

EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY AUG 1

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)

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 1, 2021 — 10 Am Summer Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

Hymn #664 Hymn #417 Hymn #509

"Morning Has Broken" "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" *(verses 1, 3, 4)* "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" BUNESSAN SOUTHWELL HOLY MANNA

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. People: Y también contigo. The peace of Christ be with you.

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The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark and Barbara DeWitt

The Rev. Schoenewolf

- Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!
- People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

* Hymn #393

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

- O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
- O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
- On you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
- Sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth; On you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; On you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven. And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear, Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

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* Indicates where to please rise in body or spirit.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Sara Hackett

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

* HYMN #416 <i>Refrain:</i>	O come unto the Lord; O come back to the Lord.	Korea
There are	how heavy and how great your sins may be, no sins that Christ our Savior cannot bear, cannot accept. depth of Jesus' loving heart is far deeper than the seas. (<i>Refrain</i>)	
Jesus anxi	r is waiting your return both night and day. ously awaits you, with door kept open wide, o waits throughout the night for a lost child to come back home. (Refrain)	
	r how burdened and how beaten you may be, will comfort you greatly with hands that touch and heal.	

Come unto Christ, who loves you so. Please come home; please come back home. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Kathryn Ophardt

Sara Hackett

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OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 51 Kathryn Ophardt

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

SERMON

"Muddy and Merciful Waters"

Kathryn Ophardt

Carlton Young

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM

"Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken"

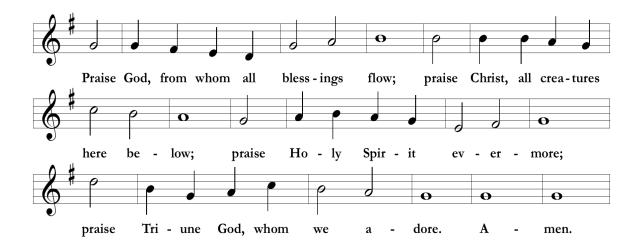
OFFERING INVITATION

Mark and Barbara DeWitt

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.

* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



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— THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE	Kathryn Ophardt
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER	Kathryn Ophardt
WORDS OF INSTITUTION	
SHARING THE BREAD & CUP	The Rev. Schoenewolf The Rev. Woodworth
* HYMN DURING COMMUNION #423 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God; Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.	SARADAY
Cast me not away from your presence; cast me not away from your presence; Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.	
Restore to me the joy of your salvation; restore to me the joy of your salvation; Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.	
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION	Kathryn Ophardt
* CLOSING HYMN #435 "There's a Wideness In God's Mercy" 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.	IN BABILONE
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.	
* BLESSING & BENEDICTION	Kathryn Ophardt

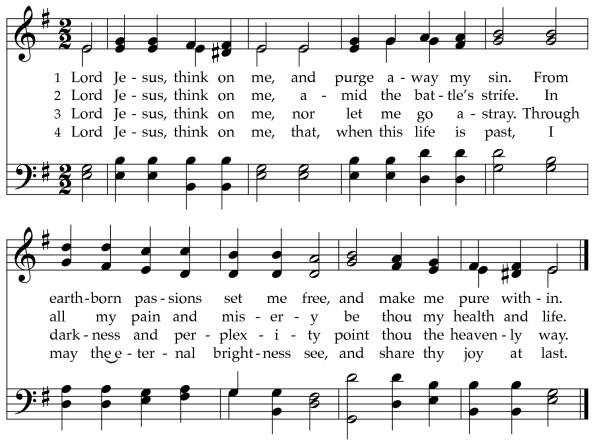
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#664—MORNING HAS BROKEN

С Am Dm G Dm G С 0. 0 1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has 2 Sweet the rain's new sun - lit from heav - en, fall like the first 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the Em Am Em F G С Am F С 0 0. spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery Am G С G Am G7. С 0 Đ. Praise for them, spring - ing morn - ing! fresh from the Word! gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass. morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

#417—LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME (vs. 1, 3, 4)

