



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)

MAY 8, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / MOTHER'S DAY

Composer and organist Harold Darke (1888-1976) was born in London and died in Cambridge. One of his best-known compositions is a choral setting of Christina Rossetti's *In the Bleak Midwinter*.

Bobby McFerrin's (b. 1950) vocal technique has been rightly described as virtuosic. Known for his popular hits such as *Don't Worry, Be Happy*, he has also garnered acclaim as a conductor and composer. He recorded his setting of *The 23rd Psalm* in 1990, singing all four of the vocal lines himself. Written in the style of an Anglican Chant, he dedicated it to his mother, modifying the text to use feminine pronouns.

TIME OF PREPARATION

My soul, sit thou a patient looker-on;
Judge not the play before the play is done:
Her plot hath many changes; every day
Speaks a new scene; the last act crowns the play.

— Francis Quarles (1592-1644)

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Meditation on Brother James’ Air”

Harold Darke
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi

Leader: We proclaim this day that God, through God’s Son Jesus Christ, overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

People: **We rejoice in Christ’s resurrection and the renewing power of God’s Holy Spirit that leads us forward in lives of righteousness.**

Leader: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

People: All blessing and honor and glory to God, whom we worship and praise this day.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #263

CORONATION

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

* LITANY FOR MOTHER’S DAY

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Congregational Response: **On this Mother’s Day, O Lord, hear our prayer.**

ANTHEM

“The 23rd Psalm”
(dedicated to my mother)

Bobby McFerrin

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Lord God, in the light of your resurrection glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the divisions we have reinforced, the truth we have denied. Heal us of our broken and sinful ways; wash us anew in your mercy. Let us ever follow your way and live out the good news of your generous gospel. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.

May 8 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

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On this day in history, **several notable "firsts"** occurred: Hernando de Soto first sighted the expanse of the Mississippi River (1541); President Harry S. Truman was born (1884); the first Coca-Cola was **sold at Jacob's** Pharmacy in Atlanta (1886); Pittsburgh jazz legend Mary Lou Williams was born (1910); the first **"eye bank"** was established (1944); and VE Day (Victory in Europe) was celebrated (1945).

To see a world in a grain of sand and heaven in a wild flower, hold infinity in the palm of your hand, an eternity in an hour. (William Blake)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. (Isaiah 40:5)

Biblical revelation has given the church the tools for understanding society, discerning justice from injustice, understanding conflict and meeting people where their need is greatest. Why are we wasting our time wandering round old grave-yards? (Elaine Storkey)

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the welcoming joy of the Lord. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #294 (sing 3 times)

DANS NOS OBSCURITÉS

"Within Our Darkest Night"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10:9-16, 34-35

Barbara Griffin

Kira Mukogosi

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Children in preschool through grade 3 are invited to the Chapel for a time of learning together. Children younger than age 3 are welcome to attend, if accompanied by their parents. Parents and caregivers should meet their children in the back of in the Sanctuary during the Doxology, when children will return to the worship service.

The nursery is now open and staffed for children age 3 and under.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Ordained to Office of Deacon:

Jo Ellen Aleshire, Yodit Betru, Annabel Degenholtz, Jeff Fritz

Installed to Office of Deacon:

Karen Beasley, Dana Carl

Ordained to Office of Elder:

Hollen Barmer, Charlotte Brake-Hoffman,

Stephen Simpson-Hunt, Matt Stufft

Installed to Office of Elder:

Ray Anthony, Sandra Brake, Carol Chonoska,

Carla Depperman, Becky Gloninger

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Presentation of Child:

Eleanor Louise McCaskey (daughter of Lesley and Brendan McCaskey)

Profession of Faith

Act of Baptizing

* HYMN #377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Joining a Great Multitude"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

The text of *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* is based on the writings of Julian of Norwich (c. 1342 – c. 1413). Her book of devotions, *Revelations of Divine Love*, was published in 1395 and is the first published book in the English language to be written by a woman.

PRAYER:
Holy God, you have called a people to be your family out of every tribe, language, and nation, to love and serve you daily in a world of complexity, beauty, and diversity. Help us to respect the dignity of difference as we seek to be one with you and each other this day and always. Amen.

Organist and composer Wilbur Held (1914-2015) served on the faculty of The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH for thirty years.

The text of *For All the Saints* was written by the Anglican Bishop William Walsham How and published in 1864. Comprised of 11 verses, this text was originally sung to the hymn tune SARUM by Joseph Barnby. Since the publication of the *English Hymnal* in 1906, the text has been associated with the tune SINE NOMINE (meaning “without name”) by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

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.

