



# YOUTH SUNDAY

JUNE 27, 2021  
10AM SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE



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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)*

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### PRELUDE

arr. Alfred Fedak

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (*Prayer of St. Francis*)”

### 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 (*Isaiah 40:12, 18, 26, 31*)

Leader: Who is like God? God has measured the waters in the hollow of God's hand, and marked off the heavens with a span. God has enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance.

People: **Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created all things? God who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name, because God is great in strength, mighty in power, and will not forget anyone.**

Leader: May God renew our strength, that we might mount up with wings like eagles, run and not be weary, walk and not faint.

People: **Let us worship God!**

### \* OPENING SONG (*lyrics printed in bulletin*) “Who is Like the Lord?”

Israel Houghton

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Dear God, as we grow in our faith, we recognize we fall short of our own expectations and the vision you have for us. We are sorry. Thank you for the knowledge of your love, and the blessing to know that we are always forgiven. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

### TIME OF SILENCE

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Even though we have questions: about the goodness in the world, the power in God's promises, our own ability to live into God's call – we can take heart. God assures us that God's love is more powerful than hate. 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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### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 37:14-24, 42:1-6

“Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God. Do you know how God lays his command upon them, and causes the lightning of his cloud to shine? Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of the one whose knowledge is perfect, you whose garments are hot when the earth is still because of the south wind? Can you, like him, spread out the skies, hard as a molten mirror? Teach us what we shall say to him; we cannot draw up our case because of darkness. Should he be told that I want to speak? Did anyone ever wish to be swallowed up? Now, no one can look on the light when it is bright in the skies, when the wind has passed and cleared them. Out of the north comes golden splendor; around God is awesome majesty. The Almighty—we cannot find him; he is great in power and justice, and abundant righteousness he will not violate. Therefore mortals fear him; he does not regard any who are wise in their own conceit.”

Then Job answered the Lord: “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me. I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy, The Rev. Schoenewolf

*Boaz Chapman, Annabel Degenholtz, Ian Kuchera*

#### \* HYMN #691

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

LAND OF REST

**Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;  
Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.**

**Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,  
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.**

**In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,  
Let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.**

**So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:  
Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.**

#### GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



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### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Leader: Dear God, thank you so much for the opportunity to worship you this day. Help us to see your love in the words presented through the youth today. Open our minds and hearts in the way that we may serve you best. In the name of your precious son Jesus we pray. Amen.

### HOMILY

“More Questions”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### SENIOR MESSAGES

*We celebrate all of the High School Graduates who have been an active part of our family of faith:*

Amos Chapman, Sonia Degenholtz, Hallie Mattila, Samuele Novelli

Duncan Rieger, Keven Schoborg, Anna Sabilla

### COMMISSIONING PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

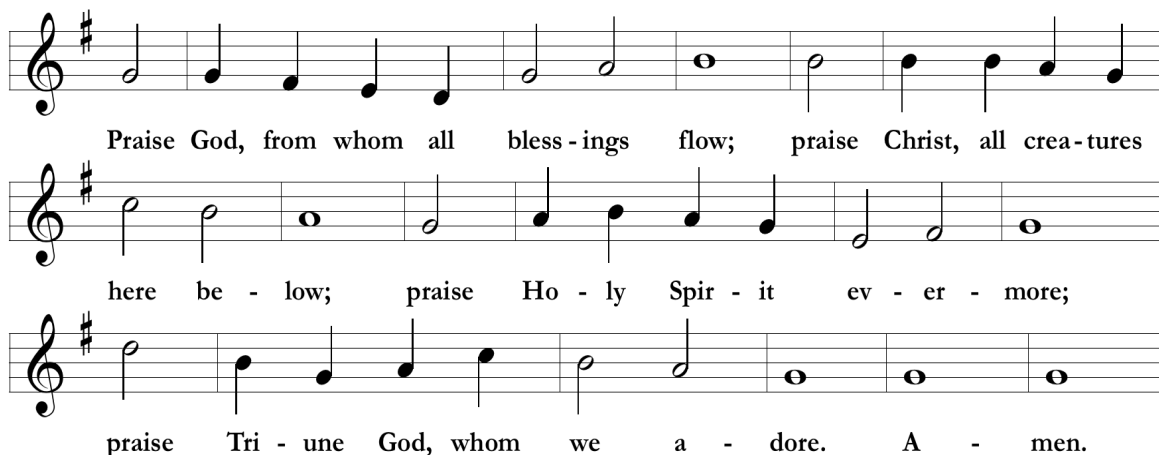
### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

### OFFERING INVITATION

*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**

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 give thanks for the friends and family that we have been given by you. We praise you for the love and dedication in each and every one of our lives. May you give us courage, and confidence in life. May we also open our hearts to those in need and share your gifts with them. By giving us your love we shall go as your servants, ready to show others your love. Thank you, God.

