



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)

AUGUST 14, 2022 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

Hymn #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (vs. 1, 2, 4)

DIX

Hymn #544

“Bless the Lord” *(sung multiple times)*

BLESS THE LORD

Hymn #373

“O Day of Peace”

JERUSALEM

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

Lenore Williams

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

People: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Leader: Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident of the sustenance God provides, let us worship God.

* OPENING HYMN #346 *(music printed in bulletin)*

ST. THOMAS

“For the Healing of the Nations”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lenore Williams

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lenore Williams

God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care, our doubt of your providence, our unwillingness to recognize signs of your love. We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life; we separate ourselves from you and from others and foster divisions between those you love. Help us to amend our lives and make us your faithful people who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Lenore Williams

Leader: God hears our confession, rejoicing as we desire amendment of life. God lifts us from our despondency to rejoice in the company of the saints. God acknowledges the forces that separate us and brings us peace. Rejoice in the knowledge of our reconciliation and a life lived in the presence of God. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!

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SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #740 (*music printed in bulletin*)

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

Derail Holcomb

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 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 #30 (*music printed in bulletin—back page*)

DUNDEE

“O God, In a Mysterious Way”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

“Signs of the Times”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

“We Shall Walk Through the Valley In Peace”

arr. Moses Hogan

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

For Jesus himself will be our leader.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there.

We will meet our loved ones there.

For Jesus...

There will be no trials there.

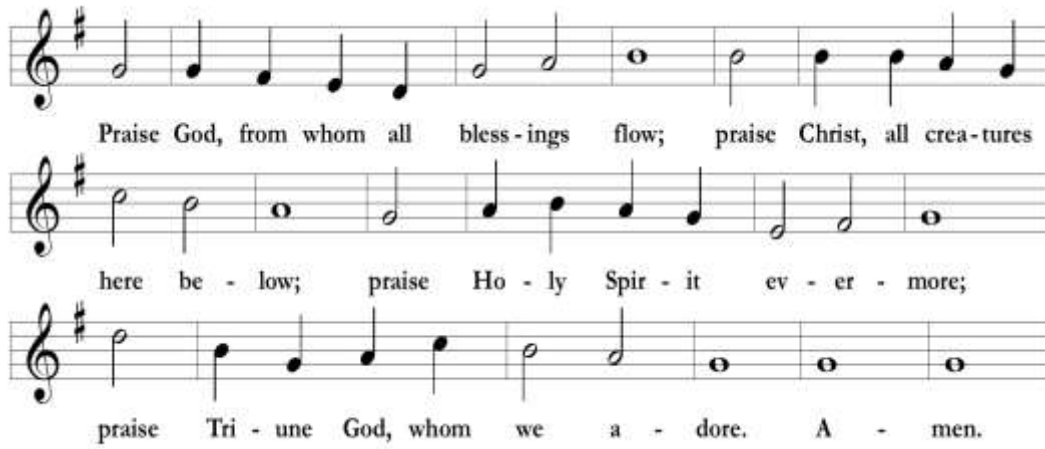
There will be no trials there.

For Jesus...

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* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf
Carla Depperman

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: We trust, O God, in your provision and loving kindness. Use these gifts and our lives that
we might bear your fruit with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this in the confidence of your
mercy and love.

People: Amén.

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.

Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #366 (*music printed in bulletin*)

HYFRYDOL

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

* 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: Carla Depperman
Sara Hackett
Derail Holcomb
Lenore Williams
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Summer Choir
Sound: Wayne Gaines
Bobby Jarsulic

♦ 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.
Aug 21 — 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.

#14 — FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (vs. 1, 2, 4)




1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

#544 — BLESS THE LORD (*sung multiple times*)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff begins with a B-flat major triad (F4, A4, Bb4) and a half note. The melody consists of quarter notes: Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, and a half note Bb3. The bass staff begins with a B-flat major triad (Bb3, D4, F4) and a half note. The accompaniment consists of quarter notes: Bb3, D4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb3, and a half note Bb3.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The second system of music continues in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff begins with a B-flat major triad (F4, A4, Bb4) and a half note. The melody consists of quarter notes: Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, and a half note Bb3. The bass staff begins with a B-flat major triad (Bb3, D4, F4) and a half note. The accompaniment consists of quarter notes: Bb3, D4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb3, and a half note Bb3.

