



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)

OCTOBER 13, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FULL INCLUSION SUNDAY

Georg Böhm (1661-1733) was a German Baroque organist and composer who was influential on Johann Sebastian Bach. The melody line (right hand) in this setting of the German chorale *Vater unser* was elaborated (ornamented) by Johann Gottfried Walther, **Bach's cousin.**

Inclusion is not a matter of political correctness. It is the key to growth. (Jesse Jackson)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Generous God: A day of worship, a day of rest, a day in community, a day to be blessed. A day for offering, a day for welcoming, a day of remembering, a day of reckoning. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Exclusion is always dangerous. Inclusion is the only safety if we are to have a peaceful world." — Pearl S. Buck

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Vater unser im Himmelreich (Lord's Prayer)" Georg Böhm

"I Love Thee, My Lord" George Shearing

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

Mike Hellman

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.

People: How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Leader: Come and see what God has done — bringing us out of slavery into freedom, moving us from fearfulness to joy, welcoming us stranger and friend alike.

People: God has done great deeds — rejoicing in our diversity, compelling us to work for justice, healing our wounded spirits and troubled hearts.

Leader: Siblings in Christ, no wall or divide, no prejudice or bias, can keep us apart. As we are one in the Spirit, let us gather to worship God today!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #401

"Gather Us In"

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for things we lack. We blame others; sometimes we blame you. We doubt your compassion, even your power, especially when we see the persistence of prejudice around us. Forgive us, we pray. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful **lives, with you and with one another. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

The cornerstone was laid for the executive mansion in Washington, D.C. – a building burnt by the British in 1814 and, when rebuilt in 1818, was painted white to cover the marks of the fire (1792); Italy declared war on Germany, its former Axis partner (1943); and the Copiapó mining accident in Chile came to a happy end as all 33 miners survive a record 69 days underground (2010).

Let us not act out of fear and misunderstanding, but out of the values of inclusion, diversity, and regard for all that make our country great.
(Loretta Lynch, U.S. Attorney General, 2015-2017)

Composer Frank Ticheli (b. 1958) lives in Los Angeles and is a professor of composition at the University of Southern California. Ticheli also composed *Earth Song* for concert band. We welcome the Renaissance City Choir back to worship this morning and their new artistic director, S.C. Toe, who joined RCC this summer and also serves as Music Director at Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park.

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #408

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

**There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord.**

There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive,
Till you know him in his fullness and believe;

**You’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”** (*refrain*)

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 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-9 The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes

LITANY FOR FULL INCLUSION SUNDAY

Carol Chonoska

Leader: We will work for the civil and human rights of all people, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender, and non-binary people.

People: For civil rights are not special rights.

Leader: We will seek to stop jokes and unkind language about anyone, including gays, lesbians, bisexual, transgender and non-binary people, when spoken in our presence.

People: For words hurt and bigotry is never funny.

Leader: We will speak out against any slander, debasement, lies or dehumanization of others, including when spoken by political or religious leaders.

People: For violent speech leads to violent behavior.

Leader: We will work to stop physical violence against anyone, especially as expressions of sexism, heterosexism, and homophobia.

People: For violence against any person is violence against all people.

Leader: We are called to be a people of faith, justice, courage, and love.

People: **By God’s grace, may we live into this sacred calling. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Renaissance City Choir, Chancel Choir

“Earth Song”

Frank Ticheli

Sing, Be, Live, See.

This dark stormy hour, the wind, it stirs. The scorched earth cries out in vain:

O war and power, you blind and blur, the torn heart cries out in pain.

But music and singing have been my refuge, and music and singing shall be my light.

A light of song shining strong: Alleluia!

Through darkness, pain, and strife, I’ll Sing, Be, Live, See...

Peace.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Gendered pronouns are those that show gender: he, she, him, her, himself, herself. Others, like “one” and “they” are gender-neutral. Some individuals present their gender identity and expression ambiguously and are more comfortable with nongender specific pronouns. It is always acceptable to ask how someone wishes to be referred.

George Shearing (1919-2011), the famed blind jazz pianist, recorded himself improvising several of his favorite hymns at the piano. These recordings were then transcribed from tape to paper and, with the help of organist Dale Wood, arranged and published for the organ.

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739) was a Venetian composer and teacher. *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* describes his music as “characterized by imagination and a fine technique and includes both counterpoint and progressive, gallant features.”

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.

