



Summer worship

Sunday
Aug 21, 2022
10 am • Courtyard



East Liberty
Presbyterian Church

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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 21, 2022 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

Hymn #32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

Hymn #658

"God Is So Good"

GOD IS SO GOOD

Hymn #318

"In Christ There Is No East Or West"

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WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

RECOGNITION OF AND THANKSGIVING FOR ALLEN MILLER

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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

Tiffany Sudar

Leader: Scripture tells us that the God who made us knows us better than we know ourselves. God has claimed us, redeemed us, and called us to live as a people of hope and love.

People: By your word, O God, give us wisdom; by your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love.

Leader: Let us worship the God of life!

* OPENING HYMN #613 *(music printed in bulletin)*

HOW MAJESTIC

"O Lord, Our Lord" *(sung 3x)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Tiffany Sudar

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tiffany Sudar

Eternal God, you call, but we fail to listen. We rationalize our way out of doing what you desire. We excuse ourselves from your work claiming our own inadequacies. You promise to equip us, but we fail to trust you. We live self-centered lives, and tolerate injustice and cruelty, complacent in our corner of the world. We neglect or deny the needs of others. In your righteousness, deliver us, turn us to your way, and lead us in your light, that we might serve you and care for all of creation. Transform, encourage, and make us steadfast in faith. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Tiffany Sudar

Leader: God's grace is abundant. God's redemption free to receive. God's love is everlasting. Receive the good news of the Gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.
¡Gracias a Dios! ¡Aleluya y amén!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Hallelujah and amen!

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SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #442 (*music printed in bulletin*)

WOODWORTH

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 58:9-14

George A. Clark

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 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 #452 (*music printed in bulletin*)

OPEN THE EYES

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:10-17

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

“Sabbath Healing”

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study

Linda Lane

OFFERING INVITATION

Linda Lane

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

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

Craig Courtney

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever and our confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all your loving kindness, hear your people as they pray;
And your fullest benediction shed within these wall today.*

*Grant, we pray, to all your faithful, all the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
And here after in your glory evermore with you to reign.*

*Praise and honor our Creator, praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!*

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* 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: God of abundance and steadfast love, you provide for us in ways we do not always know or recognize. You have prepared and provided for us since before we were born. Receive these tokens of our gratitude and bless them. May the gifts we return to you provide for others in a way that gives glory to you and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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 #616 (*music printed in bulletin*)

AWESOME GOD

“Our God Is An Awesome God” (*sung 3x*)

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy



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
The Rev. BJ Woodworth
George A. Clark
Linda Lane
Tiffany Sudar
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Summer Choir
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Please join us in the Social Hall for a reception in honor of Allen Miller, who is retiring after 43 years of dedicated service to ELPC.

◆ 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 28 — 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

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.

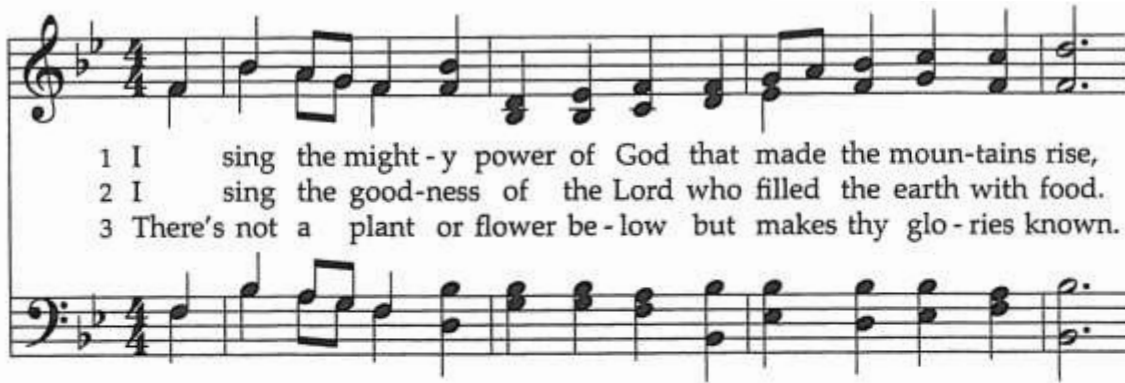
To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

