



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 29, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The *Allegro, Chorale, and Fugue*, one of Mendelssohn's (1809-1847) most eloquent statements for the organ, was never published during his lifetime. Dating from 1844, it remained unknown and unplayed in Mendelssohn's manuscripts, collected in what is referred to as the *Green Volumes*. It was rediscovered in the Jagiellonian Library in Kraków, Poland in 1986.

PRAYER:

O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity and keep it faithful to your Word, so that, breaking bread together we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

O God, you love justice and you establish peace on earth. We bring before you the disunity of today's world: the absurd violence, and the many wars, which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world; militarism and the armaments race, which are threatening life on the planet; human greed and injustice, which breed hatred and strife. Send us your Spirit and renew the face of the earth; teach us to be compassionate toward the whole human family; strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace; lead all nations into the path of peace, and give us that peace which the world cannot give. Amen.
— *A Prayer from Zaire*

MUSIC MINISTRY

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
“Allegro, Chorale and Fugue in D Minor/D Major”
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

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

Linda Lane

(Prayer adapted from “The power and the glory” by Ann Knighton, featured in *Women of Prayer*)

Leader: Eternal God, you are the power that created the universe, the energy that fires everything, the strength that sustains our world.

People: Eternal Parent, you are the love that encircles us, the grace that enables us, the truth that enlightens us.

Leader: Eternal Savior, you are the glory of the cross of Christ, the hope of the resurrection, the life of the Holy Spirit.

People: We worship you, God of love, power and might.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #645

MIT FREUDEN ZART

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Linda Lane

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Linda Lane

God of Compassion, you command us to love, serve, and welcome others in your name, yet the lure of wealth, power, privilege and even comfort distract us from your call. We struggle to do what is right – and often we outright fail. We prioritize personal wants over collective needs; we search for easy answers to complicated problems; we categorize others rather than seeking authentic justice. Forgive us, we pray. Give us the courage to follow you, and the strength to do your will, and the ability to love with mercy, even when we must step outside of our comfort zones to do so.

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

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The origins of Memorial Day may be traced to an event that took place in 1865. A group of 10,000 freed, formerly enslaved people in South Carolina, along with a few white supporters—teachers and missionaries—marched in honor of Union soldiers, some of whom had been Confederate prisoners, reburied by the freed Black Charlestonians. The prisoners had been buried in a mass grave when they died at the prison. While this ceremony can be called the first Memorial Day, it wasn't repeated, and was soon nearly forgotten.

David Schelat composed *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show* in June of 2000 for Summer Choir at First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware. Scored for SAB choir and two hand drums, it is a lively modal setting of this well-known text.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Linda Lane

Leader: God in Christ has liberated us from the sin that binds us, from structures that oppress us, from the lies we have been told that hold us back. In Christ we are made new. 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 #646 (please sing 3 times)

MAGNIFICAT

"Sing Out, My Soul"

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 97:1-12

Matthew Stuftt

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:20-26

Linda Lane

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

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 open to young children who are accompanied by their parents/caregivers during worship (there will be no staff/volunteers present); the service is livestreamed into that space.

* HYMN #840

"When Peace Like a River"

VILLE DU HAVRE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 16:16-34

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

"Tough Choices Made Easy"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

David Schelat

*Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia, gloria!
Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia, gloria!
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia, gloria!
All that see and share God's love, Alleluia, gloria!
Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia, gloria!
Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia, gloria!
Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia, gloria!
Praise God, praise for evermore! Alleluia, gloria!
Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia, gloria!
Praise the providence and grace, Alleluia, gloria!
All that God for us has done, Alleluia, gloria!
All God sends us through the Son, Alleluia, gloria!*

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On this day in history:
Thomas Jefferson
proposed the "Virginia
Plan" to the
Constitutional
Convention, advocating
for a national
government with three
branches – legislative,
executive and judicial;
Sojourner Truth
addressed the First Black
Women's Rights
Convention in Akron,
Ohio (1851); Dorothea
Dix offered help in setting
up hospitals for the
Union Army (1661); Bing
Crosby recorded *White
Christmas* (1942); and a
film adaptation of *A
Raisin in the Sun*
premiered starring the
Broadway cast which
included Sidney Poitier,
Ruby Dee, John Fiedler
and Ivan Dixon.