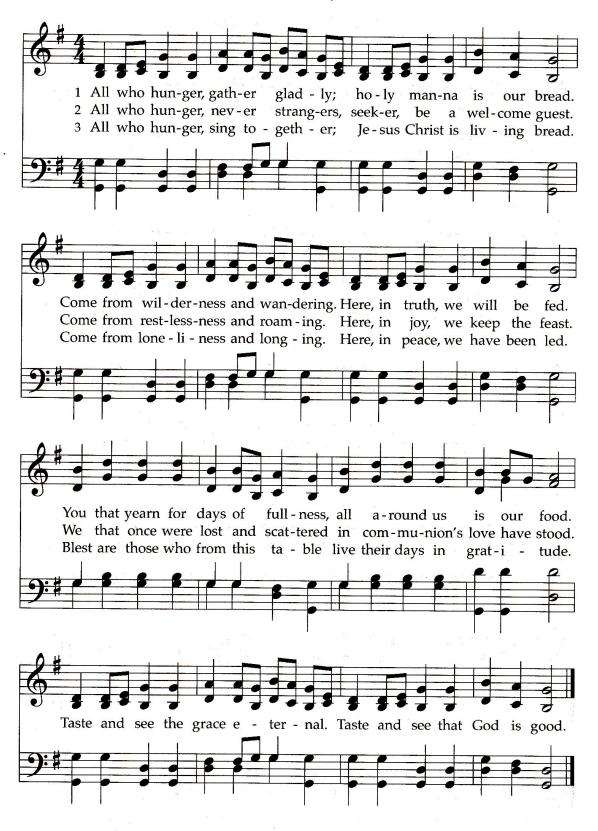


This text is among the oldest hymns in this book; its original Greek version dates from around the beginning of the 5th century. The stanzas used here come from a 19th-century paraphrase, whose simplicity and directness are well complemented by a 16th-century psalm tune.

TEXT: Synesius of Cyrene, 5th cent.; trans. Allen W. Chatfield, 1876, alt. MUSIC: Daman's *Psalmes*, 1579, alt.

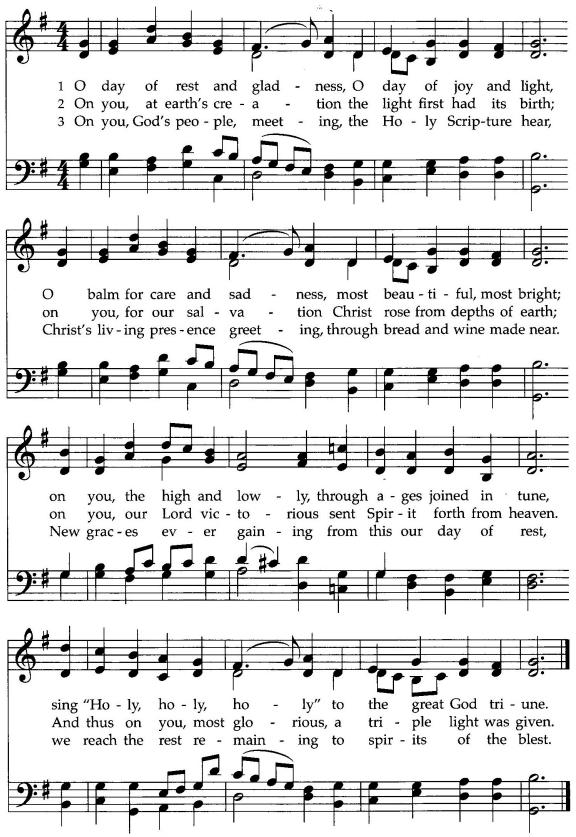
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#509—ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY



The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

#393—O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS



In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.

#416—O COME UNTO THE LORD



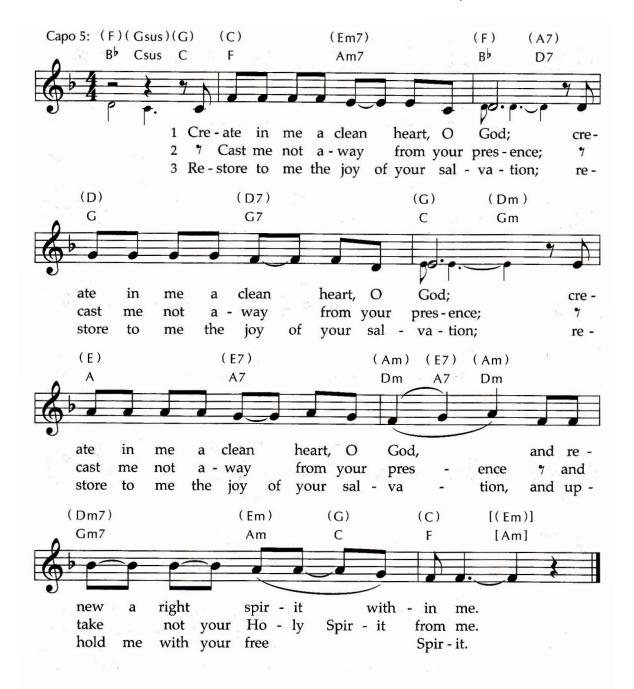


This text by a Korean Presbyterian minister is directed to those who have wandered from the ways of God and feel that their sins disqualify them from returning to seek forgiveness. They (and we) are assured that there is no limit to God's love made known through Jesus Christ.

TEXT: Young taik Chun, 1943; English trans. Steve S. Shim, 1976, alt. MUSIC: Chai Hoon Park, 1943 English Trans. © 1976 The Hymnal Society of Korea KOREA Irregular

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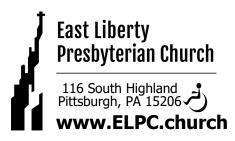
#423—CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD



The text here comes from Psalm 51:10–12, three verses that illustrate the pattern of parallels often found in Hebrew poetry. The first verse here centers on positive actions, the second on avoidance of negative actions, and the third on providing an improved spiritual condition.