This refrain based on Psalm 103:1 is meant for repeated singing. To "bless God's holy name" (which could not be spoken by observant Jews) is a reminder to be grateful even for what we cannot comprehend, trusting that God's providence will show us "the path of life" (Psalm 16:11).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1984

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984

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BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)

Irregular

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#373 — O DAY OF PEACE

1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies

fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
 shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of

grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
 peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts *pax*, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1982

MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1987

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JERUSALEM

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1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

#740 — LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Capo 1: (D)

Refrain

(A7) (Em)

B \flat 7 Fm

3

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) (D) (A7) (D)

B \flat E \flat B \flat 7 3 E \flat 3

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) (B7) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)

B \flat 7 C7 Fm E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat Fine

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) (B7) (Em) (A7) (Em)

E \flat 3 C7 Fm B \flat 7 Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) (D) (D) (D7)

B \flat E \flat E \flat E \flat 7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) (D) (A7) (D)

Fm E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat to Refrain

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

TEXT: Doris Akers, 1953

MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1953; arr. Richard Smallwood

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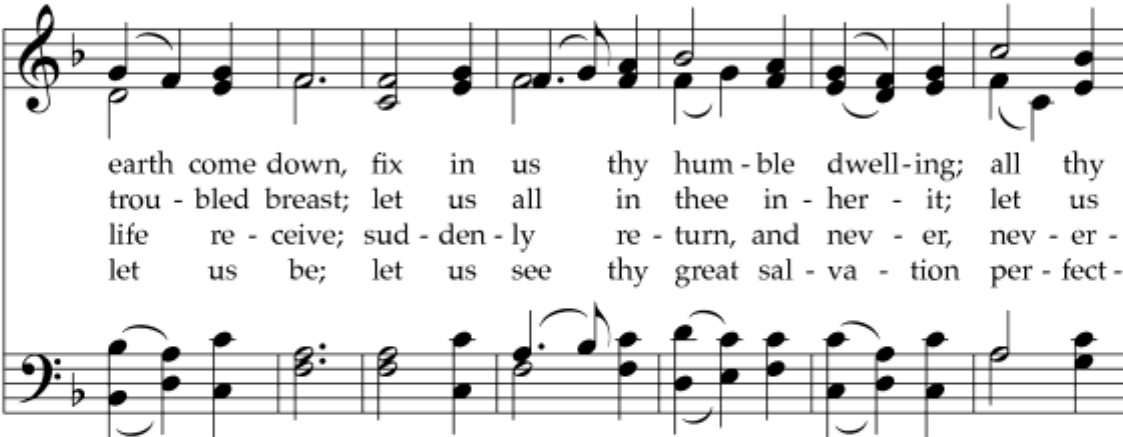
LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

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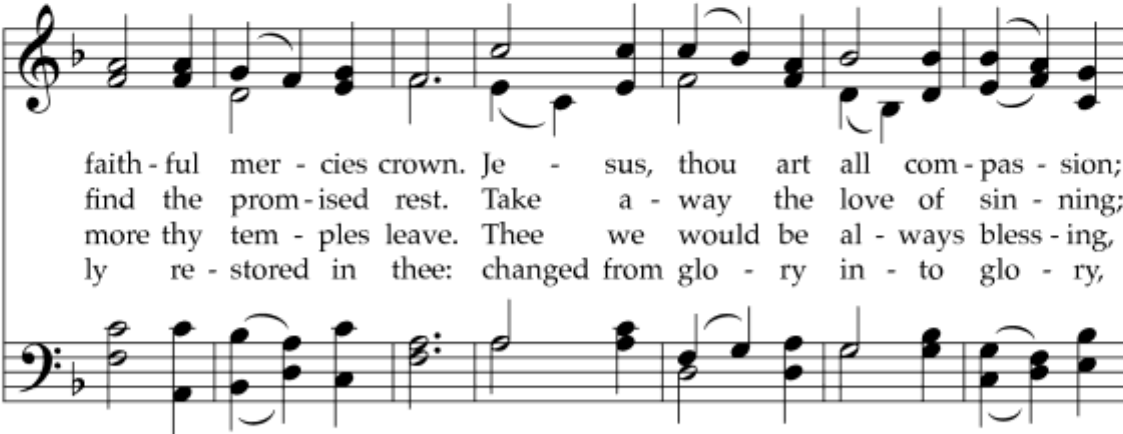
#366 — LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

