

SUMMER WORSHIP

Sunday July 31, 2022 10 am • Courtyard



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East Liberty Presbyterian Church

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)

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GATHERING MUSIC (music printed in bulletin) Hymn #49 "The God of Abraham Praise" (VS. 1, 3, 4) Leoni Hymn #814 "In God Alone" (sing 3x) Mon âme Se Repose "The Church's One Foundation" (VS. 1, 3, 5) AURELIA WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS The Rev. BJ Woodworth Sharing God's Peace The Rev. Woodworth 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 Barbara Griffin Leader: We are children of God, nurtured by the care of God's hand. People: God loves us, leads us and feeds us. Leader: Day by day, we are learning to be the church. People: May we be open to God's direction and grateful for God's love. Leader: Siblings, let us together worship God. OPENING HYMN #44 (music printed in bulletin) AUSTIN "Like A Mother Who Has Borne Us" CALL TO CONFESSION Barbara Griffin PRAYER OF CONFESSION Barbara Griffin Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways on account of your love for us. Yet we do not always follow your call; we turn from you and go our own way. Forgive us, and return us to our rightful home in you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION Assurance of God's Forgiveness Barbara Griffin Hear these words from our God: I cannot give up on you - my compassion grows warm Leader: and tender. When my children come trembling, I will bring them home. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.

Praise God!

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

¡Alaben a Dios!

	Sung Response Hymn #659 (musi	ic printed in bulletin) "Know That God Is Good"	Mungu Ni Mwema
	Gospel Scripture Lesson	Luke 12:13-21	Barbara Griffin
		are invited to the Chapel for a time of learn by their parents. Parents and caregivers sho dren will return to the worship service.	
	The nursery is open to young children staff/volunteers present); the service is l	who are accompanied by their parents/ca ivestreamed into that space.	regivers during worship (there will be no
*	HYMN #351 (music printed in bulletin)		Charlestown
		All Who Love And Serve Your City"	
	Prayer of Illumination	Executive and	The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge d General Minister for Pittsburgh Presbytery
	Hebrew Scripture Lesson	Hosea 11:1-11	The Rev. Dr. Sorge
	Sermon	"The Long Run"	The Rev. Dr. Sorge
	TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION		
	Prayers of Intercession & Th	e Lord's Prayer	The Rev. Woodworth
	OFFERING INVITATION We offer our gifts in response to God's which we seek to make known through You are invited to use the QR code to t donation in support of ELPC. A dona	the ministries of this congregation.	The Rev. Woodworth
	OFFERTORY ANTHEM He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languis		Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy Text from Psalms 121:4 and 138:7
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*	Prayer of T	hanksgiving & Dedication	The Rev. Woodworth Sara Hackett
	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:	Holy One, we give you thanks for the ric	hness of our lives. Bless these tithes and offerings,
		that they might be used as expressions of	your steadfast love for those in need near and far.
	People:	Amén.	Amen.
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~	CLOSING HY	MN #716 (music printed in bulletin)	Beach Spring
		"God, Whose Giving Ki	nows No Ending"

* Charge & Benediction

The Rev. Dr. Sorge

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As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical bospitality 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. Dr. Sheldon Sorge Executive and General Minister
	for Pittsburgh Presbytery
Liturgists:	The Rev. BJ Woodworth
-	Barbara Griffin
	Sara Hackett
Musicians:	Ethan LaPlaca, <i>Pianist</i>
	ELPC Summer Choir
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

Aug / — 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)*

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.

#49 — THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE (vs. 1, 3, 4)



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the Yigdal, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

TEXT: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404; stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, c.1770, alt.; LEONI stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt. 6.6.8.4.D MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770

#814 — IN GOD ALONE (sing 3x)



This prayer response based on Psalm 62:1, 5 comes from the ecumenical community in Taizé, France (see also no. 843). It is intended for repeated singing in either language (or both). It can also be used effectively as a recurring congregational response in a series of prayers.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1991 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1991 Text and Music © 1991 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

