



# Full Inclusion Sunday

June 20, 2021  
10am Sanctuary Worship



**East Liberty**  
Presbyterian Church

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# 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)*

## FULL INCLUSION SUNDAY JUNE 20, 2021 — 10 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Prelude on “Rhosymedre”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

### 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 (from Psalm 133)

Paige McKenzie and Melia Chandler

Leader: How good and how pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: **It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard and collar.**

Leader: Loving God, you have poured into our hearts the precious oil of your Spirit. Make of us one heart and one will, that we may be united in bonds of love.

People: **Be with us this day as we come together to worship through word and sacrament. May all we do be a sacrifice of praise to you, through Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

### \* HYMN #463 (vs. 1, 3, 5)

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!

What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;

For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity with all. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. We are quick to blame others, when the storms of life can only be navigated when we work together. Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us once more into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!**

**¡Alabado sea Dios!**

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Praise God!**

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**FATHER'S DAY VIDEO**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 4:35-41

Paige McKenzie and Melia Chandler

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**LITANY ON FULL INCLUSION**

Wil Forrest

**VIDEO FOR FULL INCLUSION**

Kelli Booher

**TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

Kathryn Ophardt

\* **HYMN #486** (*vs. 1, 3*)

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

KINGDOM

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Presentation of Child:* Lily Maria Sue Curtice (*daughter of Stephanie Curtice and Michael VanStipdonk*)

*Profession of Faith*

*Act of Baptizing*

\* **HYMN #8**

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,  
And bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 1:1-10

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.”

The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” “I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

### SERMON

“Stormy Weather”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

### VIDEO FOR FULL INCLUSION

Mark Steidl

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

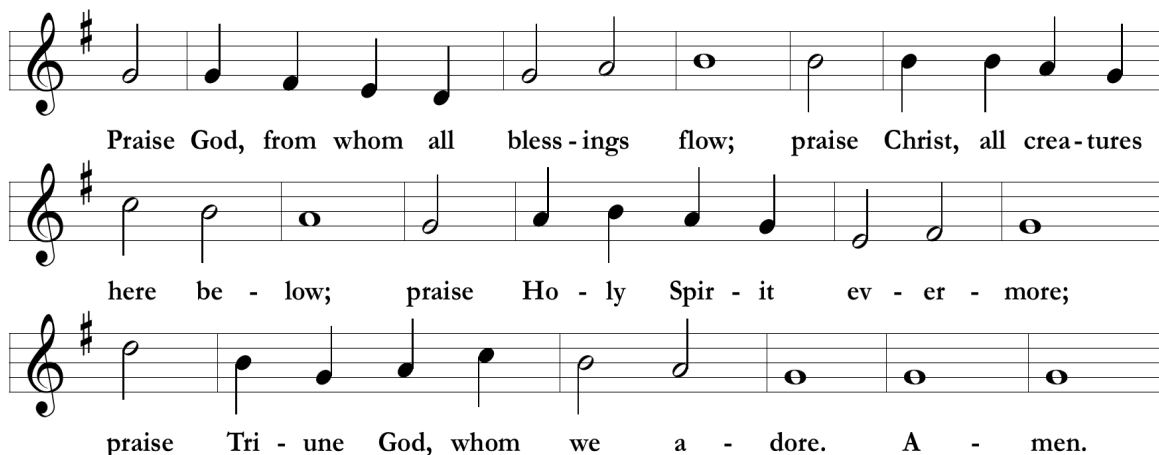
### OFFERING INVITATION

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. Please visit [www.ELPC.church/donate](http://www.ELPC.church/donate) if you would like to make a contribution, or leave your donation in the collection box in the Sanctuary.*

### \* DOXOLOGY

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.



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**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
The Rev. Schoenewolf

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: We return to you, O God, the gifts you have first given to us. May these funds, these offerings of spirit and substance, bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ. Make us truly one people to the glory of your name. Amen.

**People: Amén.**

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.**

**Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #317**

“In Christ There is No East or West”

McKEE

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

**BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**POSTLUDE**

“Carillon-Sortie”

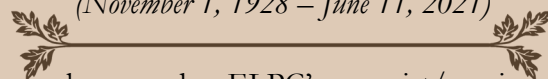
Dr. Moore, *organ*  
Henri Mulet



The prelude and postlude this morning  
are offered in memory of

**Dr. Charles Huddleston Heaton**

(November 1, 1928 – June 11, 2021)



who served as ELPC's organist/music  
director from 1972-1993.

Both selections are featured on his CD  
*Music Till Midnight*, recorded during a live  
performance at ELPC and available  
on the ELPC YouTube channel.

## HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION (vs. 1, 3, 5)

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

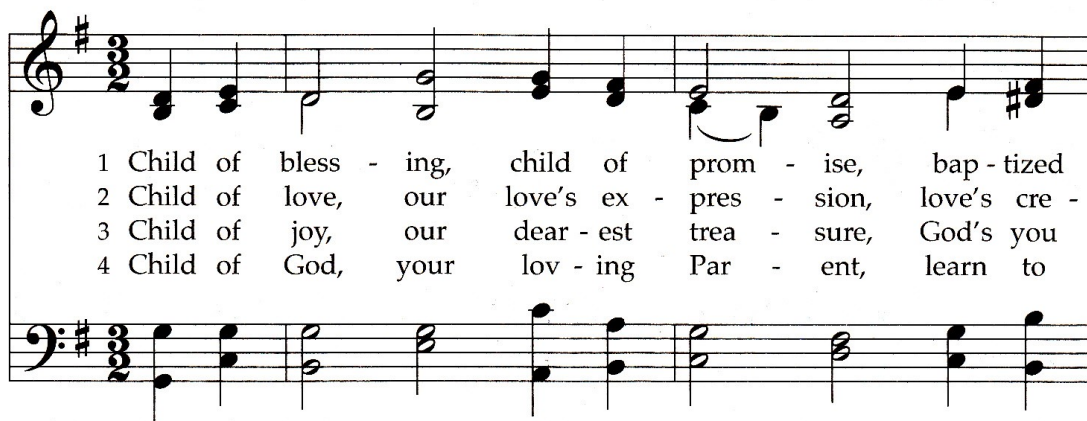
is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

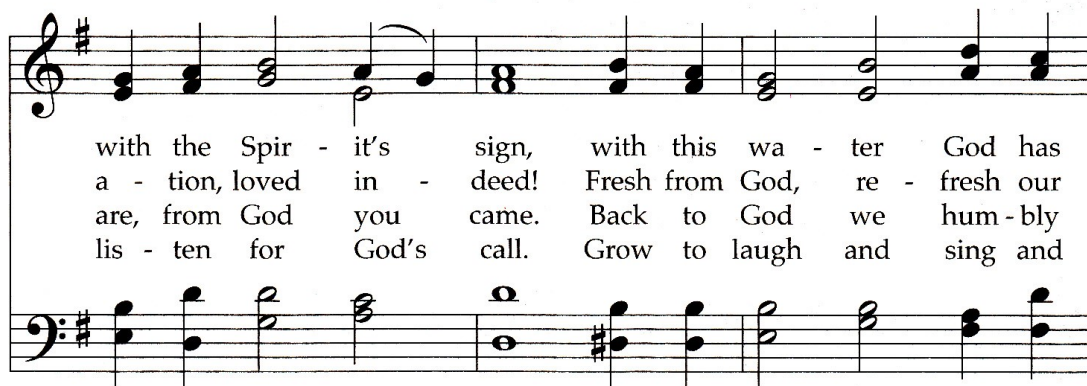
to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

## CHILD OF BLESSING (vs. 1, 3)



1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized  
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -  
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you  
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to



with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has  
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our  
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly  
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and



sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.  
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

TEXT: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980  
 MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1959  
 Text © 1981 Ronald S. Cole-Turner

KINGDOM  
 8.7.8.7  
 (alternate tune: STUTTGART)

# ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we  
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.



# IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

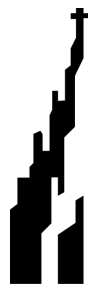
# God Loves Us ALL

ELPC is registered as a sponsor/participant of People's Pride Pittsburgh 2021 with the Inclusive Presbyterian Churches of Pittsburgh.

Please consider registering as an individual for FREE on Sister's Pgh website at [www.sisterspgh.org/2021-reclaiming-pittsburgh-pride](http://www.sisterspgh.org/2021-reclaiming-pittsburgh-pride)

June 20 is the Virtual Parade and Arts Festival.

If you register, you create an avatar and can run around on the screen like a video game. Hope to "see you there!"



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### PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching:	The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists:	The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf Kelli Booher Wil Forrest Paige McKenzie, Melia Chandler Kathryn Ophardt Mark Steidl
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore, <i>Organist/Music Director</i> Adrianna Cleveland, <i>Cantor</i> Todd Farwell, <i>Cantor</i> Michael Painter, <i>Cantor</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict Wayne Gaines Matt Stufft

As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is also being livestreamed on:

#### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/EastLibertyPresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/EastLibertyPresbyterian)

#### YouTube

<http://tiny.cc/elpc-youtube>

and archived at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)

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or put your donation in the donation box in the Sanctuary

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## Summer Kids' Ministry beginning Sunday, June 27

Throughout summer, we will explore the theme of *Sanctuary—God is Always With Us* during monthly minisessions of Vacation Church School. On Sunday, June 27 from 2:30–5 pm, families with kids in preschool through grade 5 (completed) are invited to join us in Highland Park for worship, recreation, crafts, and prayer as we explore God's promises in the beautiful prayer of Psalm 23.