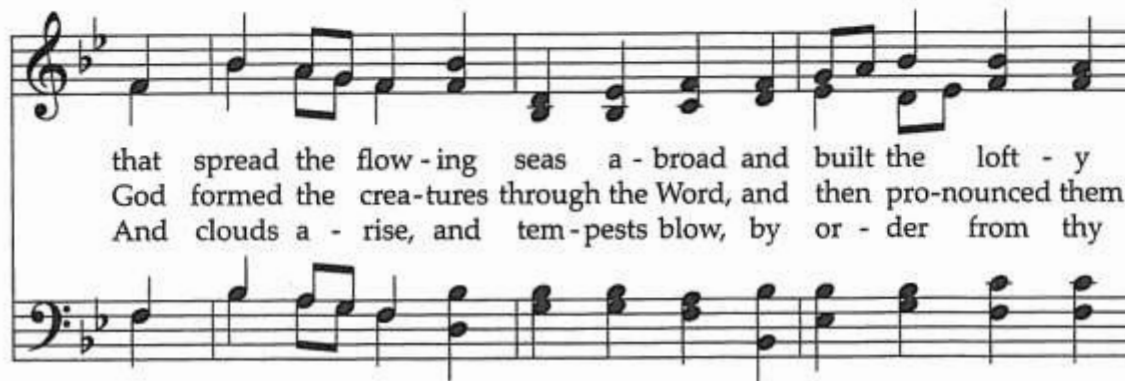
Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on Sunday, Sept 25 after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Contact Megan Leisher to register or for more information (MeganL@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.

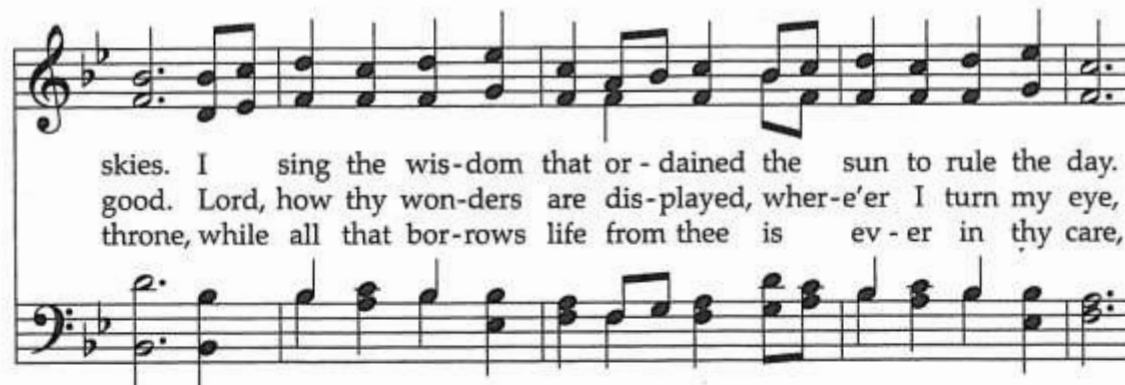
#32 — I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD



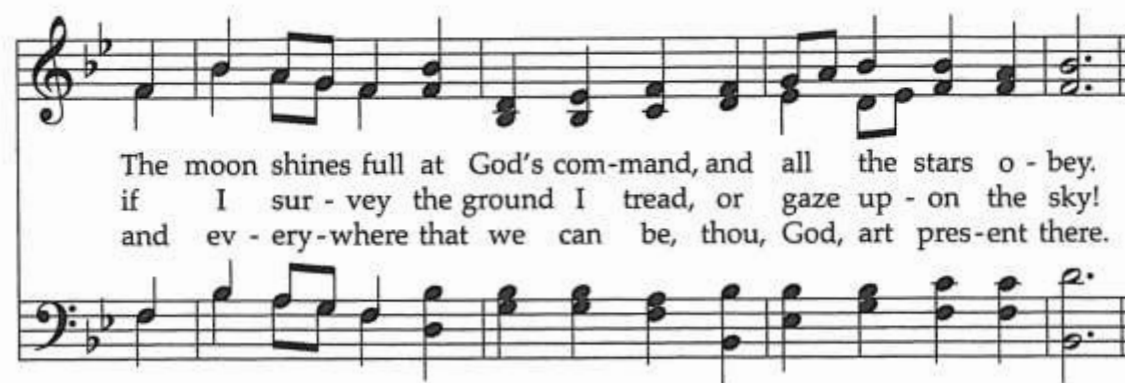
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