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.



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PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching:	Kathryn Ophardt
Liturgists:	The Rev. Heather Schoenewol The Rev. BJ Woodworth Mark and Barbara DeWitt Sara Hackett
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore, <i>Organist/Music Director</i> ELPC Summer Choir
A/V:	Tim Benedict Wayne Gaines

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).

- Mask wearing is optional for all fully vaccinated persons, noting that people are always free to wear a mask while on church property.
- Mask wearing is required for all unvaccinated people/staff while on church property.
- Mask wearing is required for all volunteers/staff working indoors with unvaccinated children, regardless of vaccination status.
- We will continue our practice of allowing vaccinated preachers/singers/liturgists to not be masked while leading worship services, whether inside or outside.

Taizé Services in Sanctuary

Wednesdays at 7 pm Our weekly Taizé prayer service will gather in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7 pm. In-person attendance is welcome, and no pre-registration is necessary.

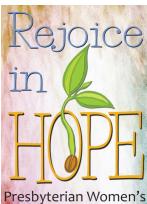
Garden Stewards Needed

Day and time at your convenience!

We are seeking volunteer *Garden Stewards* to weed independently in the ELPC gardens. Once you sign up online at signupgenius.com/go/9040849ACAD29A0FE3garden, 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).

PW Online Gathering Watch Party at ELPC: Rejoice in Hope

Thursday, Aug 5 from 4-6 pm Presbyterian Women will gather at ELPC to watch the Churchwide Online Gathering Event. We will share worship, reflect on the theme "Rejoice in Hope" and hear from the authors of upcoming bible studies. This brief online event is only a sample of the usual 4-day, live triennial churchwide gathering. All women invited! For more information, please email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.



Online Virtual Event Fhursday, August 5, 202



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).

LGBTQ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering

Sunday, Aug 15 at 11:30 am

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Aug 15 at 11:30 am as we share food and fellowship at the church. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. Contact Wil Forrest for more info and/or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

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

Soul Food Summer Classes Conclude

Sunday, Aug 22 at 8:45 am Join us 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 12 on Sunday, Aug 22 on Zoom at 8:45 am. For info, contact the Rev. Joe Hajdu (hajdu625@comcast.net).

Summer Kids' Ministry

Sunday, Aug 22 at 2:30 pm Join for our final summer event. We will explore the theme of Sanctuary as a gift we give to our neighbors. Register online at ELPC.church.

Teen Volunteers Needed

It's not too late to volunteer for the Summer Kids Ministry event on Sunday, Aug 22. After the event, teen volunteers will go swimming at Highland Park until 6 pm. Sign up online or by emailing Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Young Adult Ministry

Friday, Aug 20: Picklesburgh Party, 6:30–8:30 pm Picklesburgh—voted America's #1 Best Specialty Food Festival in America—is back! We will meet at a specified location downtown and then walk over to the festivities. We will walk through the festival, eat some pickles, and then enjoy a picnic, live music, and each other's company! Feel free to get dressed up, but let's all wear green for fun (and great photo ops). Taking the bus or carpooling is encouraged. Please sign up with Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net).

Saturday, Aug 28: Coal Tubin' in Johnstown, 9 am–7 pm As summer winds down, let's venture out of Pittsburgh for some relaxing fun. YAMs will enjoy floating down The Stonycreek in inner tubes. We will leave around 9 am, float, eat dinner at a local favorite, and then return to Pittsburgh around 7 pm. The cost is \$15/person (\$20 if you'd like an upgraded inner tube). Scholarships are available. Please bring money for dinner.

Stress Release Study

Cargiving 4 Care is conducting a study to find a solution to caregiver stress and isolation, thus enabling caregivers to better care for their own and their loved one's physical and emotional health.

To learn more, please visit www.caregiving4care.com/joinour-study to register or call 412.254.4172.



SAVE THE DATE:

CENTER FOR ACTION AND CONTEMPLATIONS CONSPIRE CONFERENCE

September 24-26, 2021

A VIRTUAL SIMULCAST EVENT AT ELPC

Me / Us / the World Living Inside God's Great Story

An online event featuring conference presenters James Finley, Barbara Holmes, Jacqui Lewis, Brian McLaren, Richard Rohr, and Mirabai Starr.

Over the weekend of Sept. 24–26, the Spiritual Life Committee invites you to a virtual simulcast of the Center for Action and Contemplation's CONSPIRE Conference, Me/Us/the World: Living Inside God's Great Story.

In this time of great unknowing, how do we expand our sense of self to include love, healing, and forgiveness—not just for ourselves and those like us, but for the entire world? Join spiritual seekers across the world for an interactive, global gathering to experience God's love, grace, and compassion. Presenters include James Finley, Barbara Holmes, Jacqui Lewis, Brian McLaren, Richard Rohr, and Mirabai Starr.

Learn more at cac.org/conspire-2021.

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