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**SUNDAY
JULY 4**

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)

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 4, 2021 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

HYMN #835

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (*refrain at beginning and end only*)

CLOSER WALK

HYMN #667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

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 48*)

David Carl

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

People: **Your name, O God, like your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

People: **We will tell the next generation that this is our God who will be our guide forever.**

Leader: Let us worship God in the spirit of holiness!

* HYMN #312

"Take Us As We Are, O God"

ENDLESS FEAST

Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own.

As once you chose to tell your love in human flesh and bone,

So let our lives be used to make your saving purpose known.

Bless us for your service, Lord; no power we devise

Will ever give us strength enough or make us truly wise,

Yet by your promise we can know the peace your grace supplies.

Break us open to disclose how brokenness can heal,

Wherever broken loaves suffice to give a crowd a meal

And graves break open to release new life from death's dread seal.

Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast,

That we may nourish in your name the last, the lost, the least,

Until at length you call us all to your unending feast.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

Kathryn Ophardt

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EPISTLE SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

Sara Hackett

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sara Hackett

*** HYMN #435**

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

IN BABILONE

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,

And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:11-18

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.

SERMON

“The Others”

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

ANTHEM

“Morning Has Broken”

Arlen Clarke

OFFERING INVITATION

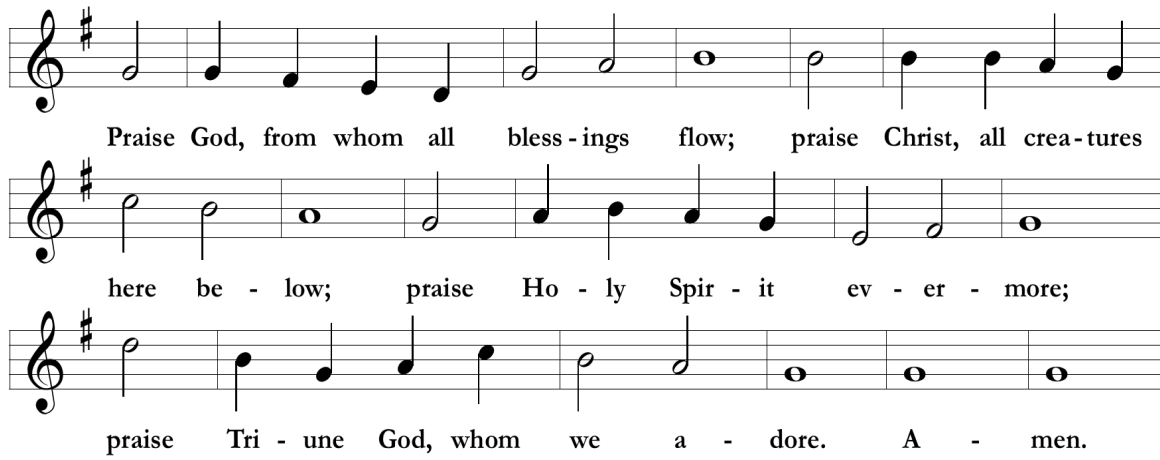
David Carl

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 if you would like to make a contribution, or leave your donation in the collection box in the Courtyard.

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* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



— THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Joe Hajdu

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy, The Rev. Hajdu

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* HYMN DURING COMMUNION #515

“I Come With Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ’s communion bread, in Christ’s communion bread.
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We’ll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Hajdu

Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own and nourished us in this meal as members of Christ’s body. By the work of your Spirit within us give us the grace to glorify you as one living body in the world, though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land. (*Refrain*)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride. (*Refrain*)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. (*Refrain*)

