

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)

July 10, 2022 — 10 am Summer Worship FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING MUSIC (music printed in bulletin)

Hvmn #35 "Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN Hymn #654 (sung 3x) "In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

Hvmn #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" **ASSURANCE**

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The peace of Christ be with you.

Y también contigo. And also with you. People:

CALL TO WORSHIP (Colossians 1)

Mario Seneca

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints. Leader: We have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has People:

come to us.

We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge Leader:

of God's will,

So that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord as we bear fruit in every good work. People:

Let us worship God. Hallelujah and amen! Leader:

* Opening Hymn #441 (music printed in bulletin)

NETTLETON

"Hear The Good News Of Salvation"

CALL TO CONFESSION Mario Seneca

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mario Seneca

Gracious God, Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. We are too selfish or too pessimistic, too hollow or too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to love's demands. Forgive our arrogance and our listlessness. Cleanse our hearts that we might find the strength to do what love requires and the grace to receive what love has to give. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundary. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Mario Seneca

Leader: Mercy, grace, and love ceaselessly flow from the heart of God. This is good news! Friends,

believe the good news of the gospel.

En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. People:

¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

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

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Sung Response Hymn #452

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

OPEN THE EYES

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 82:1-8

Mario Seneca

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather 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.

* HYMN #63 "The Lord Is God" AZMON

Prayer of Illumination The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 10:25-37 The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON "Lessons from the Ditch" The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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. Schoenewolf

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 Narthex.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Light of a Clear Blue Morning"

Dolly Parton/Craig Hella Johnson

It's been a long dark night, and I've been a waiting for the morning. It's been a long hard fight, but I see a brand new day a dawning. I've been looking for the sunshine 'cause I ain't seen it in so long. Everything's gonna work out fine. Everything's gonna be all right, it's gonna be okay.

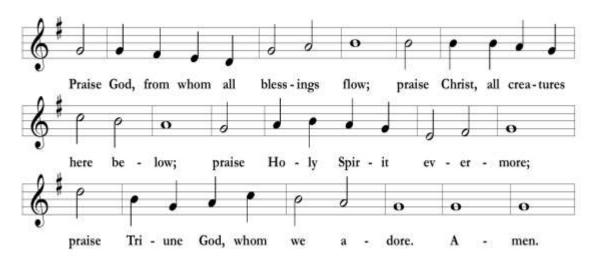
I can see the light of a clear blue morning. I can see the light of a brand new day. I can see the light of a clear blue morning. Everything's gonna be all right, it's gonna be okay.

I can see the light...brand new day.
I can see the light...blue, blue morning blue.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* 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: God of grace and truth, you fill us with the knowledge of your will, that we may gain

spiritual wisdom and understanding. We seek to lead a life worthy of your calling in Christ. We bring you the fruit, born of your graciousness, with the prayer that it may be fitting of

your blessing and glory. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #316 "Where Charity And Love Prevail"

TWENTY-FOURTH

* Charge & Benediction The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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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

Mario Seneca

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore

Organist/Music Director ELPC Summer Choir Robin Schmeider, Soloist

Sound: Tim Benedict

Wayne Gaines

♦ SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday morning, there is coffee available in the Narthex 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 piano and choir and soloists. The service is also livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. Weather permitting, this service will be held in the Courtyard. Additional seating is available in the Garth Overlook Room if you prefer to sit inside.

July 17 — 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* on Sunday, Sept 25 after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service 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.



This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.



Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.



KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어 성령과 피로써 거듭나니 이세상에서 내 영혼이 하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요 이것이 나의 찬송일세 나사는 동안 끊임없이 예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내영 온전한 기쁨을 누리면서 자비와 사랑 속삭이는 하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼 주안에 복되고 평안하니 세상도 없고 나도 없고 사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴

#654 — In The Lord I^{\bullet} ll Be Ever Thankful (sung 3x)