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.

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy



OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

The text can be found in the Glory to God Hymnal #7.

arr. Tom Trenney

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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.
Leader:	Holy God, you are our hope and our strength, our light and our life. Your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus' name we pray.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #326 (vs. 1, 3, 5)

SINE NOMINE

“For All The Saints”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“For All the Saints”

Wilbur Held
Dr. Moore, organ

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 silence all electronic devices before the service begins.

◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Barbara Griffin
Kira Mukogosi
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Beadle: Mario Seneca
Crucifer: Mark Statler
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday morning, there is coffee available from 9:30 – 10 am in the Whitfield Lobby (lower level) and the Highland Ave Lobby. There will also be coffee available in the Narthex following the 11 am worship service.

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

Next Sunday, May 15, is the final Sunday The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will be preaching at ELPC as our Senior Pastor. A farewell reception will be held for him and his wife, Beth, following the 11 am Sanctuary Worship service in the Social Hall. All are welcome!

8:45 am Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The service is also streamed on Zoom.
May 15 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

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

Today's flowers honor Mothers and Grandmothers, given by Presbyterian Women.

◆ 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 and Centering Prayer

In the Season of Eastertide we will be mediating and dwelling in the stories of resurrection and new life. The group will take a break starting May 30 through Labor Day and resume on Monday, Sept 12.

Mondays, 7:30 to 8 am

Meeting ID #959 8065 3992

Passcode: bestill

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person at 6 pm in the Sanctuary (before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service).

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month

May 13, 6:30-7:45 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.

TODAY AT ELPC

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany's Celebration

ELPC's former Music Director, The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany, cordially invites you to join the festive celebration of his 73 years of *Ministry of Word and Sacrament* and *Ministry of Music* to the glory of God at 3 pm today in the Sanctuary. Come be inspired by organists J. Richard Szeremany, Dr. Edward Alan Moore and Jon Tyillian, and pianist The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush. This will be an interesting, historical narrative of Richard's life.



Café Justo Sales

Stop by the Narthex after today's 11 am worship service to purchase a bag of Café Justo coffee. All varieties are available in ground and whole bean bags for \$10 (cash or check only). If you are unable to pick up your coffee in person, contact Ryan Booher (rabooherco@gmail.com). *Note: Café Justo will be sold on the second Sunday of the month.*



Wednesday Morning Yoga and Contemplation Series

Join Katrina Woodworth for a Hatha yoga class on Wednesdays at 8 am on Zoom in May and June to explore our relationship with creation through the 4 elements of water, wind, earth and fire. The ancient Yogis understood that our bodies contain all 4 elements. In this class we will explore the elements through movement, posture, breath and meditation. Each class will end with a contemplative reading and 15 minutes of silent meditation. Register in advance at us02web.zoom.us/j/8455123456. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Refugee Furniture Drive

May 14

The Justice Committee is hosting a Refugee Furniture Drive. Please drop off your furniture and household goods donations from 9 am-4 pm on Saturday, May 14 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave). Volunteers are also needed to load/unload. Contact Carol Chonoska to help: carolchonoska@gmail.com

Part-Time Gardener Wanted

The Property Committee is looking for someone to help maintain the flower beds around the church on a regular basis, especially the Rain Garden that extends along Penn Ave and Whitfield St. This paid position would require approximately 3 hours per week from May to the end of October. This person would also work closely with the Gardening Crew to help organize and lead volunteer workdays throughout the summer. Contact Don Breitbarth (donbreitbarth@gmail.com) or Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

Child Care Worker Needed

ELPC is looking to hire a Child Care worker to provide care for infants and toddlers on Sunday mornings in our nursery. The ideal candidate for this position will create a welcoming, engaging, safe, and age-appropriate environment for infants and toddlers. If you know someone who might be interested, please visit www.elpc.church/careers for more info.

Author Presentation Watch Party — May 9

Join the Facing Systemic Racism Committee for a live watch party of Isabel Wilkerson's talk at Carnegie Music Hall on Monday, May 9 in the Garth Overlook Room at 7:30 pm. Ms. Wilkerson is an American journalist and the author of *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* and *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. She was the first woman of African-American heritage to win the Pulitzer Prize in journalism.

➤ The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush ➤

Last Sunday at ELPC is May 15



Following the Sanctuary service next Sunday, May 15 in the Social Hall, there will be a farewell reception for our departing Senior Pastor Randy Bush, his wife Beth, and children Ian and Charlotte.

