

SUMMER WORSHIP



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28,
2022
10 AM IN THE COURTYARD**



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 28, 2022 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

Hymn #367

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (vs. 1, 2, 4)

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

Hymn #187

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us” (vs. 1, 3, 4)

BRADBURY

Hymn #267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

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

David Carl

Leader: God calls us to service,

People: Rather than honor.

Leader: God calls us to love the unknown,

People: Rather than the familiar.

Leader: We come to this time of worship, trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

People: Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* OPENING HYMN #667 *(music printed in bulletin)*

LAUDES DOMINI

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us finest wheat and honey from the rock to sustain us in new life. Rejoice! For you have been reconciled to God and to one another. 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 #698 (music printed in bulletin)

TAKE ME AS I AM

“Take, O Take Me As I Am” (sung 3x)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 2:4-13

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

David Carl

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 #699 (music printed in bulletin)

“Fill My Cup”

FILL MY CUP

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

“Book of Love”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Woodworth

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

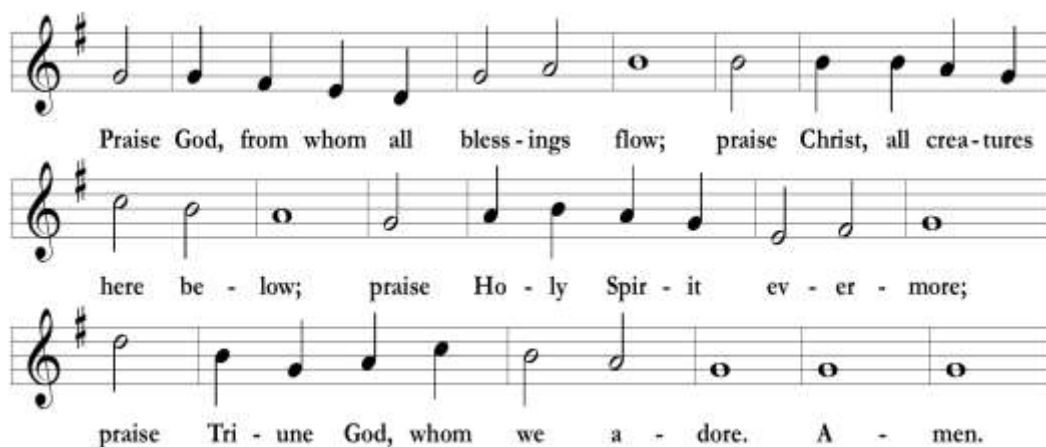
“The Lord is My Light”

Kevin A. Memley

Text from Psalm 27: 1-3, 5, 6, 14

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



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

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf
Kevin Moon

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, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us, we give thanks for your hope in us, we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace. In the light of your mercy and confident in your love, we dedicate these offerings and ourselves to you.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #463 (*music printed in bulletin*)

FOUNDATION

“How Firm a Foundation” (vs. 1, 2, 5)

* 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
The Rev. BJ Woodworth
David Carl
Sara Hackett
Kevin Moon
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
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

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.

Sept 4 — The Rev. Patrice 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

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.

#367 — COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME (vs. 1, 2, 4)

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

#187 — SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US (vs. 1, 3, 4)

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

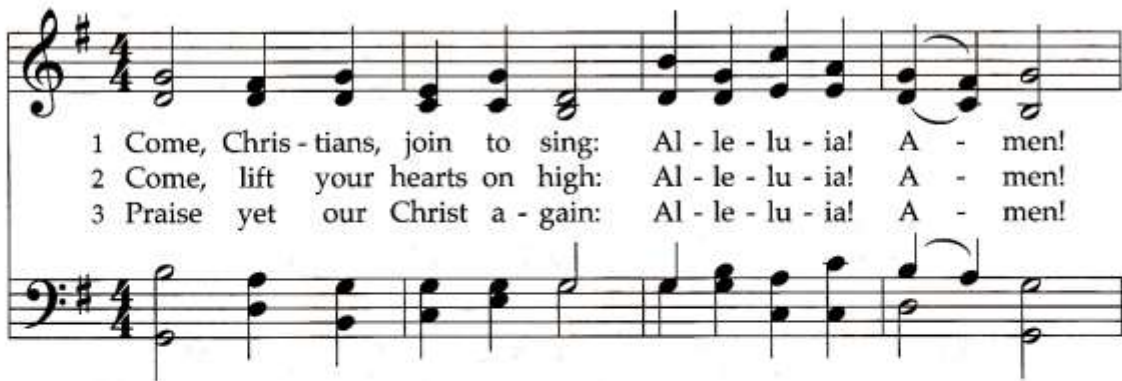
In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

