



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 23, 2019 — 10 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:
Dear God, today I will be
tempted to wander away
from you. By your Spirit,
guide me in the ways
you want me to go. I
may become
discouraged by my own
limitations or by
interactions I have with
others. Direct my
thoughts and words and
actions so that they
reflect your love, not
only for me, but also for
those around me.
Remind me today and
every day that, in Jesus
Christ, I belong to you.
That will be enough.
Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Compassionate God, your Christ wept for the people because of the hardness of their hearts. Warm our hearts with your love, so that we might care deeply for the people of our nation and world. Transform our caring into bread for the hungry, healing for the sick, and hope for those who hunger and thirst after justice, to the glory of your name. Amen."

— Ruth Duck

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

"Andante with Variations in D"

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

David Carl

Leader: When forces in the world threaten to overwhelm us, there is One who comes to our aid.

People: **When our bodies or spirits turn against us, there is One who meets and heals us.**

Leader: God, you are the one whose love washes over us;

People: **Christ, you are the one who sets us free for abundant life.**

Leader: There is no reason to fear the cures, hope, and peace God offers us.
Let us step forward by faith and together worship the Lord.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #793

"O Christ, the Healer"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Merciful and gracious God, too often we walk in ways that are not good. We only trust what keeps us comfortable. We ignore your image when glimpsed in neighbors and strangers alike. Yet do not turn away from us, O God. Lead us out of the tombs we inhabit; calm our troubled spirits. Guide us into your light so we may ever walk in your ways. Hear now our heartfelt prayers.

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

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The text of the hymn "I Need thee Every Hour" was written by Annie Hawks in 1872. The music was composed by her pastor Robert Lowry, a Baptist minister also known for hymns such as "Shall We Gather At the River."

"The quality of life is determined by its activities."
— Aristotle

"Boast not of what thou would'st have done, but do what then thou would'st."
— John Milton

"Activity may lead to evil; but inactivity cannot be led to good."
— Hannah More

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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 #735 (vs. 1, 2)

NEED

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

**I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior — I come to thee!**

**I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;
Temptations lose their power when thou are nigh.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior — I come to thee!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:26-33

David Carl

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Members: Sam Arnold, Sheryl Austin, Adam and Alli Clevenger, Joshua DiLuzio, Bridget Ferris, John Ormsbee, Mark Statler, and Nathaniel Stephens

Friend: John Benedict

* HYMN #181

EBENEZER

"Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:34-39

The Rev. Dr. Bush

VIDEO CLIP

"Awakenings"

SERMON

"Healing the Crowds"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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. Schoenewolf

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 verses to *Jesus Loves Me* were written by Anna Bartlett Warner (1827-1915). William Bradbury (1816-1868) set the words to music in 1862 and added the refrain "Yes, Jesus loves ..."

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY: Christopher Sholes received a patent for an invention he called the Type-Writer (1868); aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on the first round-the-world flight in a single-engine plane (1931); African American Olympic athlete Wilma Rudolph is born (1940); President Richard Nixon had a conversation with chief of staff Haldeman about obstructing the FBI's Watergate investigation; a recording of this sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974 (1972).

OFFERTORY

"Jesus Loves Me"

William Bradbury
Arr. Doris Nelson

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

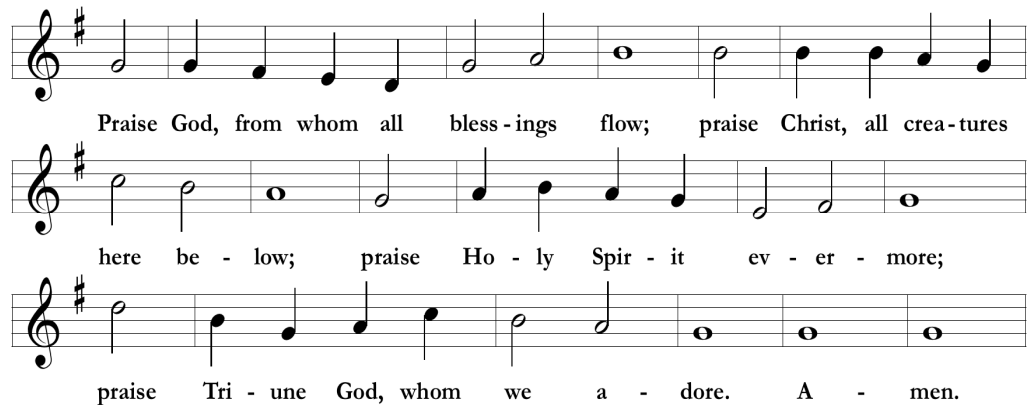
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me, all the way.
If I love Him when I die, He will take me home on high.

