



# 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)*

## JULY 7, 2019 — 10 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

American organist and composer Gordon Young (1919-1998) was for many years the organist at First Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Michigan.

After silence,  
that which comes  
nearest to expressing  
the inexpressible  
is music.  
(Aldous Huxley)

### TIME OF PREPARATION

**"A person with ubuntu is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished, when others are tortured or oppressed."** — Desmond Tutu

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
Gordon Young

#### "Prelude in Classic Style"

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.*

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

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 (*Colossians 1*)

Damon and Lora Bethea

Leader: We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints.

People: We have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth; the gospel has come to us.

Leader: We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled **with the knowledge of God's will,**

People: So that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord as we bear fruit in every good work.

Leader: Let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #401 "Here In This Place"

GATHER US IN

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### 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!

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

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## July 7 • 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON      Luke 10:1-11      Damon and Lora Bethea

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS      The Rev. Schoenewolf

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN      The Rev. Schoenewolf

*Children of any age are welcome to come forward 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 #405      “Praise God for This Holy Ground”      HEYMONYSTRAAT

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Galatians 3:23-29      The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON      “Lessons from the Mother Land”      The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Romans 8*)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are **called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor** life, nor angels, nor rulers, no things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      “The Storm Is Passing Over”      Charles Albert Tindley  
arr. Barbara Baker

*Have courage, my soul, and let us journey on. Though the night is dark and I am far from home. Thanks be to God, the morning light appears. The storm is passing over, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! The storm is passing over, Hallelu.*

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION      OLD HUNDREDTH  
*The communion bread is presented by Henk and Michele Bossers.*



Charles Albert Tindley (1851-1933) was a Methodist minister and composer whose father was a slave but mother was free. Tindley was pastor of Tindley Temple United Methodist Church in Southwest Center City Philadelphia. Dr. Barbara Wesley Baker arranged Tindley's hymn *The Storm Is Passing Over* for SATB choir and piano. An active composer, conductor, and clinician, she was for many years choral director at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Maryland.

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

There are really only two ways, it seems to me, in which we can think about our existence here on Earth. We either agree with Macbeth that life is **nothing more than a 'tale told by an idiot,'** a purposeless emergence of life-forms including clever, greedy, selfish, and unfortunate species that we call homo sapiens – the **'evolutionary goof.'** Or we believe that, as Pierre Teilhard de Chardin put it, **'There is something afoot in the universe, something that looks like gestation and birth.'** In other words, **a plan, a purpose to it all.**" (Jane Goodall, "Reason for Hope: A Spiritual Journey." New York: Warner Books, 1999:xi-xii)

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704) composed six settings of the *Te Deum Laudamus* (We praise thee, O God). It is believed that this setting was composed to celebrate a French military victory in 1862.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy, The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

*Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers, pulling a piece of bread from the loaf, dipping it into the chalice, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

*After receiving communion, worshipers may go to one of the prayer stations for intercessory prayers, anointing with oil, and/or the laying on of hands.*

COMMUNION HYMN #507

TABLE OF GRACE

"Come to the Table of Grace"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Merciful and gracious God, we give thanks that you have invited us to this Table. We give you thanks that you have received us as members of the body of Christ and have affirmed us as a community of faith. Lead us to live as faithful and dedicated disciples in service to all the world; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #761

BEECHER

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, organ

"Prélude" (from the *Te Deum*)

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

*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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Damon and Lora Bethea  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Youth  
Beadle: Matt Stuftt  
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 given to the glory of God and in memory of Bob and Doris Riethmiller by the Egelston Family.

