vine's *God and the Gay Christian*. We will focus on what the Kingdom of God is and who will inherit it. Previous reading or attendance is not required to engage the conversation. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks are welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118) for details or to attend.

*God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.*

#### Underground Tour

Join ELPC member Tim VanFleet as we descend into the bowels of the Cathedral and explore some of our church's least seen areas. Wander through the "catacombs" and see the organ bellows, furnace, and more. Gather at the South Highland Ave entrance following 11 am worship. Allow 30–45 minutes for the tour and wear comfortable shoes.

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

The *Journey* and *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Elaine Phillips**.



#### Church Opening Hours

Beginning June 1, the regular daily hours that the doors to the church will be open are Mondays through Fridays from 8 am to 9 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 7 am–7 pm. You can expect to find a friendly, helpful person to greet you as you enter or call during these hours. The building hours will extend for specific previously-scheduled events.

#### YAM Day Retreat – June 1

ELPC's Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will have a *Day Retreat* at Raccoon State Park on Saturday, June 1 from 8 am–6 pm. Kickoff the summer by spending the day at Raccoon Creek State Park to enjoy hiking, swimming, kayaking/canoeing, cooking out and fellowship together. We will leave ELPC at 8 am, spend the day at the park, leave by 4 pm and stop for dinner on the way back to the church. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided; please plan to pay for dinner. Please RSVP by May 29 to Kelli Booher (kellib@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

#### Celebrating the Gifts of Our Youth – June 2

On Sunday, June 2, our Senior High youth will lead us during Sanctuary worship. This special service is a tradition at ELPC as we celebrate the gifts of our youth, while praising God for the work of the Holy Spirit upon and through them. Our graduating seniors will share their faith stories, and receive a blessing as they prepare for the next steps on their journeys.

#### Wear Red on Pentecost – June 9

Pentecost is an annual church event that marks the end of the Easter season and the birth of the early Christian church. On this special day, we remember how the Holy Spirit inspired the first disciples. Join us in worship on Sunday, June 9 and wear red as a symbol of the fire that touched women and men that day, as we re-commit ourselves to sharing the good news of Christ.

#### THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR VCS

Vacation Church School will take place Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28 from 9 am–3pm. Guided by our theme, *Who*

*is My Neighbor? Learning to Love like Jesus*, children ages 4 through grade 5 will explore God's call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

#### DON'T WAIT, REGISTER TODAY

Registration forms for campers and volunteers are available at [tiny.cc/vcs2019](http://tiny.cc/vcs2019).

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Youth in grades 6–12 and adults of all ages are needed to serve as volunteers. We need folks who can serve all week and even those who can spare a few hours. There is a mandatory training session for all volunteers on Sunday, June 23 at 11 am.







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

Joseph Adjaye, Henk Bossers,  
Kate Carlson's brother Henry,  
Carla Depperman's friend Dorothy,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Liz Hopkins' mother Margery, Morris Jordan,  
Lee Lewand, Clay and Kathy McQueen,  
Nicole Molinaro & Alex Karaczun's friend Patty,  
Ashley Parker, ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,  
Heather Schoenewolf's friend Tony and uncle Jim,  
Tim Sergi's sister Kimberly, Cami Teacoach,  
Pat Valoon and Anthony White.

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## No Committee Meetings This Week

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### ELPC PrideFest Participation — June

We need our Allies, not just those of us who identify as LGBTQ. There are 4 ways you can participate in PrideFest as a representative of our church.

- ♦ Serve as a booth host at our joint booth (with 7 other PC congregations) **on June 8 or 9**. Use this link to sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aaaaf28a4fc1-pittsburgh>
- ♦ March in the Delta Pride March **June 9**. Look for Tony Richardson on the Boulevard of the Allies, starts at 12:30.
- ♦ March in the People's Pride March **June 9**. Look for Antwone Wright at Freedom Corner, meet at 10 am
- ♦ Serve as a booth host at our ELPC table in West Park for People's Pride **June 9** - 10 am-8 pm. Contact Brittney Krieger ([brittney.blaine.hope@gmail.com](mailto:brittney.blaine.hope@gmail.com)) to sign up. *We especially need representatives for People's Pride.*

Please look for maps of the March routes, booth locations and further information on the counter by the information sign near the Highland entrance. You may also contact Carol Chonoska ([carolchonoska@gmail.com](mailto:carolchonoska@gmail.com)) 724-272-9722. More details are available on our website and in the June Reaching Out. There will be a commissioning of all Pride participants on June 2 at both morning services.

### Summer Worship Schedule — Begins June 16

On Sunday, June 16, we will transition to our summer schedule with one Sunday worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

### Chapel Market Needs Donations and Volunteers

Donations of spring and summer clothing, and toiletry items are being requested by ELPC's Chapel Market. Please leave donations in the indicated receptacle at the South Highland Ave entrance. Volunteers are also needed to serve in the Chapel Market on Mondays from 10 am–12 pm. Please contact Linda and Harold Deiss to volunteer ([DeissHL@consolidated.net](mailto:DeissHL@consolidated.net); 724.443.1826).

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### OHM Explores the Racial Wealth Gap — May 29

Open Hand Ministry (OHM) is hosting a *Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation*, an interactive experience that will help people understand the connections between racial equity, poverty and wealth, as well as the impact of existing policies on the racial wealth divide. Join OHM on Wednesday, May 29 from 6-8 pm at Shadyside Presbyterian Church (5121 Westminster Pl, 15232). Dinner provided. RSVP: [office@openhandpittsburgh.org](mailto:office@openhandpittsburgh.org).

### “Art in the Garden” Summer Program — June to August

*Art in the Garden* is an outdoor summer program for youth ages 4 to 11 held in urban gardens with hands-on projects in the arts and ecology. Free breakfasts and lunches are provided to campers by *Earthen Vessels Outreach*. For more info or to register, please call 412.592.5711, or email [artinthegardenpgh@gmail.com](mailto:artinthegardenpgh@gmail.com).

### RCC Pride Concert — June 1 and 2

Renaissance City Choir presents their 2019 Pride concert *A Celebration of our Community of Singers* in the ELPC Courtyard on Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 at 4 pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$10 for students). To purchase tickets, visit [www.rccpittsburgh.com](http://www.rccpittsburgh.com).

### Join the OHM Circles Community

OHM is currently accepting applications for both leaders and allies for *Cohort 6*. If you are working to improve your financial wellness and reach personal goals, OHM invites you to be a leader in their Circles community. Walk alongside your neighbors to support them as they accomplish these goals. Contact Tamika Barrett, OHM family development coordinator, (412.376.3064; [TBarrett@openhandpittsburgh.org](mailto:TBarrett@openhandpittsburgh.org)).

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

June 2 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm)** — “Reviewing Our Past Year and Fellowship” led by Carolyn Russ

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** — Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12–21; John 17:20–26 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** — “Care of the Earth” led by Lucy de Barbaro, an ELPC Environmental Team member

**Soul Food (3rd fl Music Rm)** — A discussion on selections from *Spiritual Ecology—The Cry of the Earth* led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Steve Evrard, and Shirley Fair

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

**Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor** — Find rooms, teachers and curriculum at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)