* HYMN #769

“For Everyone Born”

FOR EVERYONE BORN

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Good News from Unexpected Places”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Patrice 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 ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”

Dr. Moore, organ
George Shearing

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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:	Small and humble, in comparison to the bounty of your blessings, are these offerings brought before you. Yet like the mustard seed of old, take our portion and plant it in the fertile soil of justice, love and mercy, so that a rich harvest may come forth to your eternal glory. In Christ’s name we pray.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #726 (vs. 1, 4 and 5 only)

KELVINGROVE

“Will You Come And Follow Me”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, organ

“Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”

Benedetto Marcello

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
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Carol Chonoska
Mike Hellman
The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Renaissance City Choir
S.C. Toe, *Artistic Director*
Acolytes: Annabel Degenholtz
Griffin Schreiber
Beadle: Antwone Wright
Crucifer: Could be you*
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!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Henrietta and Marie Held and Emma King Held.

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.

Oct 20 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.

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**Interested in joining the team of adults and youth who help lead worship in this way? Contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).*

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 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 1st floor 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 see contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122) for more info on future classes.

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Full Inclusion Sunday

Today we celebrate *Full Inclusion Sunday*, lifting up our unity and uniqueness in Christ and celebrating all of God's people. Welcome to our service members of The Renaissance City Choir, western Pennsylvania's only LGBTQA choral group.

Get Your Own ELPC Shirt Today

Want to spread the message of God's love for all people while wearing a colorful shirt that welcomes people to ELPC? Before and after both worship services today, the rainbow tie-dyed ELPC shirts will be sold for just \$10. Get yours and wear it to spread the love!

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. Check or cash only.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today at Noon as we share food, fellowship and celebrate *National Coming Out Day*. All welcome! Contact Wil Forrest to attend (Wil@coh.net).

Forum on Sudan and South Sudan

You are invited to join the Peace Committee, the International Partnership of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, and Crossroads Presbyterian Church for the *7th Annual Forum on Sudan and South Sudan* today at 1:30 pm in the Music Room, which will honor Congressman Mike Doyle, Esther Sprague, and the Enough Project. A light lunch will be provided.

DG2!

Doing Good Together!—a partnership between ELPC and Rodef Shalom—is a monthly interfaith service group for youth in grades 4–12. After today's 11 am service, we will meet in the Harambe Room and go to Rodef Shalom for lunch, fun, and a variety of service projects until 3:30 pm. Please see Sara Hackett immediately after the service if you'd like to attend. A permission slip is required.

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 *Journey* service DOD is **Elaine Phillips**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Linda Harrington**.

Cathedral Concert Volunteers Needed

Help us show hospitality to our *Cathedral Concerts* guests by distributing programs and taking the collection at each concert. Please contact Kelli Booher if you are interested (KelliB@coh.net).

Volunteers / Video Interns Needed

Volunteers / video interns are needed to help stream our Sunday worship service each week. If you are interested in being trained to do this, please contact Tim Benedict (tim@tbenedict.com) or Wayne Gaines (wayneg75@msn.com) for more info.

Confirmation Class Overnight – Oct 19 to 20

The Confirmation Class will have an overnight retreat at ELPC from Saturday, Oct 19 at 3 pm to Sunday, Oct 20 after the Journey worship service as we explore the question *Who is God?* RSVP to Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

Heretics, Doubters, & Other Saints – Oct 20

What do/don't we believe/think/know about the Bible? If you have questions or doubts join us in the 2nd fl Parlor on Sunday, Oct 20 from Noon-2:30 pm as we talk about the book often referred to as "the Word of God." Nearly all of the "big" church controversies come down to a difference in the way that people understand the Bible: literally, symbolically, spiritually, and even as history. So, what do you think? All ideas and questions are welcome! Lunch will be served.

Racial Wealth Gap Simulation – Oct 20

The next event in the *Facing Systemic Racism* series will be a *Racial Wealth Gap Simulation*, an interactive event presented by our mission partner, Open Hand Ministries. Please join us on Sunday, Oct 20 from 12:30-2 pm as we learn more about the connection between poverty, wealth, racial equity and federal policy. Who has opportunity gains? Who has lost opportunities? Using federal policies that created and perpetuated systemic inequity, this simulation shows policy impact on education, income, hunger and property ownership. Childcare is available: RSVP to Pastor Patrice (412.441.3800 x140). A light lunch will be served.





