



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 19, 2022 — 10 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP JUNETEENTH

TIME OF PREPARATION

Juneteenth has never been a celebration of victory or an acceptance of the way things are. It's a celebration of progress. It's an affirmation that despite the most painful parts of our history, change is possible—and there is still so much work to do. — Barack Obama

MUSIC MINISTRY

“How Great Is Our God”

Todd Galberth
Journey Praise Team

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* 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 (*Psalms 46*)

Thomas Morton

Leader: God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore, we will not fear; though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

Leader: Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“We’re Blessed”

Blessed (All: blessed) (*sing 6 times*)

We're blessed in the city, we're blessed in the field.

We're blessed when we come, and when we go.

We cast down every stronghold, sickness and poverty must cease.

For temptation is defeated, we are blessed. (*sing stanza 2 times*)

Solo: *Late in the midnight hour, God's gonna turn it around.*

It's gonna work in your favor, Yeah (yeah), Yeah (yeah)

Late in the midnight hour, God's gonna turn it around.

And around (All: and around) (*sing 8 times*)

Blessed (All: blessed) (*sing 6 times*)

We're blessed in the city, we're blessed in the field.

We're blessed when we come, and when we go.

We cast down every stronghold, sickness and poverty must cease.

For temptation is defeated, we are blessed. (*sing stanza 2 times*)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Thomas Morton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Thomas Morton

Almighty and sovereign God, we confess that we have broken covenant with you, despised some of your children, and accursed you of forgetting us. Our lives do not praise you, our actions deny you, and our work is carried out without reference to your will. We draw lines of distinction among ourselves rather than celebrating our common humanity. When we are zealous for the faith, we trample on others rather than learning to know and appreciate them. O God, forgive us and change us. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Thomas Morton

Leader: **When we seek God's forgiveness, God is ready to forgive us and equip us for new life.** Wounded spirits are restored to wholeness. Adversaries can become friends. We can grow in faith and love. God puts a song on our lips and confidence in our hearts. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.
¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true,
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you!

LITANY FOR FATHER'S DAY *(from motheringspirit.com)*

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Leader: **God of love, today we ask your blessing on all who give their lives with a father's love.**

People: Bless new fathers and wise grandfathers. Bless loving uncles and caring godfathers.

Leader: Bless fathers who await the birth of their child with joy. Bless men who did not expect or want to become fathers.

People: Bless men who embrace fatherhood through adoption or foster parenting, remarriage or single parenthood. Bless men still waiting and hoping to become fathers.

Leader: Bless fathers whose work takes them away from their children. Bless fathers whose work is with their children.

People: Bless fathers whose lives are shaped by war, poverty, or violence. Bless fathers who work for peace, freedom, and justice.

Leader: Bless teachers and mentors who serve as father figures. Bless priests and ministers who lead as loving parents.

People: Bless men who are separated from their children, by force or choice. Bless families without fathers and all who love in abundance in their absence.

Leader: Bless fathers who have lost a child. Bless families who have lost their father.

People: Bless all whose fathers were loving. Bless all whose fathers failed to meet their needs for love.

Leader: Bless all who celebrate today. Bless all who struggle today.

People: In the name of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 34:11-22

Adrianna Cleveland

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 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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* HYMN

“I’m Free”

I’m free, praise the Lord, I’m free. No longer bound, no more chains holding me.

My soul is resting, it’s such a blessing. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah, I’m free! *(sing stanza 3 times)*

Praise the Lord. Hallelujah, I’m free! Praise the Lord. Hallelujah, I’m free!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 61

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

“Freedom Delayed”

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Free Worshipper”

Todd Dulaney

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* 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 these gifts, O God, we remember with thanksgiving the life that we have because of you. Make us grateful every day for the privilege of offering ourselves for the well-being of all your world. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Rejoice”

Clark, Robinson, Frazier

This is the day that the Lord has made. Rejoice! *(sing 6 times)*

Solo: Today is here and it’s the Lord’s day, so lift your hands up and don’t be afraid.

Don’t wait, it’s not too late. There is power in your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made. So come on - Rejoice!

Lift up your hands and praise God’s name. Just come on - Rejoice!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Rejoice! *(sing 3 times)*

Solo: You can shout now, the victory is here. Give God praises even through your tears.

Don’t wait, it’s really not too late. There’s so much power in your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made. So come on - Rejoice!

Lift up your hands and praise God’s name. Just come on - Rejoice!

Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Lift up your voice and rejoice!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Lift up your voice and rejoice!

Clap your hands, stomp your feet. Lift your voice, Rejoice! *(sing 4 times)*

Rejoice, Rejoice! Rejoice, Rejoice!

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

“Again I Say Rejoice”

Journey Praise Team

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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
 Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
 Adrianna Cleveland
 Thomas Morton
 Musicians: Dr. Michael J. Warren
 Journey Praise Team Music Director
 Journey Praise Team
 Sound: Wayne Gaines and Bobby Jarsulic

♦ 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 26 — The Rev. BJ Woodworth 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



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

VCS Volunteer Training

There will be training and orientation for all adult and teen volunteers for Vacation Church School today from 11 am–2 pm in the Social Hall. Lunch will be provided.



Summer Worship Schedule Through Labor Day

We have begun 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.

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.

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.

Church Tower Tour – June 26

All are invited to join a tour of the majestic ELPC tower after the 10 am worship service on Sunday, June 26. Please wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes for this tour. Gather in the Highland Lobby to join guide Steve Evrard.

YAM Meet and Greet – June 26

Next Sunday after worship, meet the young adults of our church at the Young Adult Ministry's *Meet and Greet* in the Garth Overlook and Fellowship Rooms. RSVP to Derail Holcomb, Young Adult Ministry Coordinator (DerailH@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x133).





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,
Carol Bonner's mother,
Kathy Callahan's parents,
Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy,
Joe Kennedy,
Jon Nelson's cousin Rayna,
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's mother, and
Vivienne Selia's friend.

Condolences to the family of Carla Coles on her passing.

Condolences to the family of Conrad Seaman on his passing.

*Send your prayer requests to Megan Leisher
(MeganL@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).*

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.

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).



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.

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 Homecoming Celebration — Today

The final day of Western Pennsylvania *Juneteenth Homecoming Celebration* will be held today in Point State Park and Market Square from 11 am–9 pm. The event includes live bands, vendors, cultural activities and speakers.

Summer Jobs at the Presbyterian House in Chautauque

Are you looking for a summer job? Would you like to spend some time in Chautauque, New York? The Presbyterian Association of Chautauque 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).

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for Ukraine

As the violence continues in Ukraine, the first priority of PDA is to provide funding to partners on the ground with the knowledge and expertise to help the people of Ukraine. Ways you can help include: GIVE (<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156>; or call 800.872.3283); ACT (like PDA on facebook and share updates); and PRAY (that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ).

Free COVID Tests

Additional free COVID testing kits are available from the U.S. government. Please visit www.covidtests.gov to order up to eight kits.