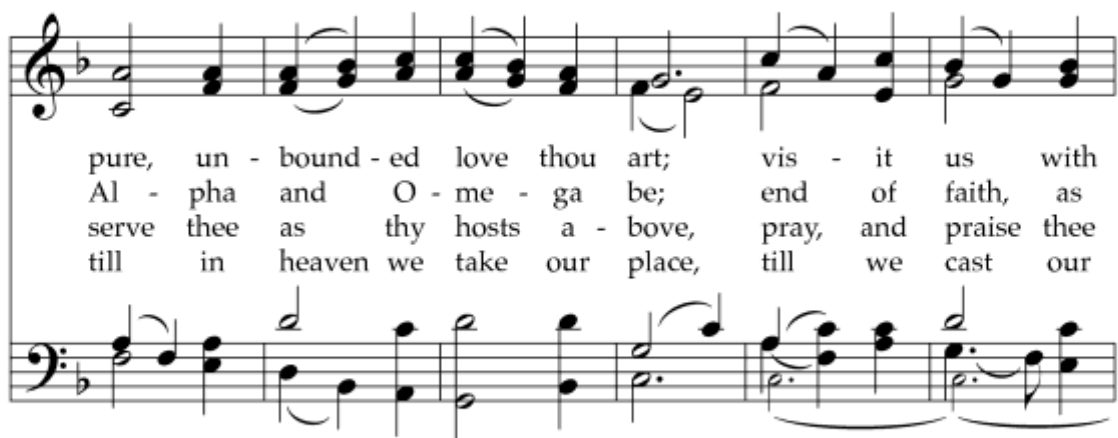


earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

#30 — O GOD, IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY

1 O God, in a mys - te - rious way great won - ders you per - form.
2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill,
3 O fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take. The clouds you so much dread
4 Our un - be - lief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.

You plant your foot-steps in the sea and ride up - on the storm.
you trea - sure up your bright de - signs and work your sov - ereign will.
are big with mer - cy and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
You are your own in - ter - pret - er, and you will make it plain.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains two lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

This classic text gains renewed energy and focus from its recasting here: despite our fear and confusion, we can trust that God's providential purposes will eventually be revealed. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned to a specific hymn.

TODAY AT ELPC

ELPC Mask Policy Update

Beginning Aug 7, face masks are required at ELPC and will be available at each entrance.

Letter Writing by Environmental Team of Justice Committee

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to join them in the Whitfield Lobby today after the worship service for letter writing to express thanks and gratitude to the Biden Administration and our legislators for their steadfast work towards climate goals, including climate provisions in the *Inflation Reduction Act*. We are grateful for their science-based approach in recognizing the threat of climate crisis and taking steps necessary for the health and longevity of God's people and God's planet. Give thanks when the thanks are due!

LGBTQ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering

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

Church Tours — Today and Aug 28

Bob Starzynski will lead an *Underground Tour* of ELPC this morning. Then on Aug 28, a *Tower Tour* will be offered. Tours will be held after the 10 am summer worship service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to participate. All are welcome!

ELPC's Elevator

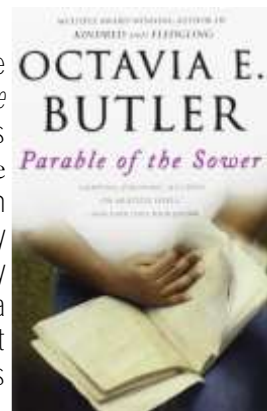
Through the week of Aug 29, the main ELPC elevator will be shut down as it gets modernized and replaced. Please plan your visits to the church accordingly.



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.

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.

Happy Retirement to ALLEN MILLER

After many years of faithful service to the church, Allen Miller will retire from his Lead Engineer position at ELPC effective Aug 31. For over 43 years, he has given much time and care to our building and our community.

All are invited to a retirement reception in the Social Hall on Sunday, Aug 21 after the 10 am worship service to thank Allen for his exceptional years of service.





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

Community member Kim B, Willa Dixon,
Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston from Kansas,
Eric McCarty's sister Christine,
Joel Minnigh, Jon Nelson's cousin Rayna,
Libby Parker's husband Dwayne and Ashley,
and Vivienne Selia's friends Linda and Peg.

A Note of Thanks...

ELPC employee Gerald McClendon is continuing his rehabilitation from home, and thanks everyone for their cards, prayers and well wishes while he was in the hospital.

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. Please contact Derail Holcomb to RSVP (DerailH@coh.net).

Join Our Connections Groups — 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 this community-building event:

- 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) to participate.

New Fall Spiritual Life Group: "The Revolutionary Love Project" — Begins Sept 15

How can developing postures and practices of REVOLUTIONARY LOVE towards yourself, others and even our opponents be transformative? Join the Spiritual Life Committee on Thursdays from 5:30-7 pm, starting on Sept 15. Please contact the Rev. BJ Woodworth with questions or to RSVP (BJW@coh.net).

Scan the QR code or visit www.tiny.cc/m91uuz to see Valarie Kaur's *Ted Talk* for a compelling preview.



Summer Choir

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

Do You Speak Spanish and Want to Participate in Worship?

If you would like to read the Spanish phrases during our worship, please contact Norma (412.441.3800 x111).

In our

COMMUNITY



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).

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!*



**Volunteers Needed for
Club 116**

ELPC's afterschool Youth Group
for kids in 1st-12th grade

Starting in Sept, Club 116 meets on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30 pm. Volunteers have a range of responsibilities depending on their interests, from planning Bible lessons, leading games, serving food, showing up, hanging out, and listening to kids.

We are looking for adults who enjoy working with kids and/or teens either on a regular basis or as a "substitute" when we have another volunteer out sick or away.

If Club 116 sounds like a ministry you might want to be a part of, please contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net). ELPC requires those who volunteer with youth be vaccinated for Covid-19 and have clearances and trainings as outlined in ELPC's child safety policy.