* BLESSING & BENEDICTION

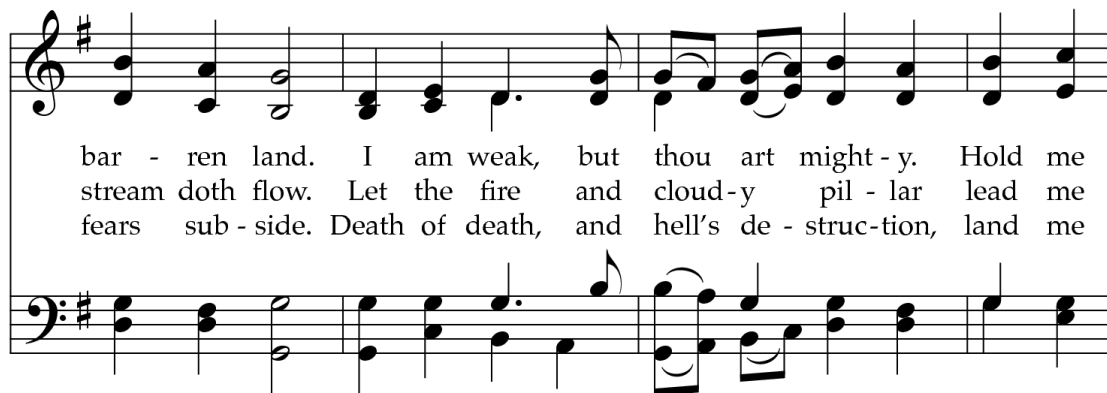
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy



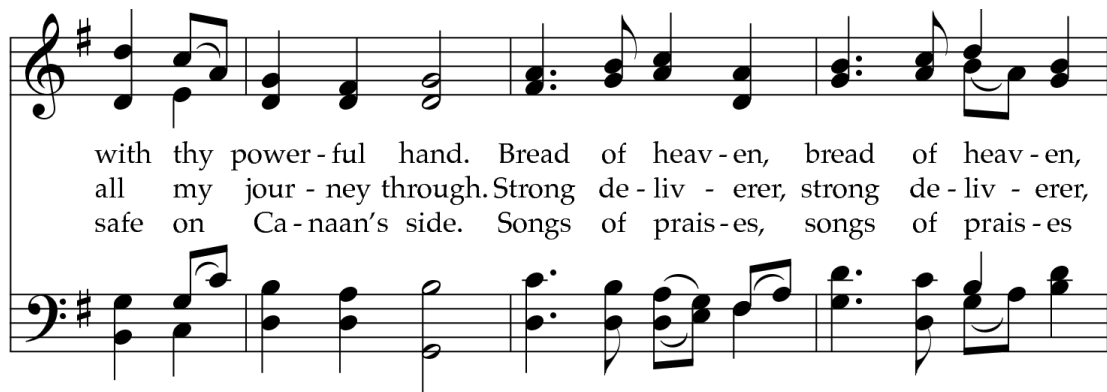
GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew scripture.

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

TAKE US AS WE ARE, O GOD



1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As
 2 Bless us for your ser - vice, Lord; no pow - er we de - vise will
 3 Break us o - pen to dis - close how bro - ken - ness can heal, wher -
 4 Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that



once you chose to tell your love in hu - man flesh and bone, so
 ev - er give us strength e - nough or make us tru - ly wise, yet
 ev - er bro - ken loaves suf - fice to give a crowd a meal and
 we may nour - ish in your name the last, the lost, the least, un -



let our lives be used to make your sav - ing pur - pose known.
 by your prom - ise we can know the peace your grace sup - plies.
 graves break o - pen to re - lease new life from death's dread seal.
 til at length you call us all to your un - end - ing feast.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This Lord's Supper text is organized around the fourfold liturgical shape traced by Dom Gregory Dix in *The Shape of the Liturgy*: take, bless, break, give. It considers how the phrase "Body of Christ," used for sacramental bread, can also be applied to the baptized people of God.

