



# Summer Worship

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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)*

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 2021 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP

### GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN

“Come On, Everybody”

HYMN

“Bless the Lord with Me”

HYMN

“Hallelujah! You’re Worthy to Be Praised”

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Mary Alice Lightle

### 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 (*James 1*)

Tiffany Sudar

Leader: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

People: Let us welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save our souls.

Leader: Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers, so you may be blessed in all you do.

People: Pure religion is to care for orphans and widows and not to be stained by the world.

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

### \* HYMN

“O Give Thanks”

O give thanks unto the Lord

For God is good, yes, God is good

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The Rev. Woodworth

Holy and strong One, forgive our weakness...  
Holy and wise One, forgive our foolishness...  
Holy and loving One, forgive our hardness...  
Holy and generous One, forgive our selfishness...  
Holy and faithful One, forgive our fickleness...  
Holy and gentle One, forgive our toughness...  
Forgive us, Holy one, forgive us, we pray...

**TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

The Rev. Woodworth

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!**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalms 146

The Rev. Woodworth

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

**\* HYMN**

"Sanctuary (Lord, Prepare Me)"

Lord, prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary  
For you

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 14:8-18

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man sprang up and began to walk. When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have



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come down to us in human form!” Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, “Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.” Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

**SERMON**

“A Case of Mistaken Identity”

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

**TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**ANTHEM**

“I Need You, Lord”

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

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Mary Alice Lightle

*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 Courtyard.*

**\* 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.

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
Dawn Morgenstern

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.**

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.**

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Leader: Eternal God, you redeemed us by the sacrifice of Jesus. Sustained by his word, we are enabled to serve our neighbors and all who are in need. Compelled by your Spirit, we respond to your commands to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with you. Direct us and guide us as we seek to accomplish your will. We bring our offerings; use them for your purpose. We dedicate our time; fill it with your presence. We give ourselves; satisfy your intentions. All that we have, we present to you. **Amen.**

\* **CLOSING HYMN**

“Just Wanna Thank You”

Just wanna thank you  
Forever, and ever and ever  
For all you’ve done for me  
  
Blessings and glory and honor  
They all belong to you  
Thank you, Jesus, for saving me

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy



## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
The Rev. BJ Woodworth  
Mary Alice Lightle  
Dawn Morgenstern  
Tiffany Sudar  
Musicians: Michael Warren,  
*Journey Music Director*  
Journey Praise Team  
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](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 Courtyard.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## ELPC's Mask Policy (effective 08.06.21)

We seek to be a place of radical hospitality for all of God's people. 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).

- ◆ **During this recent period of increased Covid-19 cases in Allegheny County, we are requiring masks to be worn while on church property 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.**

## Serve Those In Need

*Sept 2, 12, 23 and 26*

We need volunteers to help us prepare and serve meals to residents at East End Cooperative Ministry. We're looking for ELPC members to help us prepare and serve:

*Dinner—Thursdays, Sept 2 and 23 | 5:30 pm*

*Breakfast—Sundays, Sept 12 and 26 | 6:30 am*

Contact Becky Gloninger to help (412.913.6070; rag15@verizon.net).

## Presbyterian Women Bible Study

This year, we are studying Jesus' grandmothers, the women named in Matthew 1. *Why are these women in this list? What do their stories tell us about the coming Messiah?* Join us for our first lesson *Family Trees* to explore these questions. Both sessions will meet on Zoom. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

## Bible Study Dates

- Tuesday, Sept 7 from 10 am–12 pm
- Monday, Sept 13 from 7–8:30 pm

## Book Distribution Dates

- Today *after worship to 12:15 pm at Highland entrance*
- Sunday, Sept 5 *after worship to 12:15 pm at Highland entrance*
- Email PW.ELPC@gmail.com to schedule a pick-up

## Welcoming You Back on Rally Day

On Rally Day, Sunday, Sept 12, our church family will gather once more to kick off our fall programming and regular worship schedule. We rejoice that after more than a year of virtual programming, we can resume a more traditional Sunday schedule.

## Church School Classes

- Kids | Children and tweens from pre-school through grade 5 will gather in person in the Courtyard each week. All participants will be masked. Please register your child online or in person at ELPC.
- Youth | Youth in grades 6–12 will meet in person each week—sometimes inside and sometimes outside. All students and teachers will be masked. Please register your youth online or in person at ELPC.
- Adults | Adult Church School classes will offer a hybrid format, so that you may participate in person or via Zoom. Reach out to your class facilitator, Sara Hackett, or Pastor Heather for details. Adult classes will follow ELPC's masking requirements.



## Worship Services

Stay informed about our worship services by visiting our website – ELPC.church. Both Sunday services will continue to be livestreamed.



- Journey | For the first time since March 15, 2020, we will be able to gather together in the Social Hall on Sundays at 8:45 am. Our pastors are working to ensure that Journey worship remains interactive, even in a hybrid setting, so that our faith family can pray with—and for—one another each week.
- Sanctuary | Our traditional Sanctuary service will resume on Sundays at 11 am. We will welcome The Brass Roots as our special music guests on Rally Day.



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

### Connections Group Gathering

*Saturday, Sept 11*

*Have you been a member of a Connections Group in the past? Would you like to reunite with some old friends?* We are planning an outdoor gathering at the Botanical Gardens on Saturday, Sept 11 at 11 am. Bring a bagged lunch—we can meet in the picnic area, then enjoy a walk through the Gardens.

If you have not participated in Connection Groups in the past you are also welcome to join us.

Connections Groups are small groups that previously met up monthly for coffee, lunch or dinner at a restaurant or at someone's home. Since this is difficult to do at this time, we thought it might be nice to get together so we can all remain *Connected*.

