



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 17, 2022 — 10 am Summer Worship Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC (music printed in bulletin)

Hymn #664"Morning Has Broken"BUNESSANHymn #70"What Does The Lord Require Of You?"MOONHymn #700"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"I'M GONNA LIVE

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* Sharing God's Peace

People:

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

Y también contigo.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP Derail Holcomb

Leader: God is good and loving and faithful.

People: Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.

Leader: God is good! Let us praise our God!

* Opening Hymn #691 (music printed in bulletin)

LAND OF REST

"Lord, When I Came Into This Life"

CALL TO CONFESSION Derail Holcomb

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Derail Holcomb

We confess that we often get distracted by demands on our time, the business of life, and the expectations of others that we do not stop and draw near to you. Forgive us, we pray.

We confess that often we get preoccupied with what brings us comfort and ease – even when we find haven in your word – that at times we do not notice nor address the needs of others in our midst.

We are sorry for these times of distraction and disinterest. Forgive us when our focus falters from your desired will. Forgive us when our actions fall short of your call. By your grace redirect us so that we will faithfully enact the love to which you have called us, in Jesus Christ in whom the fullness of your love dwells.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Derail Holcomb

Leader: We give thanks that we worship a faithful God who draws near to us in love no matter how

far we go astray. May our hearts be opened to God's presence, and reach out in mercy

toward others. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

¡Alaben a Dios!

Praise God!

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

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HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Amos 8:1-12 Kathy Logan

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 10:38-42 Eric Logan

Service of Ordination & Installation

Deacon: Yodit Betru

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Schoenewolf
Carla Depperman

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 Chapel 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 #701 (music printed in bulletin on back page; sing 3x)

Sanctuary

"Sanctuary"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION The Rev. Schoenewolf

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 1:15-28 The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON "Holding on to Hope" The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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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 Narthex.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Ain't Got Time to Die"

Hall Johnson

Lord, I keep so busy praising my Jesus, ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm healing the sick I'm praising my Jesus, ain't got time to die.

Refrain: 'Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus,

All of my time to praise my Lord.

If I don't praise him the rocks gonna cry out:

"Glory and honor, glory and honor!"

Ain't got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy working for the kingdom, ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm feeding the poor I'm working for the kingdom, ain't got time to die. (Refrain)

Lord, I keep so busy serving my Master, ain't got time to die.

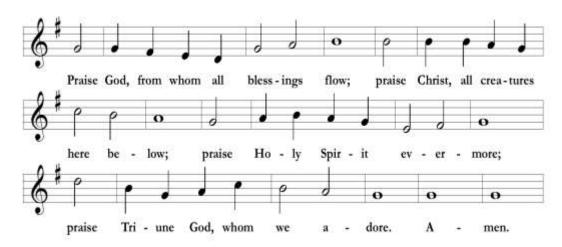
'Cause when I'm giving my all, I'm serving my Master, ain't got time to die. (Refrain)

Now won't you get out of my way, let me praise my Jesus, get out of my way, let me praise my Lord. If I don't praise him the rocks gonna cry out: "Glory and honor, glory and honor!" Ain't got time to die.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* Doxology at the Presentation

OLD HUNDREDTH



* Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy Carla Depperman

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

It is right to give God

alabanzas a Dios. thanks and praise.

Leader: God, we give today in thankfulness and with the assurance that anything we give will

contribute to the continuing growth of your kingdom in the world. Give us wisdom as a church, so that this offering is used for the sharing of your word and the service of your

people. In the name of the One that gave us everything we are and have. Amen.

* Closing Hymn (music printed in bulletin)

"In Christ Alone"

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* Charge & Benediction

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

Carla Depperman Derail Holcomb

Eric and Kathy Logan

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore

Organist/Music Director ELPC Summer Choir Judd Poeske, Soloist

Sound: Tim Benedict

Wayne Gaines

♦ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday morning, there is iced water 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 24 — 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 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.