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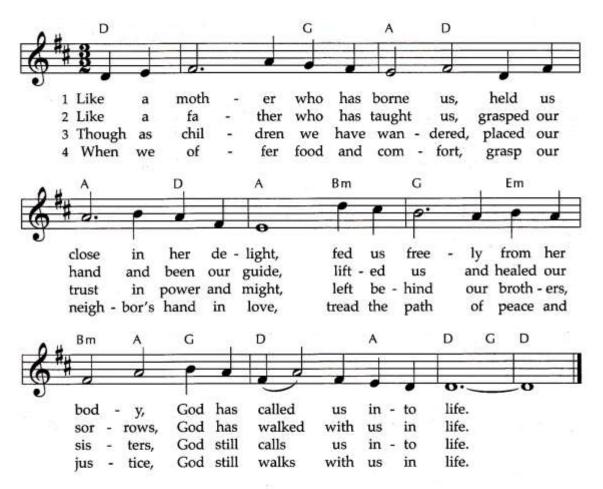
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#321 — The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1, 3, 5)



This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

#44 — Like A Mother Who Has Borne Us



This text was inspired by how the prophet Hosea describes the parental nature of God's relationship with Israel (Hosea 11:1–19). The last stanza echoes Christ's teachings about love of neighbor (Matthew 22:37–40/Mark 12:29–31) and care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31–46).

#659 — Know That God Is Good



#351 — All Who Love And Serve Your City



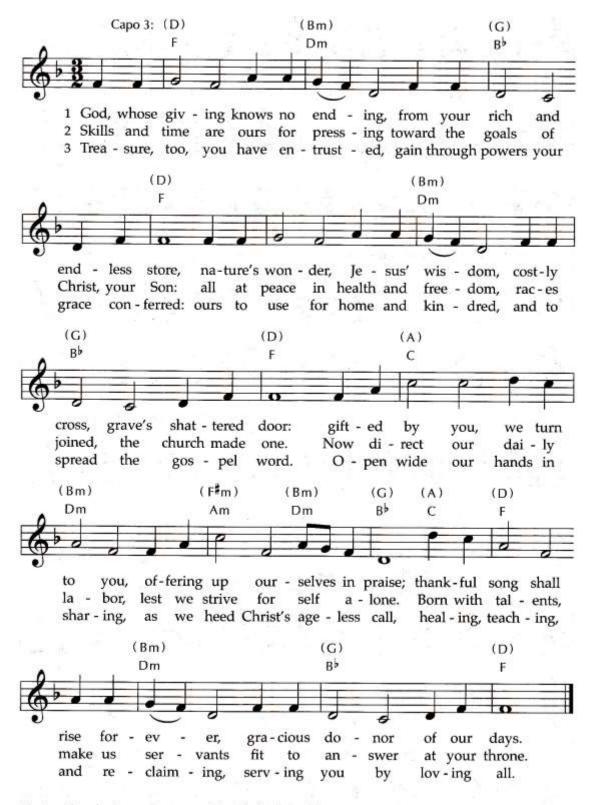
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

TEXT: Erik Routley, 1966	CHARLESTOWN
MUSIC: The United States Sacred Harmony, 1799; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964	8.7.8.7
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#716 — God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.



Church Events and Announcements

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TODAY AT ELPC

Welcome to The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge is the Executive and General Minister for Pittsburgh Presbytery, and is our guest preacher this morning. Before his election to this office in 2009, he was a pastor in congregations in North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, and served the national Theology and



Worship Office in Louisville, KY. He is married to The Rev. Dr. Tammy Wiens, who serves as Director of Christian Education and Christian Formation for the National Council of Churches. Together they enjoy writing and performing music, rail-to-trail bicycle rides, and long walks on golf courses. ELPC thanks him for joining us today!

Church Tower Tour

After today's 10 am summer worship service, Steve Evrard will guide a tour of the tower. Please wear closed-toe walking shoes, and gather in the Highland Lobby to attend.

ELPC's Elevator

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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.

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.

Tuesday Morning Online Prayer Service

ELPC offers an online prayer group each Tuesday morning, hosted by ELPC member Steve Evrard. These 20 -minute sessions feature scripture readings, responsive prayer, and interactive dialogue. All are welcome at this opportunity for fellowship and prayer. Join on Zoom (www.zoom.us; Meeting ID: 293 707 645), or you may call in by dialing 929.205.6099.