The cost is \$12, \$2 if you have an EBT card. Please email [connectelpc@gmail.com](mailto:connectelpc@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

### Justice Committee to Host Clothing Drive for ACJ

*Sundays, Sept 12 and 26*

As a Matthew 25 congregation, we are committed to supporting our siblings in Allegheny County Jail in a variety of ways, and we have been generous in response by collecting books, magazines, and toiletry items.

Now, we are seeking to provide dignity and clothing to those who are returning to our community. And you can help by donating sweatshirts and sweatpants for men and women in sizes M, L, XL, and XXL (no solid red or orange, please).

You may purchase items and drop them off following Sanctuary worship on Sundays, Sept 12 and 26 at the South Highland Ave entrance, or at the drop box near the security desk during the week. You also may make a monetary donation, designated *Justice Committee-ACJ Sweats*, and the Justice Committee will purchase items. Email Judy Mancini for more info ([mancinijs@gmail.com](mailto:mancinijs@gmail.com)).

### Explore Our Church Life

*Sunday, Sept 19*

ELPC's annual *Church Life Sampler* will be held following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Sept 19, outdoors on Whitfield Street (weather permitting). Stop by to learn more about the various ministries that are a part of our church life together!

Every committee and ministry area at ELPC will be on hand to highlight fall programming and share how you can get involved! And a special treat will be provided by the Children and Family Ministry Team for you to enjoy on your way home.

### 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.



## 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**

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

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.

- Participate in contemplative sits led by Fr. Richard Rohr each morning.
- Connect with other participants around the globe and at ELPC.
- Deepen your experience with presentations, workshops, and book talks.

Please join us in-person for free at ELPC! Pastor BJ will stream the conference in the McKelvy Room. You are welcome to join us for any or all of the conference. Please indicate the day(s) you will attend. Lunch will be provided each day.

Our schedule is as follows:

- Friday, September 24 | 11 am–6:45 pm
- Saturday, September 25 | 11 am–6:45 pm
- Sunday, September 26 | 12:30 pm–6:45 pm

**FULL EVENT SCHEDULE AVAILABLE AT:**

**<https://cac.org/conspire-2021/conspire-2021-conference-details/#schedule>**

**Please fill out the registration form by Sunday, September 19 at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).**

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

## COME ON, EVERYBODY

Come on, everybody  
Get up on out of your seat  
We've come to praise the Lord, yeah  
I don't know what you've come to do  
We've come to praise the Lord, yeah

Come on, everybody  
Get up on out of your seat  
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Come on, everybody  
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We've come to praise the Lord, yeah  
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Solo:  
I don't know what you've come to do  
But I've come to lift up  
The most high God  
God woke me up this morning  
And started me on my way  
I'm gonna get up on my feet  
And praise God like it's my last chance

Come on, everybody  
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I don't know what you've come to do  
We've come to praise the Lord, yeah

Sopranos:  
Come on

Altos:  
Come on

Tenors/Basses:  
We've come to praise the Lord, yeah

Sopranos:  
Come on

Altos:  
Come on

Tenors/Basses:  
We've come to praise the Lord, yeah

Sopranos:  
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Altos:  
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Tenors/Basses:  
We've come to praise the Lord, yeah

All:  
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Sopranos:  
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Tenors/Basses:  
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Sopranos:  
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Altos:  
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Tenors/Basses:  
We've come to praise the Lord, yeah

All:  
We've come to praise the Lord  
We've come to praise the Lord  
We've come to praise the Lord, yeah



# BLESS THE LORD WITH ME

Solo:

Come on and bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me  
Come on and bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me

Everyone:

Bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me

Clap your hands with me  
Clap your hands with me  
Clap your hands with me  
Clap your hands with me

Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me

Dance before the Lord  
Dance before the Lord  
Dance before the Lord  
Dance before the Lord

Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

# HALLELUJAH! YOU'RE WORTHY TO BE PRAISED

Hallelujah, you're worthy to be praised  
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Hallelujah, you're worthy to be praised  
Hallelujah, you're worthy to be praised

I lift my hands, I praise you, Lord  
I bow my head, I honor you, Lord  
I lift my hands, I praise you, Lord  
I bow my head, I honor you, Lord

Hallelujah, you're worthy to be praised  
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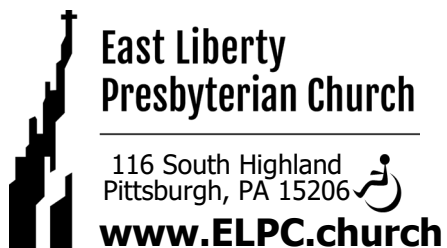
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Hallelujah, you're worthy  
Hallelujah, we praise your name  
Hallelujah, so worthy  
Hallelujah! Lord, we lift you up

Hallelujah, you're worthy  
Hallelujah, we praise your name  
Hallelujah, so worthy  
Hallelujah! Lord, we lift you up

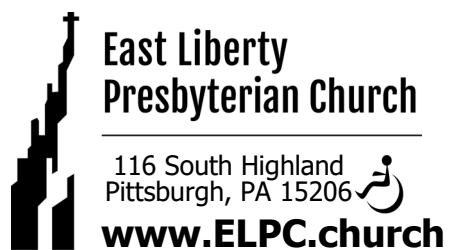
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Hallelujah, we praise your name  
Hallelujah, so worthy  
Hallelujah!  
Lord, we lift you up!  
Lord, we lift you up!  
Lord, we lift you up!



**Interested in joining  
ELPC's Chancel Choir  
or Handbell Choir?**

**Regular rehearsals will resume  
in September.**

**For info, please contact  
Organist/Choir Director  
Dr. Edward Alan Moore  
([EdM@coh.net](mailto:EdM@coh.net)).**



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