



# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God – the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God’s unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ’s radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)*

## JULY 2 — 10 AM • SUMMER WORSHIP Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought; on which the people of God must continually be built up to attain” – Confession of Belhar

### GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

Hymn #341

“O God, Show Mercy to Us”

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Hymn #331

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

NATIONAL HYMN

### 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

Dana Carl

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O God.

People: And proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.

People: And extol your righteousness all day.

Leader: With faith, hope and love, let us worship the Living God!

### \* OPENING HYMN #401 *(music printed in bulletin)*

“Here in this Place”

GATHER US IN

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and freed. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God’s grace. Respond with love. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Praise God!

### SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #698 *(music printed in bulletin)*

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

TAKE ME AS I AM

### EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6:14-15, 17 (Inclusive Bible Translation)

David Carl

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

ELPC GOOD NEWS

Vacation Church School

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

*Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children.*

*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 under the age of 3. Please note that attendance may be limited based on staff to child ratios, so we can only ensure participation on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents/caregivers must complete a registration form and sign children in and out of the nursery each day.*

HYMN # 488

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

WATERLIFE

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10: 40-42

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

“Radical Hospitality”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

*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.*



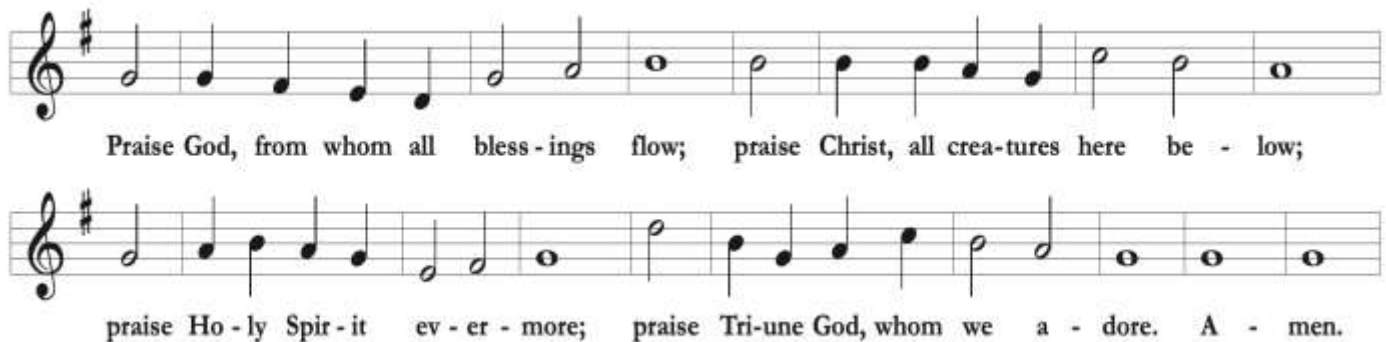
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“If Ye Love Me”

Thomas Tallis  
Text: John 14:15-17

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



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

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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	Let us give thanks to the Lord
	nuestro Dios.	our God.
People:	Es justo dar gracias y	It is right to give God
	alabanzas a Dios.	thanks and praise.
Leader:	Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of the abundance of your love, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we offer give glory to you! This we pray in the name of Jesus.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

*The communion elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may receive the bread and the cup, then returning to their seats via the side aisles to partake of the elements. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

COMMUNION HYMN #501 (*music printed in bulletin*)

“Feed Us, Lord”

FEED US

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Faithful God, we give you thanks for the welcome you have shown each one of us. May we, nourished in faith, united in hope and dedicated to love reach out to welcome all of your beloved children as you have first loved us. In the name of Christ, who has greeted us with open arms, we pray. Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN #312 (*music printed in bulletin*)

“Take Us As We Are, O God”

ENDELESS FEAST

\* 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](http://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 Fowler-Searcy  
Sara Hackett  
Dana Carl  
David Carl  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
ELPC Summer Choir  
Beadles: Polly McQueen  
Sound: Tim Benedict  
Wayne Gaines

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bob and Doris Riethmiller and Bill Riethmiller by the Egelston family.

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).

*Our beautiful arrangements are provided by Bloom Brigade ([www.bloombrigade.com](http://www.bloombrigade.com)).*

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

10 am.....Summer Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from piano and choir and soloists. The service is also livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. Weather permitting, this service will be held in the Courtyard. Additional seating is available in the Garth Overlook Room if you prefer to sit inside.

◆ WEEKLY SPIRITUAL LIFE OFFERINGS

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

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

Meditation Hour

Join John Benedict, retired psychologist and practitioner of insight meditation, in the Chapel for an hour devoted to meditation, which includes an opening reading, silent sitting, and walking. All are welcome!