**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 #740**

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

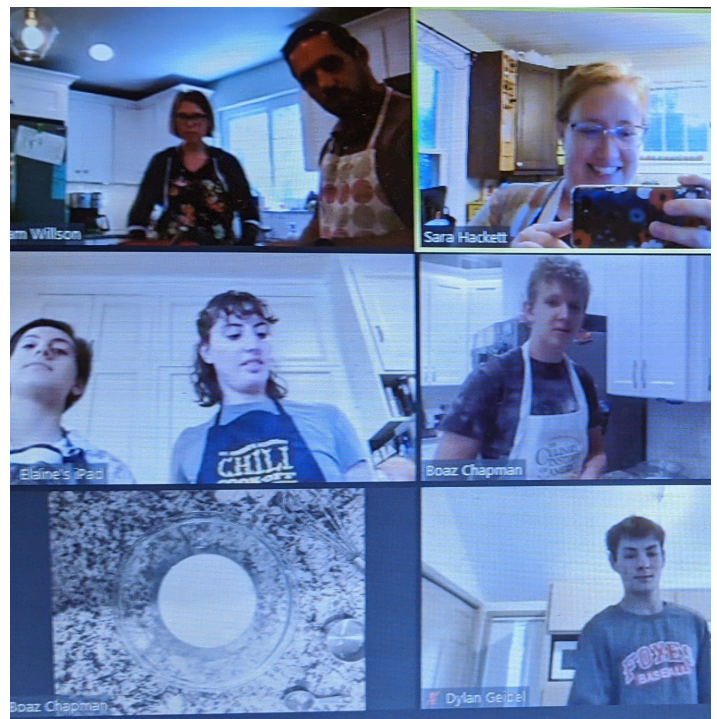
I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

**BLESSING & BENEDICTION**



## WHO IS LIKE THE LORD?

*All:*

Who is like the Lord? Nobody  
Who is like the Lord?  
No, no, no, no, no, nobody  
Who is like the Lord? Nobody  
Who is like the Lord?  
No, no, no, no, no, nobody

If our God is for us  
Who can be against us?  
God will keep the promise  
There's nobody like God

What can separate us  
From the love of Jesus?  
God will keep the promise  
There's nobody like God  
Nobody like God  
O ----

*All:*

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Nobody like God  
O ----

*Solo:*

There is none  
In heaven or earth like you  
Oh, oh  
There is none in heaven  
Or earth like you  
Oh, oh

There is none  
In heaven or earth like you  
Oh, there is none  
In heaven or earth like you  
Yeah, yeah

*All:*

Lord, we declare  
Who can compare?  
Who would even dare?  
There is no one like you

Lord, we declare  
Who can compare?  
Who would even dare?  
There is no one like you

Lord, we declare  
Who can compare?  
Who would even dare?  
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# LORD, WHEN I CAME INTO THIS LIFE

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you  
 2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as  
 3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -  
 4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -  
 mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with  
 tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it  
 let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.  
 all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.  
 give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.  
 on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976

MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 545)



## LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Capo 1: (D) Refrain E<sup>b</sup> (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (Em) Fm 3

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 3 (D) E<sup>b</sup> 3

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (D) E<sup>b</sup> (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup> Fine

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) E<sup>b</sup> 3 (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (Em) Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (D7) E<sup>b</sup>7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) Fm (D) E<sup>b</sup> (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup> to Refrain

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.



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## PARTICIPANTS

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
Rachel Ammon  
Charlotte Brake-Hoffman  
Boaz Chapman  
Annabel and Sonia Degenholtz  
Dylan Geibel  
Ian Kuchera  
Samuele Novelli

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
Adrianna Cleveland, *Cantor*  
David Jennings-Smith, *Cantor*  
Robin Schneider, *Cantor*

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**

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**YouTube**

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

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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## Summer Kids' Ministry

begins TODAY from 2:30-5 pm at  
Lake Point Pavilion in Highland Park

You can still register online to attend!  
Contact Sara (SaraH@coh.net) for info.

Families with kids PreK-5th grade are invited to this  
special afternoon of worship, exploration, creativity  
and prayer.

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



Visit our website for more info at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)



# ELPC's Mask Policy

We seek to be a place of radical hospitality for all of God's people. During this time of pandemic, the manner in which hospitality is lived out continues to change. While directives about mask-wearing vary from place to place, we seek to be a community where all people—especially the most vulnerable—can be safely welcomed. We are encouraged by increasing rates of vaccination in our area, but there are still many members of our community who cannot be vaccinated (due to age and/or compromised immune system).

