



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)

JUNE 12, 2022 — 10 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP YOUTH SUNDAY

TIME OF PREPARATION

One other thing stirs me when I look back on my youthful days — the fact that so many people gave me something or were something to me without knowing it.

— *Albert Schweitzer, Memories of Childhood and Youth*

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Allein Gott in der Höh”
(All Glory Be to God on High)
“Nicaea – Holy, Holy, Holy”

Timothy Albrecht

Robert Buckley Farlee
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.
People: Y también contigo.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us praise God, our Sovereign, whose name is majestic in all of the earth!
People: Both young and old cry out to God — our strength, our protector, our friend.
Leader: When we look at the heavens, the work of God's fingers, the moon and the stars that God has established, we are amazed.
People: **We are in awe of God's creation and in awe of God's care for us.**
Leader: So together let us sing: “O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all of the earth!”

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #26

“Earth and All Stars!”

EARTH AND ALL STARS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you made us in your image and called us “beloved” and “good,” yet we run from you call and your claim on our lives. We fail as stewards of your creation, harming our planet, wounding each other, and even neglecting ourselves. By your grace, forgive us, heal us, and guide us according to your word.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Leader: The God of the heavens and the earth is the same God, who in Christ, has made all things new! Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. ¡Alaben a Dios!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

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Romans 5:1-5

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

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 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 #821

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

GOSPEL LESSON

John 16:12-15

SENIOR MESSAGES

HOMILY

The Rev. Schoenewolf

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SLIDESHOW

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

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.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

John Rutter

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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.

Leader: Thank you, God, for the gift of your creation, your grace and your love. Bless the gifts we offer and strengthen us to care for all of your creation as you care so faithfully for us. In Christ's name we pray.

People: Amén.

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.

Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ROYAL OAK

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“Wir Glauben All an Einen Gott, BWV 680”

Johann Sebastian Bach

(We All Believe in One True God)

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.



May our
Youth
stand tall and
together
in God's
grace

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
 Graduating Seniors: Ian Mackey-Piccolo
 Kira Mukogosi
 Antoinette Robinson
 Dove Valencheck
 Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
 Boaz Chapman
 Annabel Degenholtz
 James Eng
 Sara Hackett
 Will Kuchera
 Kira Mukogosi
 Eleanor Willson
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
 ELPC Chancel Choir
 Sound: Tim Benedict
 Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday morning, there is coffee available in the Balaka Room from 9 am to Noon.

◆ 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.

Our beautiful arrangements are provided by Bloom Brigade (www.bloombrigade.com).

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

10 am.....Sanctuary Summer 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.
June 19 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy preaching.

◆ 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* 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

Celebrating the Gifts of Our Youth

Today we celebrate the Spirit's presence in our church through the leadership of our youth in worship. On this special Sunday, the liturgy is written and led by ELPC youth, and graduating seniors will share a message with the congregation.

Café Justo Sales

Stop by the Narthex after today's 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).

Inquirers Class

If you are interested in learning more about ELPC and would like to join our faith family, please attend the next *Inquirers Class* today after the 10 am Sanctuary worship service in the Fellowship Room. If interested, please see Pastor Patrice or Pastor Heather immediately after worship.

Church Tower Tour

All are invited to join a tour of the majestic ELPC tower **after today's worship service**. Please wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes for this tour. Gather in the Highland Lobby to join tour guide Bob Starzynski if interested.

Please note the Tower Tour will be held again on Sunday, June 26 after worship.

Summer Worship Schedule

This morning we begin our summer worship schedule, 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). Journey Worship will resume on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 11.



The Chapel Marketplace Re-Opened

The Chapel Marketplace is a clothing ministry of ELPC where people from the community can come and shop (no cost) for clothing. 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.



Volunteers still needed for VCS

June 20-24 • 9 am–3 pm

ELPC will be hosting Vacation Church School for children from Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24 from 9 am to 3 pm each day. Volunteers are still needed! Visit our website (www.ELPC.church) for more info on how you can help during this special week!

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.

Connections Groups — June 18

ELPC Connections Groups are designed to foster small-group friendships in a large congregation. All past members of Connections Groups and new people who are interested in joining us are invited to an afternoon of strawberry picking on Saturday, June 18. Meet at Noon at Soergel Orchards (2573 Brandt School Rd, Wexford, PA 15090). To RSVP and coordinate car pooling, contact Elaine Phillips (connectelpc@gmail.com).

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.

Middle School Mission Trip — July 10 to 15

Students who have completed grades 6–8 are heading to Crestfield Camp in Slippery Rock for a week of mission work and fun from July 10-15! The cost is \$200 (scholarships available). Register online at ELPC.church.



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.

High School Mission Trip — Aug 6 to 13

Students who have completed grades 8–12 will be traveling to Memphis, TN for our High School Mission Trip from Aug 6-13. We will be serving with Memphis Youth Mission. For info about the trip, trip requirements, and cost, contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net). Register online at ELPC.church.

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.

Wednesday Morning Yoga and Contemplation Series

Join Katrina Woodworth for a Hatha yoga class on Wednesdays at 8 am on Zoom through the end of June to explore our relationship with creation through the 4 elements of water, wind, earth and fire. Register in advance at www.tiny.cc/n1truz. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing info about joining.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — July 10

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, July 10 at 11:30 am. Both allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are encouraged to attend. Contact Wil Forrest for more info and/or to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net).

Taizé Podcast Now Available

If you are unable to come to our Taizé services in person on Wednesdays at 7 pm, stream or download a 15-minute contemplative recording each week. Each podcast includes a brief time of centering, music, a meditation, and a closing prayer. You can find a link to listen to the recordings at www.ELPC.church, in our *This Week in Worship* email news flash each Friday, or in our new app.

In our

COMMUNITY



— Juneteenth Events —

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, commemorates the historic moment on June 19, 1865 when African Americans were freed from slavery in Texas. It is an opportunity to give thanks for our country's progress while also calling attention to the work we have before us in creating the equity that reflects God's kingdom.

Juneteenth Homecoming Celebration — June 17 to 19

The Western Pennsylvania *Juneteenth Homecoming Celebration* will be held in Point State Park and Market Square from June 17-19 from 11 am-9 pm each day. The event includes live bands, vendors, cultural activities and speakers.

March from Freedom Corner with ELPC — June 18

Join the Justice Committee and Facing Systemic Racism Ministry Team on Saturday, June 18 at 9:30 am at Freedom Corner to march down to Point State Park. Bring a blanket or chair to sit in the field and enjoy the day's events. If you would like to ride in the van, please contact Michele to make a reservation (412.303.9243).

There will also be a webinar at 2 pm on June 15, hosted by Christianity Today, on *Why Juneteenth Should Matter to the Church*. Details on this webinar are available at: <https://christianitytoday.activehosted.com/index.php?action=social&chash=4cfe94fcc9db2f0a16ba44fa5b71d8ec.9525&s=1c4fc2c7aa6839765a0ae0ec6aae6423>.

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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES
will resume on Rally Day in the Fall.

BUILDING CLOSURE

The ELPC building will be closed on Saturday, June 18 in observance of Juneteenth.