* 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

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: With these gifts, O God, we remember with thanksgiving the life that
we have because of you. Make us grateful every day for the privilege
of offering ourselves for the well-being of all your world.

People: **Amen.**

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.**

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #837

SHOWALTER

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

"Allegro Moderato Maestoso"

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. Heather Schoenewolf
David Carl
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: JoEllen Aleshire
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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph E. Heckel, Jr. given by his family.

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 30 — The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan 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, 8 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.

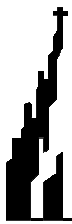
To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

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* for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more information on future classes (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

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



TODAY AT ELPC

Café Justo Coffee for Sale

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during *Fellowship Time* today. 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.

VCS Volunteer Training

All VCS volunteers are required to attend today's training session from 11:15 am-2 pm in the Social Hall.



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. 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).

Writing Workshop — June 24

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

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 — June 30

People are talking. All are invited to the 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. **God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.**

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.

iSERVE Leadership Change

In addition to her current role with youth and youth adult ministries, this month Kelli Booher begins serving on an interim basis leading ELPC's volunteer ministry. Please contact her to get involved!

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 8.

Summer Film Festival — July 14

You are invited to join us after worship on July 14 for the first film in the Mission Board Committee's 2019 Summer Film Festival *Won't You Be My Neighbor*. This documentary paints a portrait of the philosophy and work of cardigan-wearing children's entertainer Fred Rogers, star of the popular show *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. A former minister, Mister Rogers creatively communicated themes of empathy and acceptance, race relations, kindness, and tolerance using a colorful cast of puppets and friends for more than 30 years. Along with archival footage, Rogers' contemporaries and cast-mates reflect on his legacy. *Sponsored by the Neighbors Committee*





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 correctional employees and their families.

*Condolences to **Tim Sergi** on his mother's passing.*

*Condolences to **Herma Stewart** on her mother's passing.*

*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

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).



ELPC Updates in Your Inbox

Would you like to have updates on ELPC news, events, and worship services delivered to your inbox every Friday morning?

Sign up to receive our weekly e-flash by visiting www.ELPC.church and entering your email address in the sign-up box at the bottom of the homepage.



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

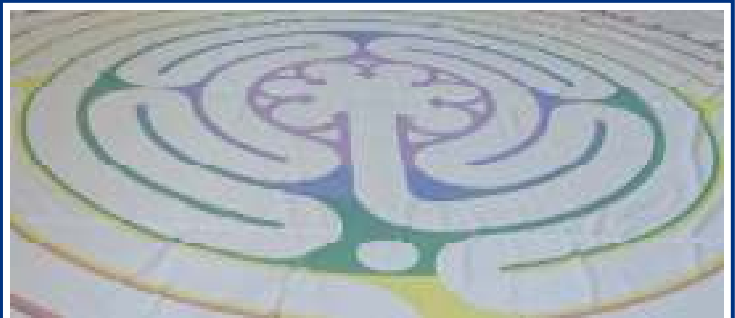


Trinity Youth Conference – July 21-27

Trinity Youth Conference is a regional Presbyterian leadership conference for youth who have completed grade 9 through college-age students at Living Waters Camp in Schellsburg, PA. The week will be full of faith formation, intentional Christian community, play, worship, and thoughtfulness. More info about cost, workshops, registration and schedule can be found online at TrinityYouthConference.org.

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).



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!