Do the right thing. It will
gratify some people and
astonish the rest.
(Mark Twain)

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
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.
Leader:	With grace you extend to us a love that sets us free – from sin, from wounds, from all that limits us from being our best selves. May the gifts we bring be an offering of praise, and an extension of your kingdom here on earth. Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #359 (please sing 2 times)

FREEDOM IS COMING

"Freedom Is Coming"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

"Allegro Moderato Maestoso" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
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. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Sara Hackett
Linda Lane
Matthew Stuftt
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Abby Langhorst, *Percussion*
Beadle: Jo Ellen Aleshire
Crucifer: Mario Seneca
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday morning, there is coffee available in the Balaka Room from 8:30 am to 1 pm.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor flowers for our weekly worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is \$175. *No scented flowers are used at our worship services.*

◆ PENTECOST SUNDAY WORSHIP

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.
June 5 — The Rev. BJ Woodworth 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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◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Taizé: Prayerful Song and Quiet Meditation
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

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

June 17, July 15, Aug 19, Sept 16,
Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 9 (*second Friday*)
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.

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on June 12 at 11 am in the Garth Overlook Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Contact Megan Leisher to register or for more information (MeganL@coh.net).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Church Tour

All are invited to join a *Hidden Places Tour* after the 11 am Sanctuary service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to join this exciting tour!

Brass and Organ Concert

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 this afternoon. A freewill offering will be accepted. The concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Tween Gym Night

Tweens in grades 4–6 will be gathering for pizza and games in the church gym today from 4–6 pm. RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).



Environmental Book Club — June 2

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to read *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs The Climate* by Naomi Klein. Then join the book club for a discussion on Thursday, June 2 at 7 pm, led by Amanda DeWitt. For more info, contact Nancy (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Decolonizing our Spiritual Practices — June 4

Join us on Saturday, June 4 from 9 am–3pm at ELPC or on Zoom for a day of teaching, conversation, and spiritual practice, as we seek to continue in our journey to be a Matthew 25 church and decolonize our spiritual practices. We will be led by Leeann Shaw Younger, lead pastor of Cityview Church in Pittsburgh's East Deutschtown/Spring Garden neighborhood. We will be considering how we might begin to unlearn the spiritual practices we've inherited that ignore and even denigrate the way indigenous cultures see the world and the Divine. Today is the deadline to register for this event. RSVP to Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The suggested donation is \$10 (lunch included).

ELPC Participates in PRIDE Events — June 4 and 5

ELPC will join other Presbyterian churches through a newly formed group called LAMP (LGBTQIA+ Affirming Ministries of Pittsburgh) to march in the PRIDE events on Saturday, June 4 at 11 am for Pride Revolution (downtown) and Sunday, June 5 at 10 am for People's Pride (Swissvale). Maps for the marches and more info are on the communications counter next to the Fellowship Room. Contact Wil Forrester for a ride from ELPC to the marches (Wil@coh.net). *Don't forget to wear your ELPC tie-dyed shirt!*

Pentecost Sunday — June 5

Pentecost Sunday, June 5, will be the last Sunday of our 2021–2022 Church School Year. On this day, we will:

- Give thanks for the musical leadership of Dr. Michael J. Warren, who has directed ELPC's Journey Praise Team for the last three years. Michael is relocating to Ohio as his wife begins medical school.
- Participate in our final Sunday of Church School before summer break.
- Receive three youth as members, and one youth as a friend at our Sanctuary worship service.

The *Pentecost Offering* will also be received. Your gifts will support ministries with children, youth, and young adults in our community, across the nation, and around the world.

The Chapel Marketplace is Re-Opening! — June 6

We've been waiting for this day!

Keep it on your calendar and in your prayers!

The Chapel Marketplace is a clothing ministry of ELPC where people from the community can come and shop (no cost) for clothing. To re-open, we need your help, especially help sorting clothes and staffing the Chapel Marketplace. We also need donations of new or gently used clothes (spring/summer seasonal – **please, no men's suits** or ties right now). You can leave your donations in the bins near the main desk at Highland Ave. If interested, please contact Frank Bauerle (frbauerle@yahoo.com). Someone will contact you about how and when you can help.