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

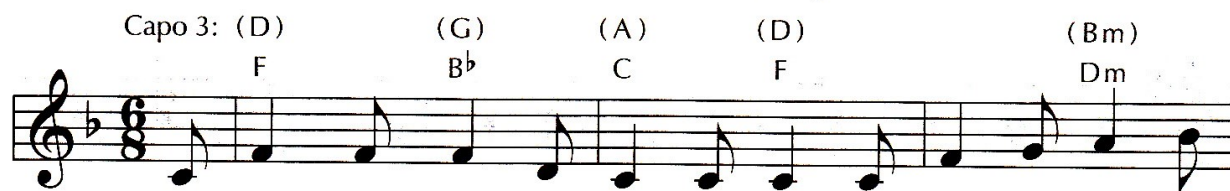
which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

I COME WITH JOY



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

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Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company


DOVE OF PEACE

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WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) (Em) Cm Fm




1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em) Bbm Fm




we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em) Bbm Fm



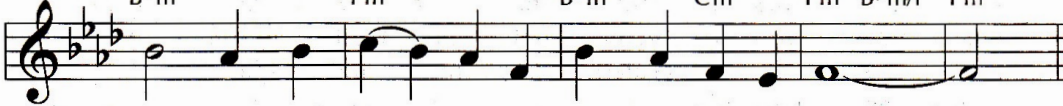
and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em) Db Fm



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em) Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm/F Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966
 Text and Music © 1966 F.E.L. Publications, assigned 1991 to The Lorenz Corp.

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
 7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain



*The flowers today are given
to the glory of God
in loving memory of*
Bob and Doris Riethmiller
and **Bill Riethmiller**
from the
Egelston Family.



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Joe Hajdu
David Carl
Sara Hackett
Kathryn Ophardt
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Summer Choir
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

YouTube

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

and archived at www.ELPC.church

If you would like to make a
contribution, please visit:
www.ELPC.church/donate
or put your donation in the
donation box in the Courtyard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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

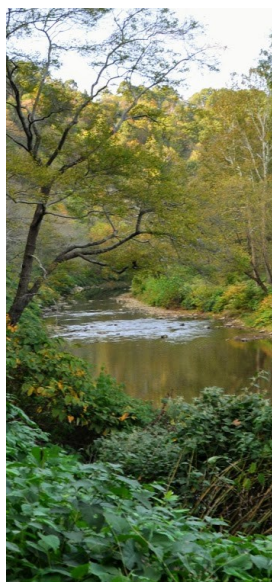
Wednesdays at 7 pm

Our weekly Taizé prayer service will gather in the Courtyard 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.

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).

We are also seeking volunteer *Garden Stewards* to weed independently in the ELPC gardens! Once you sign up online at signupgenius.com/go/9040849ACAD29A0FE3-garden, Megan will contact you. You can come as little or as often as you'd like. Even 30 minutes helps! Contact Megan with any questions (MeganL@coh.net).

Letter-Writing Sessions

Sundays, July 11 and 18

The ELPC Justice Committee invites you to participate in two justice-related letter writing opportunities following the 10 am worship service in the Fellowship Room and on Zoom.

Join us on Sundays, July 11 (PA HB 999: Repeal of the Death Penalty) and July 18 (PA HB 279: Allow Undocumented PA Residents to secure a Driver's License). For more info, contact Vivienne Selia (vselia@comcast.net).

Zoom info: www.zoom.us, Meeting ID: 834 2558 5198, Passcode: 720864.

Visit our website for more info at 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 at Garfield Community Farm or via Zoom in the event of inclement weather.

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

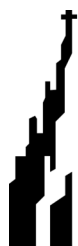
Saturday, Aug 14 from 7–9 pm

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).

Visit our website for more info at www.ELPC.church

Special Birthdays in the month of July:

Crystal Gilroy July 3
Micaela D'Avilar July 4
Nancy Latshaw July 13
John Jordan July 14
Michael Ball..... July 15
Karolyn Landrieux July 20
Denis Hare July 27
Heather Lawrence July 30



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