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

Carol Bonner,
David Carl's friend's son Morgan and
family friend Richard,
Katie Haas-Conrad's friend's mother,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,
Patrice Fowler-Searcy's mother,
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine, Lee Lewand,
Julianne McAdoo, Tom Menk,
Heather Schoenewolf's aunt Mary Lou,
uncle Jim and friend Tony,
Pat Valoon, Pam Walaski's friend Carol, and
Michelle Yamada.

*Our condolences to **Tim and Linda Benedict** on
their friend's passing.*

*Our condolences to **Liz Hopkins** on her mother's passing.*

*Our condolences to **Robert Polk** on his wife's passing.*

Committee Meetings This Week

*The church will be closed tomorrow in observance of Indigenous
People's Day, and will re-open at 8am on Tuesday.*

Youth Worker Search Today, 12:00 pm (Highland Rm)
Session Tuesday, 7:00 pm (McKelvy Rm)

Tower Tour – Oct 20

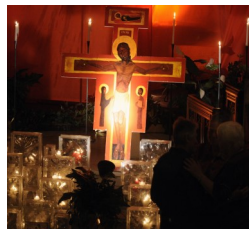
On Sunday, Oct 20, join Bob Starzinski to climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower, and gain insights into its history and construction. The tour begins following worship; please gather in the Highland Lobby.

Environmental Justice Sunday – Oct 27

Join the Justice Committee's Environmental Team on Sunday, Oct 27 after the 11 am service for a summary and celebration of the *Earth Care Challenge*. Everyone who pledged is encouraged to come and share what you accomplished (small or large) and your experience. A basket of sustainable household articles will be raffled off. All are welcome, even if you have not yet made a pledge to reduce your energy or meat consumption, or plastic usage. It's not too late to join the effort to avoid climate crisis. Lunch will be served.

Taizé All Saints Procession – Oct 30

Join us for a special Taizé service on Wednesday, Oct 30 at 7 pm for a contemplative procession through the Sanctuary and Trinity Chapel (crypt) as we remember those who have gone before us. Don't miss this touching prayer experience of our unity and eternity in God.



*The Chapel Market is in need of fall/winter clothing,
toiletry items and diapers (sizes 5/6). Please leave
donations at the Highland Ave lobby entrance.*

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Duquesne University History Forum – Oct 16

On Wednesday, Oct 16 at 7 pm, Duquesne University will present *The Race to the Moon: New Perspectives for the 50th Anniversary*, featuring Dr. Bill Barry, Chief Historian at NASA. Hear the popular narrative challenged! A reception follows this free presentation in the University's Charles E. Dougherty Ballroom, Power Center. For more info, please visit www.duq.edu/historyforum.

Community Baby Shower – Oct 17

Senator Lindsey Williams will host a free *Community Baby Shower* on Thursday, Oct 17 from 5:30-7:30 pm at The Kingsley Association (6435 Frankstown Ave, 15206). This event will provide resources for expecting parents, new parents, grandparents, foster parents, and guardians. Admission is free, but space is limited. Register at www.senatorlindseywilliams.com/events/baby-shower, or call 412.364.0469.

Crestfield Camp Scrabble Tournament Fundraiser – Oct 24

Join us on Thursday, Oct 24 from 6-9 pm at Honest John's Bar and Restaurant (Homestead) for a fun night of delicious food and a Scrabble competition at 7 pm to benefit Crestfield Camp and Conference Center. For more info, visit Crestfield's Facebook page, or contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Science and Theology – Nov 3

In anticipation of the production of *The De Chardin Project* performance on Saturday, Nov 23 at 7:30 pm in the Chapel, we will watch *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: The Wings of Spirit* on Sunday, Nov 3 from Noon-3 pm, and review the fascinating life and theology of this 20th century visionary.

No Knitting Classes – Nov 4 and 11

Please note there will be no evening knitting classes on Nov 4 and 11.

– SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES –

Oct 20 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – “Telling Our Stories Through Art: Stained Glass” led by Penn Hackney

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Jeremiah 31:27–34; Psalm 119: 97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Luke 18:1–8 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “Unaccompanied Children Program at the Holy Family Institute” led by Yamuna Morgenstern

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A discussion of *Inspired—Loving the Bible Again, War Stories*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Suzanne Wolfe, Michele Bossers and Samantha Lowery

YAM (Good Samaritan Rm) – “Back to (Church) School” by joining the Soul Food Sunday School Class