Summer Worship Schedule — Begins June 12

We will begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 12 with one service at 10 am. We will continue to worship in the Sanctuary throughout June, but will move to the Courtyard beginning July 3 (weather permitting).



Registration Open for VCS Campers and Volunteers

June 20–24 • 9 am–3 pm

ELPC will be hosting Vacation Church School for children in pre-K (age 4 and potty-trained) through grade 5 (completed). Our theme will be *Passports to Peace*. Registration is now open for students and volunteers. Visit our website for registration forms and more info (www.ELPC.church).

Volunteer Training • June 19

There will be training and orientation for all adult and teen volunteers for VCS on Sunday, June 19 from 11 am–2 pm in the Social Hall. Lunch will be provided.



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,
Linda Benedict, Kathy Callahan's parents,
David Carl's father and his friend's parents,
Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy, Liz Hopkins,
Jon Nelson's cousin Rayna,
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's mother, and
Vivienne Selia's friend.

Condolences to Jaszmiel Branch on her father's passing.

Send your prayer requests to Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net).

Inquirers Class — June 12

If you are interested in learning more about ELPC and would like to join our faith family, please attend the next *Inquirers Class* on Sunday, June 12 after the 10 am Sanctuary worship service in the Fellowship Room. To register or for more info, please contact Megan (MeganL@coh.net).

Celebrating the Gifts of Our Youth — June 12

Join us on Youth Sunday, June 12 at 10 am, as we celebrate the Spirit's presence in our church through the leadership of our youth in worship. On this special Sunday, the liturgy will be written and led by ELPC youth, and graduating seniors will share a message with the congregation.

June Solstice Forest Bathing — June 25

Join us at Frick Park on Saturday, June 25 from 6–9 pm for a time of *Solstice Forest Bathing* and mark the beginning of summer, increased daylight, and warmth! If you are unfamiliar with forest bathing, it is simply mindfulness in nature as we bathe in the health-boosting benefits of the forest. Guided by Sandi Miller, we'll enjoy a three-hour walk and experience a series of invitations to slow down, open our senses, and cultivate an embodied relationship between ourselves and the natural world. Throughout the walk, we'll have opportunities to share our experiences. We'll conclude with a cup of tea made from the forest. There's no right or wrong way to practice forest bathing, so come as you are; it's all welcome in the forest. (We will be walking less than one mile, but there are some hills involved.) Register with Norma (412.441.3800 x111) by Wednesday, June 22. The event is limited to 12 people.

Part-Time Gardener Wanted

The Property Committee is looking for someone to help maintain the flower beds around the church on a regular basis. 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. Please contact Don Breitbarth (donbreitbarth@gmail.com) or Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Pittsburgh Juneteenth Parade — June 18

Members of Presbyterian churches are requested to participate in the annual *Pittsburgh Juneteenth Parade* on Saturday, June 18 in honor of The Rev. Henry Highland Garnet, a Presbyterian minister and abolitionist who was one of the founding members of the league that organized the parade in Pittsburgh.

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC) will be traveling in the parade via *Molly's Trolleys*, and you are invited to participate for a fee of \$15/person to cover the expense of the trolley.

Send payment to: NBPC Pittsburgh, c/o Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd, Pittsburgh 15219 (indicate *Molly's Trolley* in the memo of the check).

The trolley will be filled on a first come-first served basis. Contact Milea Perry for more info (412.651.6191).

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

June 5 • 9:45 to 10:45 am
(final class before summer break)

◆ ADULTS ◆

Both in-person and on Zoom

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

Journey with Scripture — We will reflect on this past year's readings and look ahead to our plans for next year; and give thanks for our inspiring readings and the thoughtful engagement of our participants, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Parenting Circle — Continue discussion of *The Sandbox Revolution: Raising Kids for a Just World*, facilitated by Trish Buben

Seekers — "How Russians Are Reacting to Their Country's Invasion of Ukraine," led by The Rev. John Burges, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food — A review of this past church school year and a preview of our plans for the coming one, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members.