



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)

OCTOBER 3, 2021 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The tune name BEACH SPRING was named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia, that was built near two beech trees by a spring, Beech Spring Baptist Church. Composer B.F. White (1800-1879) got the spelling wrong when the tune was published in *The Sacred Harp* in 1844 and the incorrect spelling has continued ever since.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) was first celebrated in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church here in Pittsburgh, PA, when Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"This world is full of beauty, as other worlds above;
And if we did our duty, it might be full of love."

— Gerald Massey

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
"Let Us Break Bread Together" Dale Wood
"Beach Spring" Janet Linker

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

Dr. Valire Carr Copeland

Leader: To my sisters and brothers, to siblings all over this world, I will tell of your glory, O God;
People: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!
Leader: In the great congregation and at the banquet table of generous grace, I will sing your praise, O God;
People: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!
Leader: Let us rejoice together on this World Communion Sunday and join to worship God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #318

ST. PETER

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

INTRODUCTION OF SERMON THEME

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:13-16

Kathryn Ophardt

RECOGNITION OF THE REV. DR. ROBERT HEWETT

The Rev. Dr. Bush

RECOGNITION OF 50+ YEAR MEMBERS

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Schoenewolf

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Go into all the world and
proclaim the good news
to the whole creation.
(Mark 16:15)

[Babel's] ziggurat or
artificial mountain...is a
supreme act of hubris,
committed time and
again in history – from
the Sumerian city-states,
to Plato's Republic, to
empires, ancient and
modern, to the Soviet
Union. It is the attempt to
impose a man-made
unity on divinely created
diversity.
(Jonathan Sacks)

Composer Tom Fettke's
(b. 1941) frequently
performed setting of
Psalm 8, *The Majesty
and Glory of Your Name*,
was composed in 1979.
For many years he was a
teacher and church
musician in California,
and now resides in
Brentwood, TN.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Parents are asked to keep their children with them in the pews during this time.

There is currently no Extended Session program or childcare in the Nursery Suite available.

We have provided an expanded Kid's Corner with individually packaged materials, and family-friendly spaces in the Courtyard and the Garth Overlook Room (where you will be able to see and hear worship on a monitor in both spaces).

* HYMN #774

"There Is Now A New Creation"

STUTTGART

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 11:1-9

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

"Intervals of Faith – Minor 2nd: Dissonant, Different Words"

OFFERING INVITATION

Dr. Valire Carr Copeland

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.

You are invited to use the QR code to the right if you would like to make a donation in support of ELPC. A donation box is also available in the Sanctuary.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Tom Fettke

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" text based on Psalm 8

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, who are we that you are mindful of us?

You have given us a crown of glory and honor, and have made us a little lower than the angels. You have put us in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. Oh, who are we? Oh, who are we that you are mindful of us?

O Lord, our God; the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God; little children praise you perfectly, and so would we.

Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia! Alleluia!

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DATE
IN HISTORY:

St. Francis of Assisi died (1228); Scottish author and veterinarian James Herriott was born (1916), as was Gwen Stefani (1969) and India Arie (1975). Also, Frank Robinson became the first African American manager of a major league baseball team, leading the Cleveland Indians (1974); Art Schell became the first African American coach of an NFL team (1989); and East and West Germany reunited after 45 years of division (1990).

Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949) adapted the tune McKee in 1940 for use with the text *In Christ There Is No East or West*. He named it for Rev. Elmer McKee, rector of St. George's Church in New York City, where Burleigh was baritone soloist for 52 years. The postlude is a fanfare based on this hymn tune.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

The Lord be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

Lift up your hearts.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

The Lord's Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may receive the bread and the cup, then returning to their seats via the side aisles to partake of the elements. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.

COMMUNION HYMN #498

BEACH SPRING

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Libby Hewett

Leader: Loving God, you have entrusted us with the works of your own hands. Now we return these gifts to you with thanksgiving and praise. Use them for your glory and for the good of your world; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #399

THEMBA AMEN

“God Welcomes All”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Dr. Moore, organ
Charles Callahan
McKee

Our worship concludes with the postlude. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until the postlude has concluded.



As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at www.ELPC.church. This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video. Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.

Please turn off all electronic devices before the service begins.

◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Libby Hewett
Dr. Valire Carr Copeland
Kathryn Ophardt
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, *Piano*
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Michele Bossers
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME SUSPENDED

Out of an abundance of caution, we are not providing coffee or refreshments. However, water is available in the Fellowship Room.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor flowers for our worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Norma (412.441.3800 x111).

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall. The service will also be streamed on Zoom.
Oct 10 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. The service will also be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.
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◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France. Rev. BJ Woodworth leads this service in the Chapel.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (*in Highland Ave hallway*)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness.

Available everyday

◆ WEEKLY SPIRITUAL LIFE OFFERINGS

Contemplative Prayer

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies on Zoom (www.Zoom.us).

Mondays, 7:30 am to 8 am

Meeting ID #959 8065 3992

Passcode: bestill

Mindfulness Meditation

Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarada will guide participants in mindfulness meditation practices and offer supports for practicing meditation in every day life on Zoom (www.Zoom.us).

Thursdays, 8 am to 8:30 am

Meeting ID #959 8065 3992

Passcode: bestill

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our red Friendship Books.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.