**As such, we continue to require everyone over two years old (and without a prohibitive health condition) who enters ELPC or participates in ELPC sponsored programming to wear a mask—both indoors and outdoors—regardless of vaccination status.**

The ELPC Session and staff will continue to monitor CDC, state, and local public health guidelines, vaccination rates and availability, and rates of community transmission of the COVID-19 virus, and will adjust our policy accordingly.

Thank you for your continued patience, partnership, and prayers as we move ahead in these uncharted waters and strive to be a faith community that is inclusive of all.



## Taizé Services Move to the Courtyard

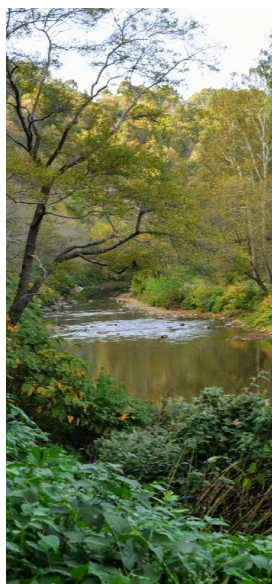
*Wednesday, June 30 at 7 pm*

Our weekly Taizé prayer service will gather in the Courtyard beginning on Wednesday, June 30 at 7 pm. In this new location, we will be leaning into the fact that we are outside—in and among the creation, the original sanctuary. Throughout summer, we will focus on listening to and learning from our “elemental siblings” of water, wind, air, and earth by singing, praying, and contemplating. Join us as we utilize this beautiful space to continue building upon the historic tradition of Taizé at ELPC. In-person attendance is welcome, and no pre-registration is necessary.

## 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).



## Gardening Crew to Take Rain Garden by Storm

*Saturday, July 10 from 9 am–12 pm*

The Rain Garden is a specially designed part of our church's landscape that collects the runoff from the church's roof and allows it to soak into the ground rather than flood the sewers and streets. The trees and shrubs in the Rain Garden were



selected with care for this purpose. They also help to filter out the pollutants in runoff and provide habitat for songbirds and wildlife, especially important as green spaces have dwindled with continuing development.

We received grant funding to install the Rain Garden, but it's up to us to maintain it. It may look as if all of our landscaping is done by paid professionals, but that's not the case. A core group of volunteers has quietly helped to keep the grounds beautiful for the rest of the congregation and community to enjoy. Some of the folks who started this ministry are stepping down after many years of service. That opens up opportunities for others to help and learn.

If you are inspired by God's beautiful creation and like to play in the dirt, consider joining us for a work day in the Rain Garden on Saturday, July 10 from 9 am–12 pm. RSVP to Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net). Green thumbs are not required—just bring your energy, curiosity, and commitment to our community.

**Visit our website for more info at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)**

### **Soul Food Summer Classes**

*Begins Sunday, July 11 at 8:45 am*

Join us this summer as we conclude our discussion of *In My Grandmother's House: Black Women, Faith, and the Stories We Inherit* by Yolanda Pierce. We will discuss chapter 10 on Sunday, July 11, chapter 11 on Sunday, July 25, and chapter 12 on Sunday, Aug 22. All sessions will meet on Zoom at 8:45 am. Weekday make-up sessions will be scheduled for those who cannot participate on these scheduled days. For more info, contact the Rev. Joe Hajdu (hajdu625@comcast.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).

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,  
toothpaste.**

A donation box is available inside  
the Highland Avenue Lobby.

*Thank you for any donations.*

### **Presbyterian Women's Bible Study**

*Tuesday, July 20 from Noon-1 pm*

PW invites all women to join us in the Courtyard for a discussion on women in the church, led by Linda Lane. We will observe sign-in, social distancing, and other church protocols for on-site gatherings. Please bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided. For more information, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

### **LGBTQ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering**

*Sunday, July 25 at 11:30 am*

All LGBTQIA+ folks and allies are welcome to attend the next Spiritual Gathering, either in person or via Zoom. For more details, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

### **High School Mission Retreat**

*Tuesday–Friday, Aug 10–13*

Youth who have completed grade 8 or higher are invited to join us for our High School Mission Retreat at Crestfield Camp in Slippery Rock. We'll enjoy a combination of service projects around the camp, worship and Bible study, and a lot of group fun after being apart for so long. We will be using Crestfield's space but planning our own schedule, meals, and worship. Register at ELPC.church or contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.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).

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