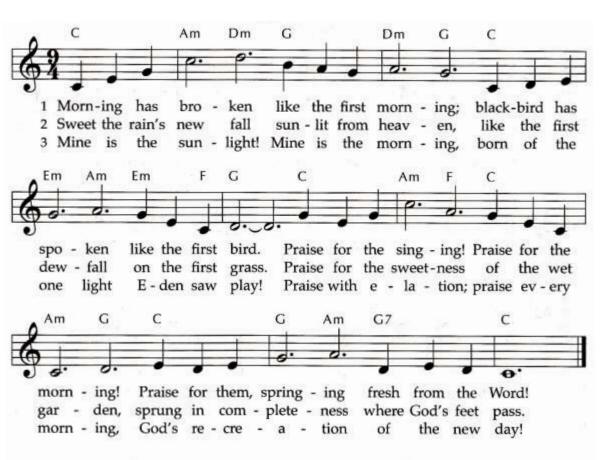
To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

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.

#664 — Morning Has Broken



This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.



*The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.



This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

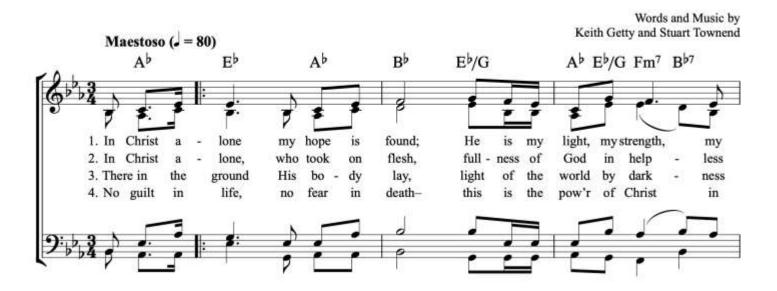


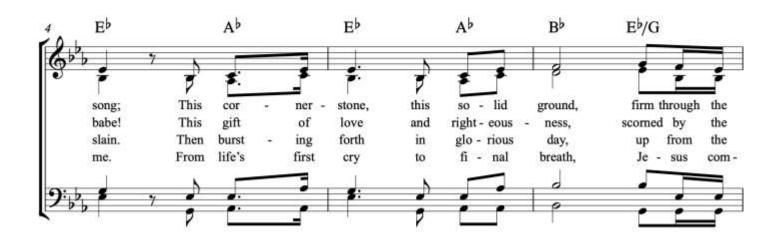
Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

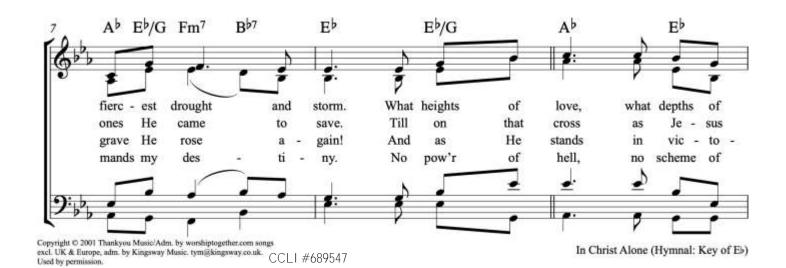
TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976
MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988
Text © 1979 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Company)
Music Harm. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House (admin. The Copyright Company)

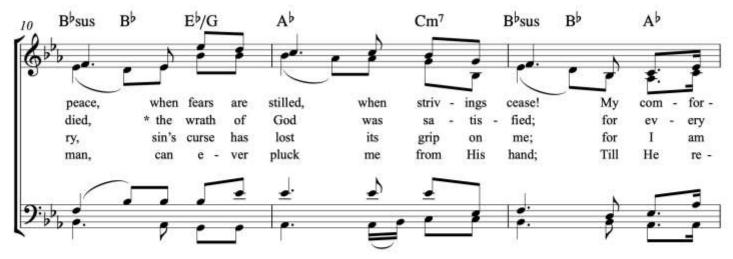
LAND OF REST CM

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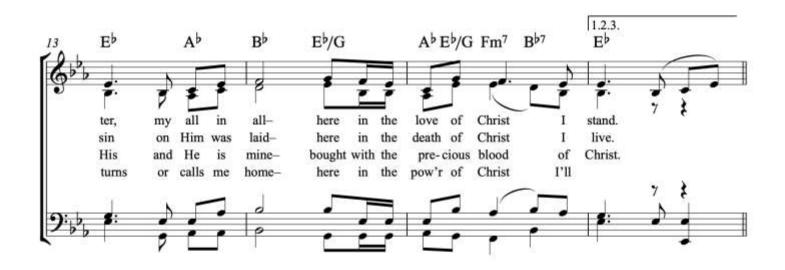