Tuesdays, 6-7 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* to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Contact Megan Leisher to register or for more information ([MeganL@coh.net](mailto:MeganL@coh.net)).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:  
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

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This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

## 341 O God, Show Mercy to Us

(Psalm 67)

1 O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your  
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and righ - teous -

grace; and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your  
ness, and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con -

face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be  
fess. Let all the peo - ples praise you; let all the na - tions

known, and un - to ev - ery peo - ple your sav - ing grace be  
sing. Then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us its fruit will

As this paraphrase shows, Psalm 67 combines many themes: a communal prayer for blessing; a prayer for all people to acknowledge God, and thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. In Jewish practice it was recited at the end of every Sabbath, a reminder of God's universal sovereignty.

shown. Let all the peo-ples praise you; let all the na - tions  
bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will bless - ing

sing; in ev - ery land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.  
send, and all the earth will wor - ship to its re - mot - est end.

## DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

## 698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

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).

# 488 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when  
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to  
 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no  
 you are old. I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to  
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord to  
 lon-ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-  
 see your life un-fold. I was there when you were but a  
 whom you now be-long. If you find some-one to share your  
 plete what I've be-gun. When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es  
 child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of  
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to  
 in and you shut your wea-ry eyes, I'll be there as

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.



## BAPTISM

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The second system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The third system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." "make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun." "I have al-ways been with just one more sur-prise." "4 'I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old." "I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

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## Here in This Place

Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing;  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery.  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter;  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing,

now is the dark-ness van-ished a-way;  
 We are the old who yearn for your face.  
 here we will take the bread of new birth.  
 not in some heav-en, light years a-way;

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

1 Feed us, Lord. 2 Quench us, Lord. 3 Fill us, Lord. 4 Lead us, Lord.

In the bro - ken bread, be re - vealed a - gain. Come and  
On this thirst - y ground, may your love flow down. Come and  
with the bread and wine of the ris - en Christ. Come and  
nour - ished here by Christ, giv - en strength for life. Come and

feed our hearts, O Lord.  
quench our hearts, O Lord.  
fill our hearts, O Lord.  
lead our hearts, O Lord.

Not many Lord's Supper hymns call attention to the post-Resurrection meals Christ shared with his disciples, but the first stanza here alludes to the meal at Emmaus, when he was made known in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:13-35), and stanza three refers to "the risen Christ."

# 312 Take Us As We Are, O God

1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As  
 2 Bless us for your ser - vice, Lord; no pow - er we de - vise will  
 3 Break us o - pen to dis - close how bro - ken - ness can heal, wher -  
 4 Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that

once you chose to tell your love in hu - man flesh and bone, so  
 ev - er give us strength e - nough or make us tru - ly wise, yet  
 ev - er bro - ken loaves suf - fice to give a crowd a meal and  
 we may nour - ish in your name the last, the lost, the least, un -

let our lives be used to make your sav - ing pur - pose known.  
 by your prom - ise we can know the peace your grace sup - plies.  
 graves break o - pen to re - lease new life from death's dread seal.  
 til at length you call us all to your un - end - ing feast.

*Guitar chords in Pew Edition do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This Lord's Supper text is organized around the fourfold liturgical shape traced by Dom Gregory Dix in *The Shape of the Liturgy*: take, bless, break, give. It considers how the phrase "Body of Christ," used for sacramental bread, can also be applied to the baptized people of God.

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DODs)

Every Sunday, a DOD (*Deacon-on-Duty*) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our services. The *Summer* service DOD is Dana Carl



### Inquirer's Class— July 9

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Friend or Member at ELPC please join us at the next **Inquirer's Class** which will be held on July 9 directly after worship at 11:15am in the Fellowship Space and also on Zoom. Please contact Megan Leisher ([meganl@coh.net](mailto:meganl@coh.net)) if interested in attending.

### Sharing ELPC Good News

This summer, as part of our Sunday service at 10 am, we will be sharing ELPC GOOD News! Who is someone you've noticed quietly serving, giving, loving, or simply using their gifts and passion as an embodiment of the mission and vision of ELPC? As a person comes to mind, consider "telling" on them so we can see and hear God at work through our siblings as they live out the good news of the gospel, in our church and/or in their daily life. Email Pastors Patrice ([PatriceFS@coh.net](mailto:PatriceFS@coh.net)), Heather ([HeatherS@coh.net](mailto:HeatherS@coh.net)), or BJ ([BJW@coh.net](mailto:BJW@coh.net)) your ELPC good news.

### Fridays in The Rain Garden —

The Environmental Team and Gardening Crew are hosting *Workdays in the Rain Garden* on Fridays again this summer. Please join them for a morning of weeding, mulching, and fellowship from 9 am to Noon on every second Friday through September. Green thumbs are not required—just bring your energy, curiosity, and commitment to our church and community. Contact Don Breitbarth for more info ([don.breitbarth@gmail.com](mailto:don.breitbarth@gmail.com)).