#658 — GOD IS SO GOOD

1 God is so good; God is so good;
2 God cares for me; God cares for me;
3 God loves me so; God loves me so;
4 God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.
God cares for me; God's so good to me.
God loves me so; God's so good to me.
God is so good; God's so good to me.

The exact origins of this chorus celebrating God's providential care are not clear, but it seems to have arisen during the 1970s. Because the text changes so little, the slowly rising four-note pattern of the tune provides the primary source of energy within its five-note range.

#318 — IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

#613 — O LORD, OUR LORD (*sung 3x*)

O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the

earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise your name. O

Lord, we mag-ni-fy your name: Prince of Peace, might-y

God; O Lord God Al-might-y.

The repeated opening sentence here quotes Psalm 8:1 (identical with Psalm 8:9), and the Messianic title "Prince of Peace" comes from Isaiah 9:6. The recurring musical patterns make this piece easy to sing, and it appropriately assigns its highest note to the phrase "mighty God."

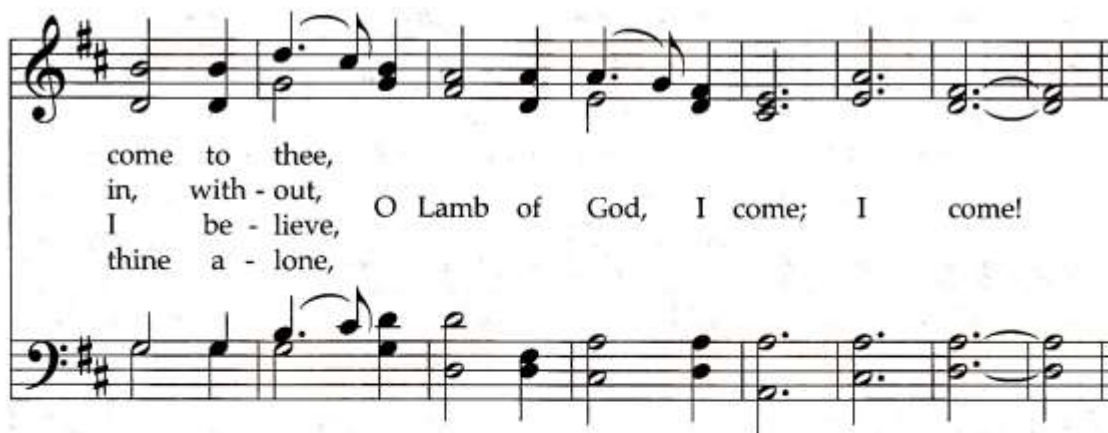
#442 — JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



come to thee,
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
 I be - lieve,
 thine a - lone,

SPANISH

1 *Tal como soy de pecador,
 sin más confianza que tu amor;
 a tu llamada vengo a ti,
 ¡Cordero de Dios, heme aquí!*

KOREAN

1 큰-죄에 빠-진날위해
 주보-혈흘려주시고
 또-나를오-라하시니-
 주께로거-저갑시다

When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.

TEXT: Charlotte Elliott, 1834, alt.; Spanish trans. Tomás M. Westrup, alt.; Korean trans. anon.

MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849; harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955

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WOODWORTH

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#452 — OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you; I want to see you;

to see you high and lift - ed up,

shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

pow-er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

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.

#616 — OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD (*sung 3x*)

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: C, G, D, Em for the first line, and C, G, Am, Em, B7, Em for the second line.

