



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)

JUNE 16, 2019 — 10 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TRINITY SUNDAY

BLESSING FOR THE DAY:
May the grace of Christ
Jesus grant you peace;
may the Holy Spirit
guide you into all truth;
and may the love of God
fill your heart so that you
may find hope in every
circumstance of this life
and give glory to God.
Amen.

The author of the
Trinitarian hymn *Come,
Thou Almighty King* is
unknown, but the hymn
has been popular since
the 18th century. It uses
a range of biblical
metaphors, describing
God as helper, Ancient
of Days, Comforter,
Spirit of Holiness, and
eternal One in Three.

The doctrine of the
Trinity arose as a
reaction against various
early church heresies, a
response to a few
scripture references, and
an attempt to capture
the unified action of God
made known through
works of creation,
redemption, and ongoing
sanctification. In art, the
Trinity is represented by
images of God in
heaven above the
crucified Christ with a
descending Dove (Spirit)
between them.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“[When considering the Trinity], each of the three persons shares fully in all activities of the others, e.g., in creation, redemption, and sanctification. St. Augustine’s favorite analogy for the Triune God was one self-consciousness with three distinctions of intellect, will, and the bond between them.”
— *Handbook of Theological Terms*

“To examine [the doctrine of Trinity] closely is rashness; to believe it is piety; to know it is life eternal.”
— *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Jimmy Cunningham, *viola*

“French Dances: La Matelotte and Le Basque” Marin Marais

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

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

Rick Frederick, Todd Goss

Leader: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,
People: We behold in the splendor of creation your majesty and our responsibility.
Leader: We behold in the face of Jesus Christ your divinity and our humanity.
People: We behold in the Spirit of truth your glory and our calling.
Leader: Blessed are you, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Let us worship our Triune God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2

ITALIAN HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

God of justice and love, have mercy upon us as we make our prayers of confession. We call you God of creation, yet we serve idols of our own making. We confess Christ as the Savior, yet we rely on our own resources for security. We claim the indwelling Spirit, yet we are guided by our own counsel. Forgive our distractions, deceptions, and double-mindedness, and through Christ make us whole at last. Hear now our silent prayers.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

June 16 • Trinity Sunday

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While the first hymn today used several male language/metaphors for God, the hymn text for *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* comes from the medieval mystic Julian of Norwich. It too uses several metaphors for God, including birthing Creator, source of food, life, and love, patient Spirit, harvest-yielding Soil.

The text of *I Bind Unto Myself Today* is set to two different tunes, ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE and DEIRDRE. The first is named for an Irish saint, Patrick, a fifth century missionary and bishop in Ireland. The second is named for a heroine in Irish legend, Deirdre. The tune DEIRDRE is only heard in the fifth verse of the hymn, sung a cappella by the choir.

Marin Marais (1656-1728) was a French Baroque composer and viol player. He studied composition with Jean-Baptiste Lully.

Jimmy Cunningham is a sophomore at the University of Michigan School of Music, majoring in viola performance.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #7

NORWICH

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
Grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
So that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 5:1-5

Annabel Degenholtz
Xander Yates

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION CO-WORKERS

Malawi: Eddie Willson, Annabel Degenholtz, Xander Yates
S. Africa: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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.

ANTHEM

"I Bind Unto Myself Today" Stanford/Vaughan Williams
Text: 5th Century attributed to St. Patrick

The text can be found in the Glory to God hymnal #6.

The congregation is invited to sing the final verse with the choir when directed.

I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three,
Of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 16:12-15

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Stepping into a Joyful Mystery"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Callahan

The Lord's Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Callahan

The Pentecost Offering will be received this morning. 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

"French Dances: Rondeau and La Provençale"

Marin Marais

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

Joan of Arc was exonerated of heresy (1456); a newly elected Abraham Lincoln declared "A house divided against itself cannot stand" (1858); James Joyce's "Bloomsday" is celebrated (1904); Congress accepted FDR's "New Deal" (1935); and the first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union (1963).

Wir Glauben All an Einen Gott is one of the Lutheran catechism chorales found in Bach's monumental *Clavierübung III*, published in 1739. It is based on a hymn setting of the creed by Martin Luther. A driving ostinato line in the feet undergirds the three-voice fugal texture in the hands.

* 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:	We come bearing our gifts, O merciful God. They are but a portion of earth's treasure you abundantly give us. With them we also commit our time and energy to be Christ's faithful servants and ambassadors of hope in the world. Bless what we bring and all that we are to your glory. In Christ's name we pray.	
People:	Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #31

MONKLAND

"Let Us With a Gladsome Mind"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach

"Wir Glauben All an Einen Gott, BWV 680"
(We All Believe in One True God)

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. 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
Liturgists: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Annabel Degenholtz
Rick Frederick, Todd Goss
Xander Yates
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Jimmy Cunningham, *Viola*
Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: Michele Bossers
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 to attend.

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x118).

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Hubert H. Stone, presented by his son, Dr. Ron Stone.

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

Our summer worship schedule has begun. Journey Prayer will resume on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 8 at 8:45 am.

10 am.....Sanctuary Summer Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
June 23 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 10 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.

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 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 9 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 our Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Room. 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* today in the 3rd floor Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please see Pastor Randy Bush immediately after the service if you'd like to attend today's class.