### Parking on Whitfield St — Aug 13

An outside group has applied for a permit to close Whitfield St outside ELPC on Sunday, Aug 13 to hold a mental health awareness event. If you typically park on Whitfield St on Sundays, please make alternate plans on that date.

### Take Climate Action: Electrify Your Home or Car

Home and transportation electrification—coupled with greening of the electricity supply—is the current best strategy on how we can collectively reduce our climate impact. The Biden Administration's *Inflation Reduction Act* provides many substantial incentives for homeowners and renters to do so. Visit [www.Rewiringamerica.org/IRAguide](http://www.Rewiringamerica.org/IRAguide) for more info. Prepare by planning now, and don't waste an opportunity when an appliance of yours (or your car) needs to be replaced.

The family of Heather and Jim Eng are eager to do just that. After installing an electric heat pump for their space heating and cooling in 2022, they will tackle converting their electric panel to 200 amps to better support charging EV cars, plan on gas-stove alternatives in the kitchen, and prepare for a heat pump water heater and dryer when their appliances need replacement.

You can keep up to date with their journey by visiting the Environmental Team's bulletin board or view a presentation at [tinyurl.com/42x548yj](https://tinyurl.com/42x548yj). For more info, contact Nancy Heastings ([n.heastings@comcast.net](mailto:n.heastings@comcast.net)).

### Trinity Youth Conference (TYC) — July 16 to 22

TYC is a regional Presbyterian leadership conference for youth who have completed grade 9 through college-age students in Shellsburg, Pennsylvania. The week consists of meaningful workshops, camp games, relevant worship, and refreshingly honest small groups; and is planned and led by a youth planning team. Rev. Ralph Lowe, associate minister for Justice Ministries at Pittsburgh Presbytery, is this year's worship leader and ELPC's Sonya Morley and Sara Hackett are teaching a workshop. Info about cost, workshops, and registration can be found at [TrinityYouthConference.org](http://TrinityYouthConference.org).

### Chapel Market: Expanded Hours and Donation Request

The Chapel Market has expanded its hours of operation! It is now open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5-7 pm, in addition to being open every Thursday from 10 am—Noon. The Chapel Market is also seeking donations of toiletry items (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, etc). Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby, or dropped off at the Chapel Market when open.







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

Gloria Knopp,  
Larry Sweeny, Alysha Carroll  
Condolences to Henk Bossers on the passing of his brother, Chris.

#### Meditation Hour — Tuesdays

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to join John Benedict in the Chapel each Tuesday from 6-7 pm for an hour devoted to meditation. John is a retired psychologist and a long time student and practitioner of insight meditation. No experience necessary, and all are welcome!

#### Download the ELPC App

ELPC 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 the App Store®. Search for "East Liberty Presbyterian." Google Play is a trademark of Google LLC. App Store is a registered trademarks of Apple Inc.

#### Volunteers Needed to be Beadles and Crucifers

There are many ways to participate in our worship services! We are currently seeking volunteers to be a Beadle or Crucifer at our 11 am Sanctuary worship service. The duties of the Beadle include processing at the beginning of the service with the Bible, and the Crucifer also processes while carrying the cross. If you would like to help, or have questions about these roles, please speak to one of today's Beadles, or email Mario Seneca (seneca459@hotmail.com).

#### 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 x211).

#### 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](http://www.ELPC.church), in our *This Week in Worship* email news

In our

## COMMUNITY



#### PW Hosts Diaper Drive — July 30

Clean diapers are a basic need of every infant and toddler. Yet 1 in 3 families cannot afford enough diapers to keep their child clean, dry and healthy. Three in 5 parents miss work or school because they can't afford the diapers required to leave their baby in childcare.

The Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank ([www.wpadiaperbank.org](http://www.wpadiaperbank.org)) has been helping families meet diaper need for more than a decade. The Diaper Bank began as an outreach at New Light Temple Baptist Church, serving families in Allegheny County through six partner agencies. Last year, the Diaper Bank provided over 2 million diapers to families in Allegheny, Washington and Westmoreland counties through 53 partner agencies. Members and friends of ELPC have generously supported this ministry for many years.

Presbyterian Women will host a *Diaper Drive* at the Highland Ave entrance on Sunday, July 30 following our 10 am worship, until 12:30 pm. Sizes 5 and 6 are most needed. For more info, contact [PW.ELPC@gmail.com](mailto:PW.ELPC@gmail.com).

Get to Know Our LGBTQIA+ Ministry You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering following worship on Sun., July 16. Join us and share conversation and lunch. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Questions? Contact Wil Forrest at [wil@coh.net](mailto:wil@coh.net) or 412.441.3800 x218.



#### HELP SUPPORT THE EECM FOOD PANTRY

East End Cooperative Ministries is one of our partners in ministry to our neighbors. Among their many services, they maintain a Food Pantry, and provide lunch meals on a daily basis. We can each help by regularly donating non-perishable food items.

*Please leave your donations in the Highland Lobby.*