Together, we will examine how God's promises come to life using images of things found in nature: sheep, green pastures, water, and shadows. Through fun and fellowship, we will remember the good news that God is with us always, wherever we are!

*Notes: Pre-registration is required. Kids will remain with their parent/caregiver throughout the event, and COVID protocols will be in place.*

Families and Teen & Adult Volunteers can register online.

**Continues on ... Wed, July 14 at ELPC and  
Sunday, Aug 22 at Highland Park**



**Sanctuary:**  
God is always with us

Help support our Summer Kids' Ministry by purchasing some snacks or supplies for this summer's program.  
We appreciate your support!

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in store — under East Liberty Presbyterian Church



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### **Spiritual Fermentation Series Finale**

*Tuesday, June 22 from 6–7:30 pm*

The Young Adult Ministry is invited to join together with Pastor BJ at a local brewery for our last Spiritual Fermentation gathering! As we enjoy the process of brewing and look back at the contemplative practices we have discussed, we invite you to share an everyday ordinary activity, an interest, hobby, or passion of yours that you currently engage in and/or would like to further explore as a space to connect with, notice, and be in with God. Contemplate the development of a plan for how you will actually engage in and do this activity as an embodied practice. RSVP to Kelli Booher by Friday, June 18 (KelliB@coh.net).

### **YAM Camping Trip**

*June 25-27*

Join seasoned and first-time campers for fun and fellowship at Raccoon Creek State Park. Registration and a fee of \$20 is required (scholarships are available). Contact Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net) if interested.

### **Youth Sunday**

*June 27 at 10 am*

Join us for a special service in the Courtyard on Sunday, June 27 at 10 am. ELPC youth will plan and lead worship, graduating seniors will share their Senior Message, 2020 Confirmants will be baptized, and much more! We give thanks to God for the gift of our youth at ELPC—for their faithfulness, creativity, resilience, patience, joy, and love! Please register for worship or join us via the livestream on Youtube, Facebook, or Zoom.

### **Silent Walk on the Butler-Freeport Community Trail**

*Saturday, July 10 from 9–11:30 am*

We will gather in Freeport at the Laneville Trailhead of Butler-Freeport Community Trail (100 Main St, Freeport, 16229), walk in silence along the path at our own pace, stop, linger along the stream, sit, read, be in nature in silence with God and one another. We will regather back at the trailhead to share reflections and observations at 11:30 am. RSVP to Norma by Friday, July 9 (412.441.3800 x111; Norma@coh.net).

### **Middle School Mission Days**

*Sunday-Monday, July 11-12*

Youth in grades 6–8 will be sleeping in tents in the Courtyard and volunteering in our neighborhood. There will be some water balloon fun, too! Please contact Sara Hackett if interested (SaraH@coh.net).

### **Environmental Book Club Starts New Book**

*Monday, July 12 at 7 pm*

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee continues their study and activities around nature, regeneration, interdependence, gardening, and farming. We invite you to read Leah Penniman's book *Farming While Black: Soul Fire Farm's Practical Guide to Liberation on the Land*. Our discussion will take place hopefully at a place such as Garfield Community Farm. In 1920, 14% of all land-owning U.S. farmers were Black. Today less than 2% of farms are controlled by Black people—a loss of over 14 million acres and the result of discrimination and dispossession. While farm management is among the whitest of professions, farm labor is predominantly brown and exploited—and people of color disproportionately live in “food apartheid” neighborhoods and suffer from diet-related illness. The system is built on stolen land and stolen labor. Throughout the chapters, Penniman uplifts the wisdom of the African diasporic farmers and activists whose work informs the techniques described—from whole farm planning, soil fertility, seed selection, and agroecology, to using whole foods in culturally appropriate recipes, sharing stories of ancestors, and tools for healing from the trauma associated with slavery and economic exploitation on the land. Woven throughout the book is the story of Soul Fire Farm—a national leader in the food justice movement. For more information, or to tell us you are attending, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

### **In Pursuit of Silence | Film Viewing and Conversation**

*Saturday, Aug 14 from 7–9 pm*

In Pursuit of Silence is a documentary that meditatively explores our relationship with silence, sound, and the impact of noise on our lives. Beginning with an ode to John Cage's groundbreaking composition, 4'33", the film takes us on an immersive cinematic journey around the globe—from a traditional tea ceremony in Kyoto, to the streets of the loudest city on the planet, Mumbai, during the wild festival season—and inspires us to experience silence and celebrate the wonders of our world. RSVP to Norma by Friday, Aug 13 (412.441.3800 x111).

**The Justice Committee is collecting only the following toiletry items for Allegheny County Jail (in regular size, not travel size) per the Warden's instructions: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, lotion, and toothpaste. A donation box is available inside the Highland Avenue Lobby. Thank you for any donations.**