



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 21, 2019 — 10 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

David Johnson
(1922-1987) served on
the faculties of St. Olaf
College, Syracuse
University, and Arizona
State University.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Today, O Lord, we have
listened again to your
words. We have been
empowered by your
teachings. What should
we do with all this life
that you have provided?
We will go out into the
world to serve, smile,
and love; to work, play,
and forgive; to shout and
sing...doing everything
in your name. That will
be sufficient, so long as
your grace is with us.
Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"It was only when I lay there on rotting prison straw that I sensed within myself the first stirring of the good. Gradually it was disclosed to me that the line separating good and evil passes, not through states, not between classes, not between political parties either, but right through every human heart and through all human hearts."

— Alexander Solzhenitsyn

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Prelude in C"

"Adagio in A"

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

David Johnson

César Franck

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 (from Psalm 57)

Barbara Griffin, Kira Mukogosi

Leader: Be merciful to us, O God, be merciful, for we have taken refuge in you;

People: In the shadow of your wings will we take refuge until the time of trouble has gone by.

Leader: I will call upon you, O Most High God, the God who maintains my cause.

People: You will send deliverance from heaven; O God, you send forth your love and your faithfulness.

Leader: My heart is firmly fixed upon you; I will sing and make a song of praise to your name;

People: For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #703

ST. CATHERINE

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"



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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
The prominent American feminist, Anne Hutchinson, was born in England before migrating to the new colonies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island (1591); Pope Clement XIV dissolved the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) only to have them restored in 1814, and now the Catholic church is represented by a Jesuit in Pope Francis (1773); the *National Association of Colored Women* was founded (1896); author Ernest Hemingway was born (1899); and the **Scopes "Monkey Trial"** ended in Dayton, TN siding against the teaching of evolution as scientific fact (1925).

BAPTISM PRAYER:
O God, you give us grace through sacramental signs, which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power. In baptism we use your gift of water, which you have made a rich symbol of the grace you give us in this sacrament. Look now with love upon your church, and unseal for her the fountain of baptism. By the power of the Spirit, give to the water of this font the grace of your Son. For you created humans in your likeness: cleanse us from sin in a new birth of innocence by water and the Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Barbara Griffin, Kira Mukogosi

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Griffin, Kira Mukogosi

Sometimes, O God, we get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to take time to stop and breathe, to look up and notice the creation you have given, and the wonder of diverse life around us. We do not take time to listen for your words while reading the bible, listening to music, interacting with people around us; and we become upset about so many things. Forgive us when we forget to focus on what matters – to focus on you and your loving mercy. Heal our worried minds and wounded souls.

May we ever offer to you the best of who we are. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Barbara Griffin, Kira Mukogosi

Leader: In Christ we are reconciled with God. This frees us to live in peace and serve God and our neighbor with grateful hearts. Friends, let us 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 #834

PRECIOUS LORD

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 1:1-14

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

2 Samuel 12:1-10

Barbara Griffin, Kira Mukogosi

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Presentation of Youth:

Rachael Brianne Ammon, daughter of Russell B. and Heather L. Ammon

Profession of Faith

Act of Baptizing

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Heather Lawrence

Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children. Those who have completed kindergarten 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 #340

"This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:7-20

The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes
Chaplain, Allegheny Health Network

SERMON

The Rev. Richardson-Eckes

"My Morals Are Beyond Reproach"

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Moses George Hogan (1957-2003) was born in New Orleans and studied at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Juilliard School of Music. His arrangements, over seventy in number, of spirituals are performed regularly by choirs around the world.

You are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. (Ephesians 2:19-22)

David Hegarty is an organist/composer based in the San Francisco Bay Area.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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. 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

"We Shall Walk Through the Valley In Peace"

arr. Moses Hogan

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

For Jesus himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there.

We will meet our loved ones there.

For Jesus...

There will be no trials there.

There will be no trials there.

For Jesus...

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Aura S. Jirau Arroyo

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: God, we give today in thankfulness, assured that what we contribute is given for the continuing growth of your kingdom in the world. May this offering be used to share your word and serve your people. In the name of Christ, the One who gave us everything. 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.

* HYMN #182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

KINGSFOLD

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Richardson-Eckes

POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

David Hegarty

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. Tony Richardson-Eckes
Chaplain, Allegheny Health Network
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo
Barbara Griffin
Heather Lawrence
Kira Mukogosi
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

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

♦ 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

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 28 — 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).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at 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 **Trish Bubben**.



Tower Tour — July 28

Climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower, and gain insights into its history and construction during a *Tower Tour* on Sunday, July 28 after worship. The climb requires a bit of stamina; comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children. Please gather in the Highland Lobby. Additional tours will be held on:

- ✦ Sunday, Aug 11 — *Stained Glass*
- ✦ Sunday, Aug 25 — *Tower Tour*

Café Justo Coffee for Sale — July 28

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during our *Fellowship Time* on July 28. 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.

Mission Opportunities with OHM — Aug 3 and 6

Open Hand Ministries (OHM), a mission of ELPC, promotes social justice in the East End by building a diverse community focused on financial wellness, equity creation and homeownership. ELPC supports OHM's two main programs, family development (OHM Circles) and house rehab four times a year with volunteer opportunities. Please join us for one or both of these opportunities to serve, and for fun and fellowship! Sign up after the Sunday service or contact Frank Bauerle (817.705.6856, frbauerle@yahoo.com) or Henry Petrilli (HLP615@gmail.com).