C G D Em

Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove

C G Am Em B7 Em

with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

This is a contemporary worship song that first gained recognition on Christian radio and later became a popular congregational song. "Awesome" here is not a trivial expression but carries the meaning of "awe-inspiring" and is based on Scripture (e.g. Daniel 9:4).

TEXT: Rich Mullins, 1988, alt.

MUSIC: Rich Mullins, 1988

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AWESOME GOD

Irregular

TODAY AT ELPC

Retirement Reception for 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. Please join us for a reception in the Social Hall after today's worship service to thank him for his many years of exceptional service and to wish him well!



Pick Up Copy of PW Bible Study Book — Today and Aug 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 today and next Sunday, Aug 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, please email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

ELPC Mask Policy Update

Face masks are required at ELPC and will be available at each entrance.

ELPC's Elevator

The replacement of the main ELPC elevator should be completed this week! Please plan your visits to the church accordingly.

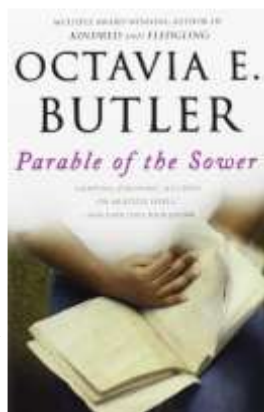


Environmental Book Club — Aug 25

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee has selected *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia E. Butler as its next book. 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.

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 on Zoom.

For more details and Zoom info, please contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).



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).

Church Tours — Aug 28 and Sept 11

On Sunday, Aug 28, a *Tower Tour* will be offered after the 10 am summer worship service. Please wear closed-toe walking shoes. A *Hidden Places* tour will be offered on Sunday, Sept 11 after the 11 am Sanctuary service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to participate in either tour. All are welcome!



Join Our Connections Group — 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.

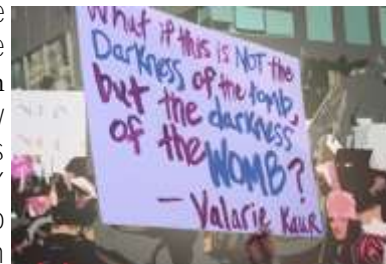
New Fall Spiritual Life Group: "The

Revolutionary Love Project" — Begins Sept 15

Jesus taught us to love God, love others as we love ourselves and...even to love our enemies. How do we practice this REVOLUTIONARY LOVE and if we began to learn more about it, act on it and reflect upon it in

community with others, how might it change us, others, and our opponents? 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.





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

Community member Kim B,
Carol Chonoska's sister Janet,
Stephanie Creasy, 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,
Alison Schleifer,
and Vivienne Selia's friends Linda and Peg.
Condolences to Amy Bialek on her cousin's passing.



Celebration of the Life of
**Dr. Charles
Huddleston Heaton**
1928-2021

There will be a memorial service for Dr. Charles Huddleston Heaton at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (5801 Hampton St) on Saturday, Sept 10 at 2pm. Prelude music will begin at 1:30pm. A reception will follow the service.

Sat, Sept 10 at 2 pm
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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).

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.

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 (Meeting ID: 293 707 645), or call in (929.205.6099).

Visit us online at
www.ELPC.church

In our

COMMUNITY



"Memorial to the Lost" Prayer Walk – Sept 10

ELPC is joining other local congregations, including Eastminster Presbyterian, Calvary Episcopal, and Valley View Presbyterian, to host a *Memorial to the Lost* on Saturday, Sept 10 from 10 am–12 pm. Join us as we respond to God's call to end gun violence, trauma, and despair by walking together to honor victims of gun violence and their families. The prayer walk will begin at Valley View Presbyterian (601 N Aiken Ave) and end at Calvary Episcopal Church (315 Shade Ave).

Contemplative Prayer on Mondays – Begins Sept 12

Beginning Monday, Sept 12 from 7:30–8 am, you're invited to a weekly time of quiet contemplation and reflection. The Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead us through a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art, and our bodies to help us start our day and week in communion with God and one another.

Join us online at www.tiny.cc/contemplative-prayer. Enter meeting ID: 959 8065 3992 and passcode: bestill when prompted. Contact Pastor BJ (BJW@coh.net).



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.