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

*Our 10 am service will move to the Courtyard during the month of August.*

10 am.....Sanctuary Summer Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
*July 14* — 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, 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* 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 for future classes ([GloriaK@coh.net](mailto: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

### 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 **Linda Harrington**.



### 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, Fred 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*. The remaining films in this series are:



- August 4 — *Urban Roots*
- August 18 — *BlacKkKlansman*

### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — July 14

You are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, July 14 at 11:30 am when we will begin with lunch and then the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan will guide us for an experience on the new rainbow labyrinth. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118) for more details or to attend. *God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.*

### YAM Event: Tuesdays in the Park — July 16

This summer (one Tuesday a month) the Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is visiting lesser-known Pittsburgh parks to enjoy a picnic, explore nature, and expand our faith in fellowship through scripture and dialogue. On July 16, we'll visit West End-Elliott Overlook Park (Marlow St, 15205) from 5:30-7 pm. Pack your dinner, bring a chair/blanket, and let's explore! If you need a ride, contact Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

### 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).

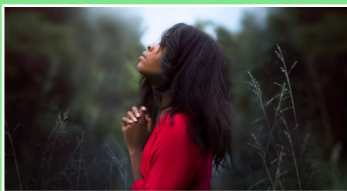
### Chapel Market Needs Donations and Volunteers

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 8.

Nurture your Spirit  
this Summer



*While many of our regular activities go on vacation during the summer months, the Spiritual Life Committee would like to remind you that we can always find time for prayer.*

Stop by the **Prayer and Meditation Room** any time the building is open to enjoy a quiet space to color a mandala, gaze at an icon, or to just be still.

A **labyrinth** is available for prayerful walking every Monday, 8 am–1 pm, and Wednesday, 8 am–9 pm, in the Courtyard (weather permitting).

Looking for something more active? Join us for **Cathedral Yoga** on Wednesdays, 6 pm, and then stay for our **Taizé prayer service** at 7 pm.

*In the midst of your busy summer, take the time to tend to your spirit!*





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

Craig Cannon, Chuck Carson's partner Jake,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Jan Herzer, Liz Hopkins' mother Margery, Morris Jordan,  
Jean Kennedy, Lee Lewand, Ashley Parker, Henry Petrilli,  
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 Dinah Adjaye on her husband Joe's passing.*

*Condolences to Mary Lou and Buzz Hutchison  
on her mother's passing.*

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

*Condolences to Tom Sturgill on his father's passing.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Personnel..... Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Session Rm)  
Finance ..... Wednesday, 5:00 pm (Highland Rm)  
Mission Board ..... Thursday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)

### Congratulations, Sonya-Marie

Sonya-Marie Morley was awarded her Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry through the Metro-Urban Institute (MUI) at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS). Sonya-Marie has completed her internship at the United Presbyterian Church of Rennerdale and will be providing pulpit supply this summer at First United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights while Pastor David Carver is on sabbatical. Sonya-Marie will graduate from PTS with her Master of Divinity in May 2020.

## • CHURCH TOURS •

### July 14

Join us for an architectural tour of our beautiful, Gothic Sanctuary and Romanesque Chapel to learn these architectural styles, as well as the history and symbolism of these unique spaces.

### July 28

Climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower, and gain insights into its history and construction. The climb requires a bit of stamina; comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children.

All tours are held  
after the 10am  
Sunday service.  
Gather in the  
Highland Lobby.

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 [www.TrinityYouthConference.org](http://www.TrinityYouthConference.org).

### Federal Public Comments about HUD Proposal – Due July 9

Immigrant families face separation constantly. This time the Department of Housing and Urban Development has a new proposal that would evict mixed-status families from subsidized housing, requiring everyone except senior citizens to prove citizenship. Over 100,000 families would face eviction if this rule is put in place.

Join Casa San Jose and others in standing against family separation and another attack on immigrants and poor people by taking part in the federal public comment period to oppose this rule change. Public comment periods are an incredibly effective way to influence federal policy. You can submit your comment online at [www.allianceforhousingjustice.org/hud-mixed-status-proposal](http://www.allianceforhousingjustice.org/hud-mixed-status-proposal). The deadline for comments is July 9.

### Youth Ministry Events

- **July 7–12: Middle School Mission Trip**  
Youth in grades 6–8 will be traveling to Crestfield Camp for Mission Possible.
- **July 21–27: Trinity Youth Conference**  
Youth (grade 9 completed) and college-age students are invited to this Presbyterian leadership conference.
- **Aug 4–9: High School Mission Trip**  
Youth in grades 9–12 will be serving around Pittsburgh this summer.



**Stream Our Sanctuary  
Worship Service**  
[www.tiny.cc/elpc-stream](http://www.tiny.cc/elpc-stream)

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 on Facebook—and tune in! Past services also are available at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).