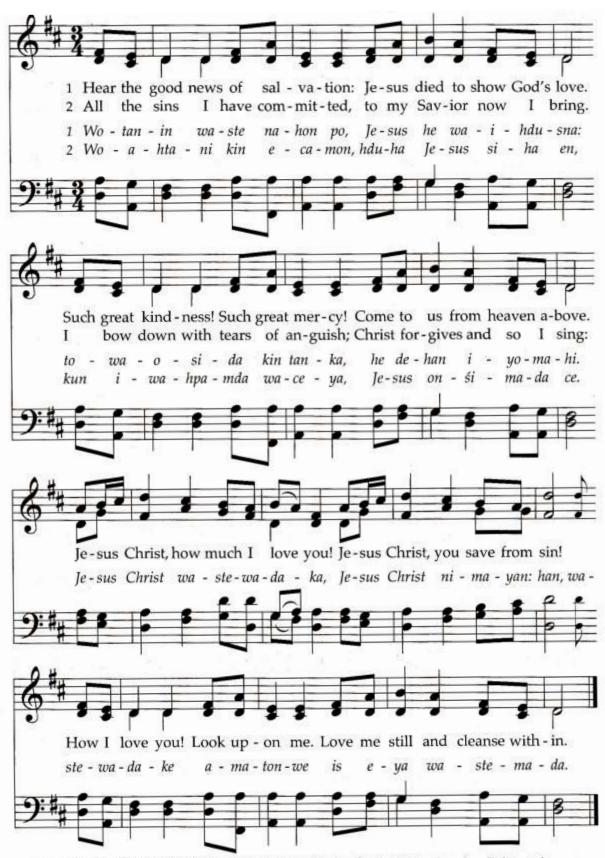
This refrain from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, is meant for repeated singing. A wonderful quilt of psalm-like phrases, it would be appropriate at any time but the concluding emphasis on the nearness of the Lord makes it especially fitting for use in Advent.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1986 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986

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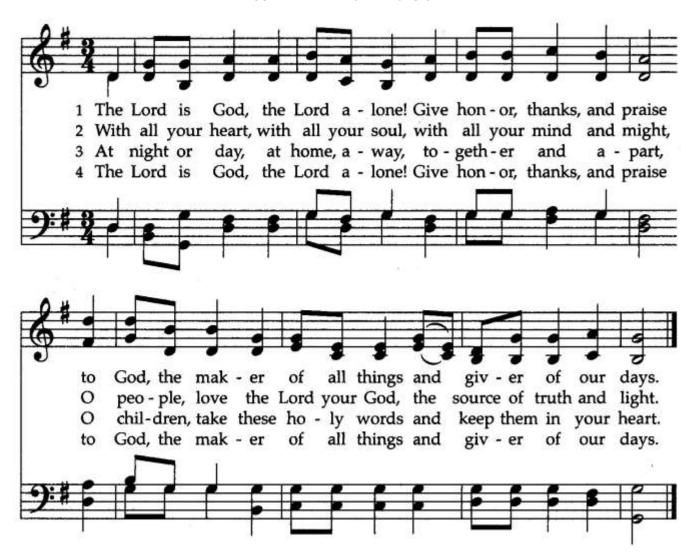
IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL Irregular



This text, originally appearing in four stanzas, was written by the first Native American Dakota to be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and was published in the Dakota hymnal he edited. Both the Dakota and English versions have been associated with this shape note tune.



The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1–5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold Sanctus that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.



This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4-9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38/Mark 12:28-29/Luke 10:26-28).

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2011

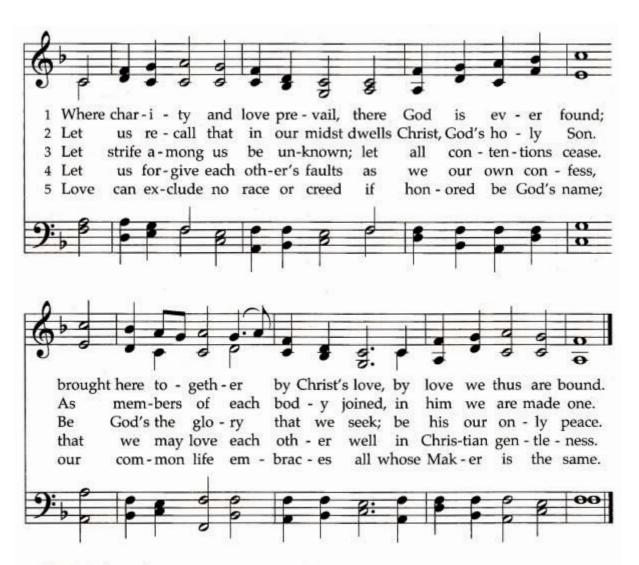
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MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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#316 — Where Charity And Love Prevail



This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

TEXT: Latin, 8th cent.; trans. Orner Westendorf, 1960, alt. MUSIC: Lucius Chapin, 1812

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TWENTY-FOURTH

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Church Events and Announcements

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TODAY AT ELPC

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

You are invited to the spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today 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).