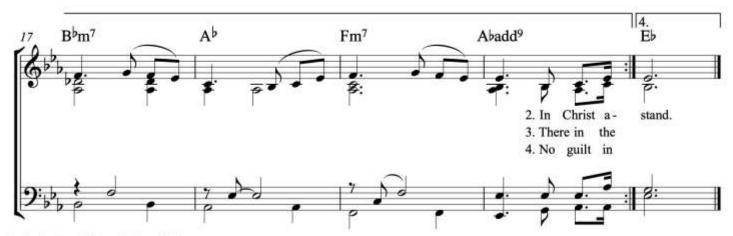






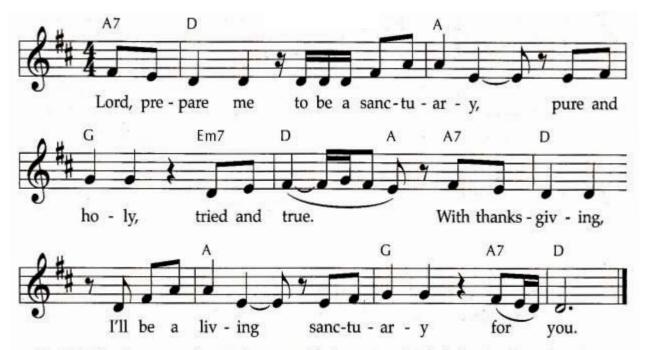
* Or "the love of God was magnified;"





In Christ Alone (Hymnal: Key of Eb)

#701 — SANCTUARY (sing 3x)



The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982

SANCTUARY Irregular

MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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Church Events and Announcements

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TODAY AT FIPC

Film Viewing: "Torture in Our Name"

The Justice Committee invites you to a screening of *Torture in Our Name* following today's worship service in the Garth Overlook Room. Snacks will be provided. You can also participate on Zoom (Meeting ID: 813 9907 9756, Passcode: 227411).

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.

Need Something to Read?

Pastor Randy Bush left books on a variety of topics to share with the ELPC family. Today and next Sunday, they will be in the Narthex. Please help yourself!

New Summer Building Hours

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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ELPC's Elevator

Starting on July 25 through the week of Aug 22, the main ELPC elevator will be shut down as it gets modernized and replaced. Please plan your visits to the church accordingly.

New COVID Protocols at ELPC

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. ELPC will continue to adhere to the guidelines of the CDC and Allegheny County Health Department, and may shift guidelines as community conditions dictate.

IPNC Update

The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC) is finishing up a draft of the *Ministry Information Form* (MIF). The MIF is our church's job description for potential interim pastoral candidates to review. After our MIF is completed, it is sent to the Pittsburgh Presbytery for review and approval. Once the Presbytery signs off on our MIF, then the IPNC will share it with our Session for their review and approval. What can you do to help?

- Pray for Pastors Heather and Patrice as they lead us during this time ahead of an interim pastor.
- Pray for the ELPC congregation that God will prepare us for our interim pastor.
- Pray for the IPNC for God's discernment as we continue to move through this process.
- Pray for the candidates and their families as they discern God's call to apply for our interim pastor position.
- Pray for Session as they work with the IPNC to eventually call an interim pastor to ELPC.

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 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:

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,

Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston from Kansas, Morris Jordan, Joe Kennedy, Gerald McClendon, Jon Nelson's wife Nancy and cousin Rayna, Libby Parker's husband Dwayne and Ashley, and Pat Valoon.

Condolences to the family of Jay Poliziani on his passing. Condolences to the family of Anthony White on his passing.

Please send your prayer requests to Megan Leisher (Megan L@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

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 Tower 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.

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.



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).

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.

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.



Download Our New App

ELPC recently published a mobile app to serve as a hub for all ELPC-related news, events, and digital offerings. On the app, you can stream live and archived worship services and concerts, watch sermons, listen to our Taizé podcast, download bulletins, browse events, connect with our social media pages, read up-to-date news, and more. The app is available for free on Google PlayTM and on the App Store®. Search for "East Liberty Presbyterian." Google Play is a trademark of Google LLC. App Store is a registered trademark of Apple Inc.