



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 26, 2022 — 10 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

God is thirsty for everyone. This thirst has already drawn the Holy to Joy, and the living are ever being drawn and drunk; and yet God still thirsts and longs. In God is endless friendship, space, life and being. God feels great delight to be our Father. God feels great delight to be our Mother, and God feels great delight to be our Spouse.
— Julian of Norwich

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier, BWV 731”
(Blessed Jesus, We Are Here)
“Prelude on Rhosymedre”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Woodworth

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 (Psalm 5, from “Psalms for Prayer” by Nan C. Merrill)

Isaiah Wilson

Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, we shall enter your house, we shall worship in your holy temple with reverence for you.

People: Lead us, O our Beloved, in your mercy, lighten our fears, make your way straight before us that we may follow.

Leader: Let all who come to Love rejoice, let them sing for joy! And protect them, so that those who live in your love may dance in your light.

People: For you bless the peaceful and the just, O Friend to all, you encircle them with your healing light and hold them in your love.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 51, from “Psalms for Prayer” by Nan C. Merrill)

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Have mercy on me, O Gracious One, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant kindness forgive me, for my thoughts and deeds have hurt others. Forgive all that binds me in fear, that I might radiate love; cleanse me that your light might shine in me. Teach me, that I may know my weaknesses, the shortcomings that bind me, the unloving ways that separate me, and keep me from recognizing your Life in me. Deliver me from the addictions of society, O Healer of Souls, and keep me from temptation that I may tell of your justice and mercy. Look not upon my past mistakes but on the aspirations of my heart. Enfold me in your arms of love and fill me with your Holy Spirit. Restore in me the joy of your saving grace and encourage me with a new spirit.

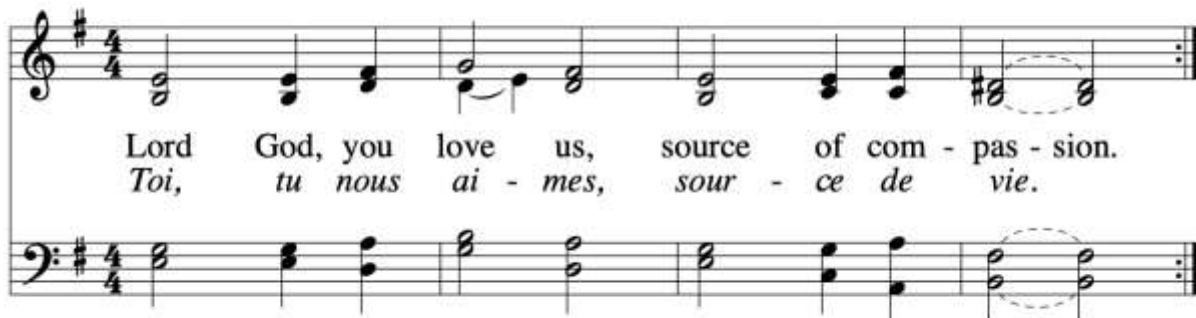
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TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN (*sung multiple times as led by the choir*)

“Lord God, You Love Us”



Text: Taizé Community. Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994.
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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Friends, God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 1:9-11

Isaiah Wilson

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 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 #703

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

ST. CATHERINE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Woodworth

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

The Rev. Woodworth

SERMON

“Rooted and Established”

The Rev. Woodworth

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Joe Hajdu

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.

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Hajdu

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.



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Text by George Herbert

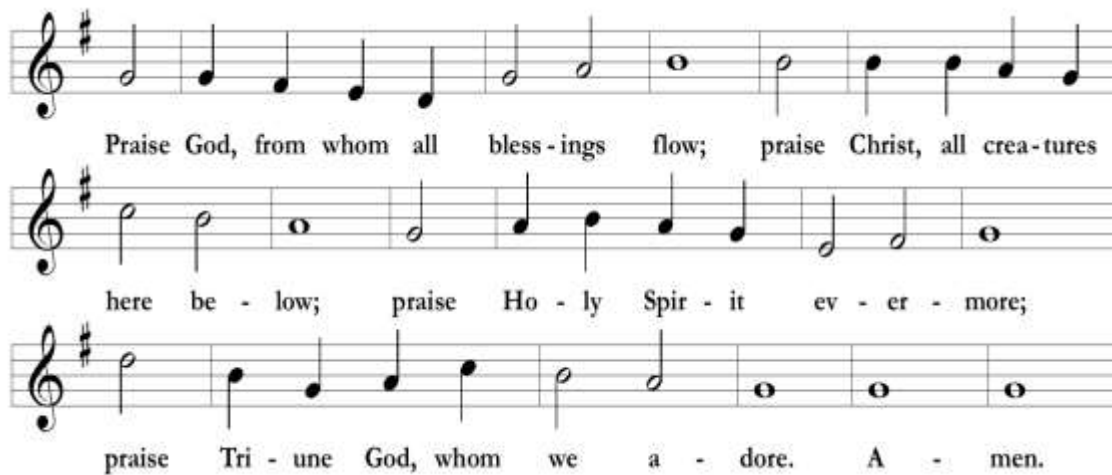
*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes a guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part; such a heart as joy in love.*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf
The Rev. Woodworth