Church Tour

There will be a tour of the Sanctuary and Chapel with guide Jo Ellen Aleshire after today's 10 am Courtyard worship service. Please gather at the top of the steps (near the Chapel door) to attend.



New Summer Building Hours

ELPC will be closed on Mondays, starting July 11, for the remainder of the summer. During this time, we hope to provide rest for the building while conserving energy, water, and other resources, and to effectively and equitably navigate staffing shortages. Even with the building closed, the ministry of the church continues: Administrative, Program and Pastoral staff who are currently scheduled to work on Mondays will continue to do so remotely, and, as always, calls will be directed to a pastor on call in the event of an emergency. Know that the church building will remain open the other six days of the week, fully staffed, and ready to welcome you and our community. The building hours are:

Sundays	8 am—4 pm
Mondays	Closed
Tuesdays	9 am—8 pm
Wednesdays	9 am—8 pm
Thursdays	9 am—8 pm
Fridays	9 am—5 pm
Saturdays	8 am—4 pm

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New COVID Protocols at ELPC

As of July 1, face masks are only required at indoor events, such as worship in the Sanctuary or Taizé in the Chapel, when families with small children are present. Individuals are always welcome to wear masks when at ELPC and masks will continue to be made available to all who enter the building. ELPC will continue to adhere to the guidelines of the CDC and Allegheny County Health Department, and may shift guidelines as community conditions dictate.

The Chapel Marketplace is Open on Thursdays

The Chapel Marketplace is a clothing ministry of ELPC where people from the community can come and shop (no cost) for clothing on Thursdays from 10 am-Noon. We need your help, especially help sorting clothes and staffing the Chapel Marketplace. We also need donations of new or gently used clothes (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 we worship in the Courtyard, please contact Dr. Ed Moore (EdM@coh.net). Rehearsals will be at 9 am on Sunday mornings to sing for the 10 am service.

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.

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.

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

Linda Benedict, Carol Bonner's mother,
Carol Chontos' niece Kailey and her family,
Dave and Bobby Egelston's daughter-in-law Natasha,
Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy,
Morris Jordan, Joe Kennedy, Gerald McClendon,
Jon Nelson's wife Nancy and cousin Rayna,
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's mother, and
Vivienne Selia's friend Peg.

Condolences to the family of Carla Coles on her passing.

Condolences to the family of Jay Poliziani on his passing.

His memorial service will be held in the

ELPC Chapel at 10 am on Saturday, July 16.

Condolences to the family of Anthony White on his passing.

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 x133).

Church Tour - July 31

On Sunday, July 31 after the 10 am summer worship service, Steve Evrard will guide a tour of the tower. Please wear closed-toe walking shoes. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to attend.

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.

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to learn more about the ministries and opportunities at East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

ELPC Participates in Black Pride – July 28 to 30 *Pittsburgh Black Pride* has been celebrated for 27 years. This year will be a spectacular event from July 28-30. This multiday event will be an opportunity to celebrate the lives and contributions of Black LGBTQIA+ individuals in Southwestern PA. Events include the *Opening Reception* on Thursday, July 28 on Ellsworth Ave, and the annual *Community BBQ* and vendors fair in Schenley Park on Saturday, July 30. The signature event will be a *Pittsburgh Black Pride Week Concert* with Grammy-Award-winning performer Mýa at the August Wilson Center on Friday, July 29. For more info, visit www.pghblackpride.org. To volunteer to staff the booth at the BBQ, contact Stephanie Creasy (screasy16@gmail.com).

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. The IPNC members are: Hollen Barmer, Damon Bethea, Doug Cooper, Becky Gloninger, Polly Mattila, Drew Simpson and Cami Teacoach. The IPNC will work with the Pittsburgh Presbytery as we nominate an interim pastor to lead our church.

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 Narthex.