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).

Join ELPC at Our Connections Groups – Aug 7 and Sept 2 ELPC's *Connections Groups* build small communities within the large ELPC congregation. We invite everyone who has participated in *Connections* in the past, as well as everyone else, to these community-building events:

- On Sunday, August 7 from 5–7 pm, we'll attend the *Reservoir of Jazz* live outdoor concert in Highland Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and some picnic food!
- On Friday, Sept 2 from 6–8 pm, we'll attend *Fridays at Frick* for some live music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. You can bring picnic food or buy from the food trucks on site.

RSVP to Elaine Phillips (connectelpc@gmail.com).

LGBTQ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering - Aug 14

All allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are invited to the LGBTQ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering following worship on Sunday, Aug 14. To ask questions or RSVP, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

Pick Up Your Copy of PW Bible Study Book – Aug 21 and 28 All women are invited to participate in the 2022–2023 **Presbyterian Women's Bible Study**, *Celebrating Sabbath*. Pick up a Bible Study book after worship on Sundays, Aug 21 and 28. Bible Study begins on Tuesday, Sept 6 at 10 am, and Monday, Sept 12 at 7 pm. We will meet monthly through May 2023. For info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

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



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

Willa Dixon, Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston from Kansas, Gerald McClendon, Joel Minnigh, Jon Nelson's cousin Rayna, Libby Parker's husband Dwayne and Ashley, and Vivienne Selia's friends Linda and Peg.

Condolences to the family of Margot Feldstein on her passing. The memorial service will be next Sunday, Aug 7 at 12:30 pm.

Environmental Book Club - Aug 25

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee has selected *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia E. Butler as its next **book.** You're invited to read the book and join us for a discussion on Thursday, Aug 25 at 7 pm, led by Nancy Heastings and Penn Hackney in the Highland Room or online via Zoom. For more details, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Published in 1993, this climate sci-fi is set in 2024 California. The story's lead character is a 15-year-old Black girl whose father is a preacher. Global climate change and economic crises have led to social chaos. Global warming has brought drought and rising seawater. The middle class and working poor live in gated neighborhoods, where they fend off the homeless with guns and walls. Fresh water is scarce and is as valuable as money. Fires are common. Public schools are being privatized, as are whole towns. In this atmosphere, a Presidential candidate named Christopher Donner is elected based on his promises to dismantle government programs and bring back jobs.

For some writers, science fiction serves as a means to delve into fantasy. But for Butler, it largely served as a vehicle to address issues facing humanity. Her books blended elements of science fiction and African American spiritualism.



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 Play[™] 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.



Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network Conference – Aug 3+4 Sign up at www.eastridge.org to participate in the 2022 PC (USA) *Sudan/South Sudanese Network Meeting* on Wednesday, Aug 3 and Thursday, Aug 4 (all day). The cost for online participation is \$25.

Active Living with Chronic Conditions – Begins Sept 26

Do you have an ongoing health condition, such as arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, asthma, heart disease, chronic pain, cancer, depression, or another condition that affects your daily life? The ELPC Health Ministry, in collaboration with Vintage Senior Center, is offering a *Self-Study* program to help you solve problems, manage your symptoms, and set and achieve goals. The program is free, but limited to people age 60 and older. The program—presented in the memory of Carla Coles, who first launched this program at ELPC—begins the week of Sept 26. For more info and to register, contact Tom Sturgill (tsturgill@familylinks.org; 412.361.5003 x104).

Virtual Happy Hour – Aug 26

Let's get together for a *Virtual Happy Hour* from 6-9 pm on Friday, Aug 26! So many of us have lots of responsibilities and we need a moment to exhale and relax. Why not at our *Virtual Happy Hour?* Plan on joining us with your favorite beverage, and we'll get to know one another in anticipation of the start of the Church School year.

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.

Rally Day Preview

On Sunday, Sept 11, we will begin our 2022–2023 Church School year with classes for people of all ages, and resume our two Sunday services with Journey worship at 8:45 am, and Sanctuary worship at 11 am. Worship and adult Church School classes will continue in a hybrid format, while classes for children will be held in person only. *We are excited to kickoff a new program year of life and ministry together!*

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.