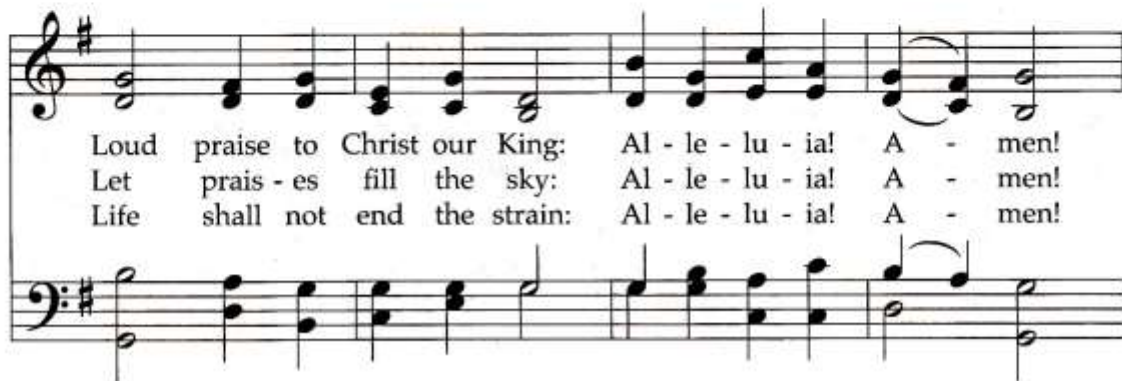
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 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

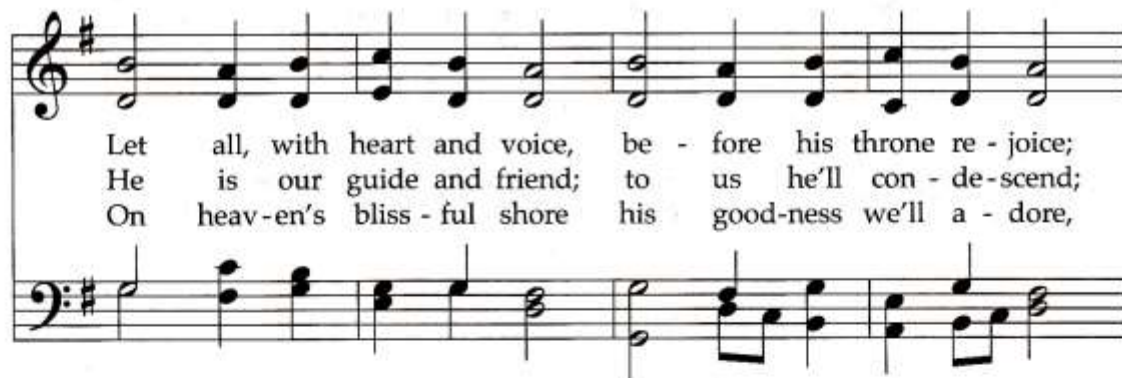
#267 — COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING




1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

#667 — WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

#698 — TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM (*sung 3x*)

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me." The score is divided into two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995
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TAKE ME AS I AM
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#699 — FILL MY CUP

Refrain

C F C

Fill my cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my

G C Am C^{aug}

cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my cup; let it

F^{maj7} Em7 Dm7 F C *Fine*

o - ver - flow; let it o - ver - flow with love.

C

1 Lord, let me be your in - stru - ment, spread - ing
2 It's my de - sire to live for you and to

F C G Em7

sun - shine in the land; let peo - ple see your
al - ways walk up - right; give me the strength to

Am7 Dm7 G² *to Refrain*

works in me; help me live the best I can.
face each day; stay with me through each dark night.

#463 — HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION (vs. 1, 2, 5)

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,
 is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
 What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

TODAY AT ELPC

Pick Up Copy of PW Bible Study Book — 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, Aug 28 near the Highland Ave. & Penn Ave. entrances. 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.

Church Tours — Aug 28 and Sept 11

Today, 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.

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.

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



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).

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).





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

Dana Carl, recovering from recent surgery,
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 daughter Ashleigh,
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

Call for Volunteers at Worship

The Music, Worship and the Arts Committee is looking for Volunteers to Assist at Worship!

Would you like to participate more fully in worship? The WMA Committee is looking for ELPC Members and Friends to serve in the following roles: Usher/Greeter, Communion Server, Beadles (carry the bible), Crucifer (carry the cross), Liturgist, Flower Arrangement Coordinator, and A/V Assistant. We will be holding information/training sessions after worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 25. The training initially scheduled for today is canceled but if you're interested in volunteering contact Norma Meyer at norma@coh.net.

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.

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).



**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.

LGBTQ Ministry

Sun., Sept. 4: Spiritual Gathering 11:30 am All allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are invited to our LGBTQ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering following worship. To ask questions or RSVP, contact Wil Forrest at Wil@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x218.

Visit us online at

www.ELPC.church