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: How grateful we are, O God, that you provide the strong melody for the song of our life
and the firm foundation upon which we walk for all our days. We return to you a portion of
what you've first given us. May it be used faithfully for your ministry both in this place and
out in the world you've redeemed. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Woodworth

POSTLUDE

“Toccata Pontificale”

Gordon Young
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. BJ Woodworth
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Joe Hajdu
Sara Hackett
Isaiah Wilson
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 (\$75 when we worship in Courtyard).

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

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

10 am.....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. Weather permitting, this service will be held in the Courtyard. Additional seating will be available in the Garth Overlook Room if you prefer to sit inside.

July 3 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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
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

Church Tower Tour

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



YAM Meet and Greet

Meet the young adults of our church at the Young Adult Ministry's *Meet and Greet* in the Garth Overlook and Fellowship Rooms today after worship. Contact Derail Holcomb, Young Adult Ministry Coordinator for more info (DerailH@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x133).



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).

Summer Choir

If you would like to sing with the summer choir when worship moves to the Courtyard on July 3, please contact Dr. Ed Moore (EdM@coh.net). Rehearsals will be at 9 am on Sunday mornings to sing for the 10 am service.

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).



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.

Film Viewing: "Torture in Our Name" – July 17

The Justice Committee invites you to a screening of *Torture in Our Name* following worship on Sunday, July 17 in the Garth Overlook Room. Snacks will be provided.

In this compelling 35-minute documentary for faith audiences, filmmaker Matthew Gossage showcases the tenacity and resilience of people who have faced the torture of solitary confinement first-hand and are working to end it once and for all.

The film traces the stories of state organizers in Louisiana, New Jersey, and New York, where survivors of solitary and their allies have mounted successful legislative campaigns in their respective states. New Jersey (2019) and New York (2021) were the first two states in the nation to legislate bans on long-term isolated confinement. Learn more about the film at nrcat.org.

Worshiping Outdoors

Next Sunday, July 3, our 10 am summer worship service will move outdoors to the Courtyard (weather permitting).

There will be additional seating in the Garth Overlook Room for those who prefer to stay indoors, and the service will be livestreamed to a screen inside.





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

Carol Bonner's mother,
Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy,
Morris Jordan, Joe Kennedy,
Jon Nelson's wife Nancy and cousin Rayna,
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's mother,
Vivienne Selia's friend, and Anthony White.

Condolences to the family of Carla Coles on her passing.

Condolences to Sam Ditka on her father's passing.

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

Film Discussion: Day of the Stranger — July 24

Join us on Sunday, July 24 after the 10 am worship service for a short 30 minute film made in 2021 about Trappist monk Thomas Merton, one of the most influential spiritual writers of the twentieth century. Through rare audio recordings, this film explores the final years of Merton's life from 1965-1968, when he lived as a hermit in the Kentucky woods. Interweaving meditative images of his hermitage nestled deep in the woods of Kentucky and rare audio recordings he made as a hermit, the film pieces together a first-person narrative of one of the twentieth century's most brilliant minds. For more info, visit www.dayofastranger.com/home. RSVP to Pastor BJ by Saturday, July 23 (BJW@coh.net). Snacks will be provided.

YAMs to Host a Game Day for All — July 30

Rest is essential, relaxation is great, but play is even better! Our Young Adult Ministry will host a *Game Day* on Saturday, July 30 from 9 am–3 pm, for all people with various abilities. There is no cost to attend. Food and entertainment will be provided, but we could use some volunteers! To RSVP or volunteer, contact Derail Holcomb (DerailH@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x124).

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.



RCC Concert — Today!

Tickets for the Renaissance City Choir *Pride Concert* this afternoon at 2 pm are still available at www.rccpittsburgh.com. RCC is western PA's only LGBTQIA+ choral group. They rehearse and perform at ELPC as Artists-in-Residence. They will share meaningful, celebratory, and powerful music with Pride and Justice themes in their first in-person Pride concert since June 2019. Attendees must show proof of vaccination. Enter through ELPC's South Whitfield doors.

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.

Interim Pastor Nominating Committee Update

As our church entered a period of pastoral transition after Pastor Randy's departure, the ELPC Session directed the Nominating Committee to assist in the formation of an Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC). The IPNC will work to bring an interim pastor to ELPC to serve ahead of the installation of a new senior pastor. We are blessed to have Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy and Rev. Heather Schoenewolf serving as co-pastors until an interim pastor is called to ELPC.

DONATIONS TO ELPC

You are invited to use this QR code if you would like to make a donation in support of ELPC. Collection plates will be circulated during the *Offering*. A donation box is also available in the Sanctuary.