- ✦ Saturday, Aug 3 — *House rehab*
No special skills needed. All invited! Please contact Emily Rosenthal to help with the house rehab (EJR116@gmail.com, 412.963.0139).
- ✦ Tuesday, Aug 6 — *ELPC hosts the OHM Circles dinner*
Donations of side dishes and dinner servers are needed.

Sunday Worship Moves to the Courtyard — Aug 4

Our 10 am Sunday worship service will move to the Courtyard for the month of August. There will be seating in the Courtyard and Garth Overlook Room, with monitors to project the service for those watching inside.

Summer Film Festival — Aug 4 and 18

Join the Mission Board Committees on these Sundays after worship for their Summer Film Festival:

✦ Aug 4 — *Urban Roots*

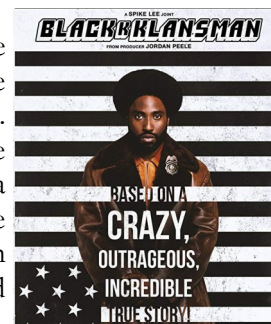
Once an industrial powerhouse of a lost American era, Detroit has been devastated by the loss of half its population due to the collapse of manufacturing. But now, in the empty lots, in the old factory yards, and in-between the sagging blocks of housing, seeds of change are taking root. Dedicated citizens have started an urban environmental movement with the potential to transform not just a city after its collapse, but also a country after the end of its industrial age. *Urban Roots* shows Detroiters working to fulfill their vision for locally-grown, sustainably farmed food in a city where people—as in much of the county—have found themselves cut off from real food.



Sponsored by the Justice Committee (94 minutes)

✦ Aug 18 — *BlackKlansman*

From visionary filmmaker Spike Lee comes the incredible true story of an American hero. African-American detective Ron Stallworth sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan with the aid of a more seasoned colleague, Flip Zimmerman. Together, they team up to take down the extremist hate group as the organization aims to sanitize its violent rhetoric to appeal to the mainstream.



Sponsored by the Peace Committee (134 minutes)

Youth Ministry High School Mission Trip — Aug 4 to 9

Youth in grades 9–12 will be serving around Pittsburgh this summer for the *High School Mission Trip* from Aug 4-9. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

LGBTQ Ministry — Aug 17

You are invited to the next gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Saturday, Aug 17 at 11 am for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800, wil@coh.net). *God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.*



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

Craig Cannon,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Liz Hopkins' mother Margery,
Morris Jordan, Lee Lewand, Gail Mallory,
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 in the criminal justice system who are homeless.

*Condolences to David and Heather Schoenewolf
on his father's passing.*

Committee Meetings This Week

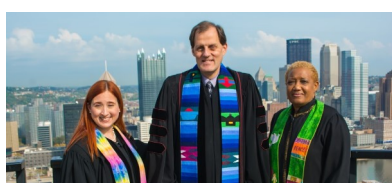
Justice..... Today, 11:30 am (Rm 211)
Peace..... Thursday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)
Environmental Team..... Friday, 1:15 pm (Highland Rm)

Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers – Aug 22

As a faithful ELPC servant, you are invited to the *Annual Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* on Thursday, August 22 from 6-7:30 pm in the Garth (Social Hall if raining). Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, fixings and drinks will be provided. Please plan to bring either a side dish or dessert to serve about 8 people. If you want your container back, please label it with your last name. No need to bring serving utensils or to RSVP. Just come and attend a relaxing evening of fellowship, food and appreciation! Let us serve you in thanks and gratitude!

Hope Academy's Fall Term – Begins Sept 21

The Fall term of Hope Academy classes begins Sept 21. Visit www.HopeAcademyArts.com to register, apply for scholarships, RSVP for information sessions, or schedule an audition. Hope Academy violin, viola, and cello students will perform with Black Violin at the Byham Theater on Thursday, Sept 26 at 7 pm.



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

YouTube or follow us 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

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Memorial Service – July 24

East Liberty Family Health Care Center's Medical Director, Dr. David Hall's father, Harold G. Hall passed away. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at Eastminster Presbyterian Church (250 N Highland Ave) on Wednesday, July 24 from 8-9:30 am. There is no need to RSVP.

Celebration of Humanity Nominations – Due Aug 1

The *Celebration of Humanity* honors local individuals who demonstrate Northside Common Ministries' mission to answer the Biblical call *to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and receive the stranger*, and the prophet's call *to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God*. Individuals are encouraged to nominate themselves or others by Aug 1. Winners will be notified by Aug 15, and honored at a *Celebration of Caring* event on Thursday, Sept 19 from 6–8:30 pm at Alloy 26 (located in the former Allegheny Center Mall, Northside). Nomination forms, tickets for the event and more info are available at www.ncm.org, or contact Jay Poliziani, Director of Northside Common Ministries (jay.poliziani@ncmin.org, 412.323.1163).

Youth and Young Adult Events

For more info on the following events, or to RSVP, please contact Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

✦ Outdoor Labyrinth — Friday, Aug 2, 7 pm

You may have walked the labyrinth at ELPC before but let's explore some outdoor ones in Pittsburgh! Afterward, we will go out for dessert, so bring money if you would like to join us for that as well. Please RSVP by July 31.

✦ Tuesdays in the Park — Tuesday, Aug 20, 5:30–7 pm Contact Kelli for park location.

✦ Drive-In Movie Time — Friday, Aug 30, 6:30 pm

Let's take a trip back in time and experience the movies outdoors at Dependable Drive-In Theater (549 Moon Clinton Rd, Moon). We will meet at ELPC and leave at 6:30 pm. Bring money for the concession stands or snacks of your own! We will decide which movie to watch as we get closer to the date. Please RSVP so we can plan on how many spaces/chairs we need, and if you need a ride.