There will be a box at the event to collect cards sharing reflections and good wishes for the Bush family.

➤ *Share your Picture Memories of the Bush Family* ➤

Do you have pictures that include Pastor Randy, Beth, Ian, and/or Charlotte over their 16 years with us at ELPC that you are willing to share? Please send any pictures to Norma in the church office by Noon on Friday, May 13.



As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Frank and Paula Bauerle's son-in-law Brian,
Kathy Callahan's parents, David Carl's friend's parents,
Katie Haas-Conrad's friend's mother,
Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy, Liz Hopkins,
Jon Nelson's cousin Rayna,
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's mother,
Vivienne Selia's friend, and Herma Stewart's nephew.

*Condolences to The Rev. Cynthia Jackson
on her husband's passing.*

*A service of Praise and Thanksgiving for the Life and Ministry of
The Rev. Jared Jackson, ThD will be held at the Episcopal Church
of the Holy Cross (7507 Kelly St, 15208) on Sat, May 14, 2 pm.*

Notes of Thanks...

Peta Harrigan Cole and Derek Harrigan extend their thanks to everyone for their expressions of sympathy after her brother's passing.

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf extends her thanks to everyone for their expressions of sympathy after her father's passing.

Enneagram Study Group — May 9 and 23

Join facilitator Lynn Holden on the third Mondays now through June and Sept through Dec, from 12:15-1:30 pm on Zoom (Meeting ID: 966 6904 5127, Passcode: 9types) for an Enneagram Study Group. Required book is *The Sacred Enneagram: Finding Your Path to Spiritual Growth* by Christopher L. Heuertz. (In May, the group will meet on May 9 and May 23, instead of May 16.)

Church Tour — May 15

All are invited to join a tour of the majestic ELPC tower next Sunday after the 11 am Sanctuary service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to join the tour.

Organ Concert — May 15

ELPC and *The Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh* are co-sponsoring an organ concert presented by Jan Kraybill on Sunday, May 15 at 3 pm. Dr. Kraybill is Principal Organist for the Dome and Spire Organ Foundation. Contact Dr. Ed Moore for complimentary tickets to this concert (EdM@coh.net). The concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Volunteer Flower Planting Day — May 21

Please plan to join the Gardening Crew on Saturday, May 21 for their annual volunteer flower planting day. Each spring a group of dedicated members and friends refresh the Highland Ave entrance and the Courtyard. Bring your generous spirit and a pair of work gloves to the Highland driveway around 9 am. If you're interested in helping, or would like to learn about other upcoming garden workdays, please contact Don Breitbarth (donbreitbarth@gmail.com).

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Summer Jobs at the Presbyterian House in Chautauqua

Are you looking for a summer job? Would you like to spend some time in Chautauqua, New York? The Presbyterian Association of Chautauqua is looking for individuals to fill open positions at the Presbyterian House this summer. Please contact Kathy Taylor if interested (kathy@presbychq.org; 203.605.1544).

Congregational Meeting — May 22

There will be a *Congregational Meeting* on Sunday, May 22 in the Sanctuary immediately after the 11 am service.

GCF Sidewalk Seedling Sale — May 22

Garfield Community Farm will be hosting a Sidewalk Seedling Sale on Penn Ave in front of ELPC on Sunday, May 22 from 12–2 pm. Stop by after Sanctuary worship and get started on your garden while supporting a local neighborhood community farm.

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering — May 22

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, May 22 at 12:30 pm both in person and via Zoom. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

Brass and Organ Concert — May 29

The Brass Roots and conductor/arranger Jim Nova return to team up with Dr. Edward Alan Moore in a concert of music adapted from the movies and video games at 3 pm in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 29. A freewill offering will be accepted. The concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

May 15 • 9:45 to 10:45 am

◆ ADULTS ◆

Both in-person and on Zoom

Contact Sara Hackett or Rev. Heather Schoenewolf for Zoom links.

Journey with Scripture — Micah 7:1–7; Qumran (selected reading); Romans 12:1–13:14; Luke (Q) 17:6, 21–24, 37, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

Parenting Circle — “The Sandbox Revolution” facilitated by Trish Buben

Seekers — “Focusing Our Values, Ethics, and Moral Energy to Transform the U.S. Healthcare System,” presented by Margaret (Meg) Park, M.Div., and facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food — A discussion of a reading by Barbara Brown Taylor entitled *In Praise of Darkness*, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members.