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



TODAY AT ELPC

Become a Member of our Faith Family

Attend an Inquirers' Class today in the 3rd floor Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. See Pastor Randy immediately after the worship service if you'd like to attend. A new members and friends reception will be held after worship on Sunday, June 23.

Summer Worship Schedule Begins

This morning we transition to our summer schedule with one Sunday worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary. Our plan is to remain inside through the month of July, moving to the courtyard on Aug 4.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services. Today's *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Antwone Wright**.



Summer Choir

During the summer months, our Chancel Choir continues to sing for Sunday services, but does not rehearse on Thursday evenings. This is a great time to join in singing with the choir if you are unable to attend midweek rehearsals. Beginning today, the choir will meet at 9 am to rehearse for that morning's service at 10 am, plus rehearse the anthem for the following Sunday. If you are interested in joining the summer choir, please contact Dr. Ed Moore (EdM@coh.net).

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL COMING SOON

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.

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.**



Writing Workshop — June 17 and 24

Emily Mohn-Slate and Jane McCafferty will facilitate a writing workshop that will focus on how we can use writing to find resilience, faith, and gratitude in our life experiences on Mondays, June 17 and 24 at ELPC from 6:30-8 pm in the Highland Room. No experience is necessary, and the workshop is free.

YAM Event: Tuesdays in the Park — June 18

This summer (one Tuesday a month), we will meet in lesser known Pittsburgh parks to picnic, explore the park and explore our faith in fellowship. You've ridden or driven past it many of times, but have you ever spent time there? Pack your dinner, bring a chair/blanket and let's explore Frank Curto Park (Bigelow Blvd) on Tuesday, June 18. Arrive at any time. If you need a ride, please contact Kelli Booher (kellib@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114) by Monday.

Café Justo Coffee for Sale — June 23

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during *Fellowship Time* on Sunday, June 23. 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.

Juneteenth Parade and Black Music

Celebration — June 29

Pittsburgh's *Juneteenth Celebration*, an annual celebration of the end of slavery in American and black music, will be held June 28-30. ELPC will participate in the parade on Saturday, June 29. The parade line up is at 10 am at Freedom Corner (Crawford St and Centre Ave); the parade begins at 11 am. Let's gather with other ELPC friends to march behind the ELPC banner to Point State Park, where the festivities will continue. YAMs will have a setup in the park with blankets, chairs, and water to spend the afternoon celebrating *Juneteenth*! Contact Kelli Booher for more info (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).



LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — June 30

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, June 30 at 11:30 am when we will conclude our discussion of the themes in Matthew Vine's *God and the Gay Christian*. Previous reading or attendance is not required. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. Please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118) for info or to attend.



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

Joseph Adjaye,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Jan Herzer, Liz Hopkins' mother Margery, Morris Jordan,
Jean Kennedy, Lee Lewand, Ashley Parker,
ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,
Heather Schoenewolf's friend Tony and uncle Jim,
Tim Sergi's sister Kimberly, Pat Valoon, and
for those who are in our criminal justice system and
living with behavioral or mental health concerns.

*Condolences to **Linda and Tim Benedict**
on her mother's passing.*

*Condolences to **Kathleen Kyle** on her mother's passing.*

NO Committee Meetings This Week

Tour ELPC — June 30

On Sunday, June 30, tour our landmark tower following the 10 am Sanctuary worship service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.



Chapel Market Needs Donations and Volunteers

Donations of 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; 724.443.1826).

Calling All Graduates

We acknowledge that many people from within our faith family have graduated or will be graduating from high school, college, trade school, graduate school, etc. We would like to celebrate these achievements by honoring our graduates in the August issue of *Reaching Out*. To be included, submit name, degree, and school attended to Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net) by Monday, July 1.



**Stream Our Sanctuary
Worship Service**
www.tiny.cc/elpc-stream

on Facebook—and tune in! Past services also are available at www.ELPC.church.

Did you know ELPC livestreams its Sanctuary worship service each Sunday? If you find yourself unable to attend worship or are enjoying a summer vacation, we hope you will join our faith family in spirit. Subscribe to us on YouTube or follow us

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Dr. Ed Moore in Recital — June 20

ELPC organist Dr. Edward Alan Moore will be performing at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair on Thursday, June 20 at 5 pm.

Medical Supplies Needed for Synod of Blantyre

More than 1.5 million people in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe were affected by a devastating cyclone in March. The delegation of travelers from the Pittsburgh Presbytery who are scheduled to journey to Malawi in July would like to help by obtaining some specific medical supplies, which are more affordable if purchased in bulk. The team plans to purchase the multivitamins and parasite medicines specifically requested to help prevent the spread of illness. Monetary donations are requested to cover the costs of purchasing these items. Please contact Eddie Willson for more info (willson.eddie@gmail.com; 646.856.1023) or The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy (PatriceFS@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x130).



Two New Labyrinths at ELPC

In conjunction with our Bicentennial Celebration, we have been blessed with two new labyrinths. Constructed of poly-vinyl canvas, these new models are washable and lighter. One of these will now be our largest — a 38-foot, 4.5-inch Chartres-style labyrinth with teal lines on a white background. It will be available in the Social Hall on Wednesdays. The other will be our smallest — 21 feet, 9 inches in the St Paul a la Chartres-style with rainbow colors on white. It will be available in the Gym on Monday mornings, and in the Chancel on other occasions.

Come experience these new additions to our Labyrinth Ministry!

