

Summer Worship



Sunday

JULY 30

2023

10 AM



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 30, 2023 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

#263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

CORONATION

#796

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

LAND OF REST

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 *(Psalm 115:1-6; Inclusive Bible translation)*

Josh, Michelle, Sam and Evy Bard

Leader: Alleluia! Give thanks to Yahweh and call on God's name; proclaim God's deeds among the people!

People: Sing to God; sing praises and tell of all God's marvels!

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts that seek Yahweh rejoice!

People: Turn to Yahweh - to God's strength - and seek God's presence constantly.

Leader: Remember the marvels God has done - the wonders performed, and the judgments pronounced - you descendants of Sarah and Abraham, God's faithful ones.

* OPENING HYMN #367 *(music printed in bulletin)*

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Josh, Michelle, Sam and Evy Bard

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Josh, Michelle, Sam and Evy Bard

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Josh, Michelle, Sam and Evy Bard

Leader: What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Siblings, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Please turn to your neighbor and share these words of assurance:

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

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RESPONSIVE HYMN #840 (music printed in bulletin; verse 1 only)

VILLE DU HAVRE

“When Peace like a River”

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 105:1-11

Josh, Michelle, Sam and Evy Bard

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 #703 (music printed in bulletin)

ST. CATHERINE

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 8:26-39

The Rev. Dr. Lee

SERMON

“The Faith of Our Convictions, Part 1”

The Rev. Dr. Lee

ELPC GOOD NEWS

Open Hand Ministries

Frank Bauerle

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

“I Believe This is Jesus”

Undine Smith Moore

I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.

Oh, come and see.

The Light of God shines in his face, Oh, come and see.

He offers all his pardoning grace; come and see, come and see.

Oh, I believe this is Jesus, yes Lord, come and see, come and see.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* 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: Lord, you are the Giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings, we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God.

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 #33 (*music printed in bulletin*)

LLANFAIR

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Lee



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), Heather (HeatherS@coh.net), or BJ (BJW@coh.net) your ELPC good news.



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. Dr. Asa J. Lee
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. BJ Woodworth
Josh, Michelle, Sam and Evy Bard
Frank Bauerle
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Music Director / Organist
ELPC Summer Choir
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

Water is available in the Highland Lobby.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor flowers for our weekly worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, contact Frances Wilson (wilson.franr@gmail.com). The cost is \$100 during the summer worship schedule.

◆ 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.

Aug 6 — The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee, guest preacher.

◆ 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

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

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm (*before Taizé*)

Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month.

Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17

7-8:30 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. Please see one of the Pastors to attend, or contact Megan Leisher for more info on future classes (MeganL@coh.net).

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

#263 — ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin-dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

#796 — WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING, LORD



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with power to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

#367 — COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

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.

#703 — JESUS, THY BOUNDLESS LOVE TO ME



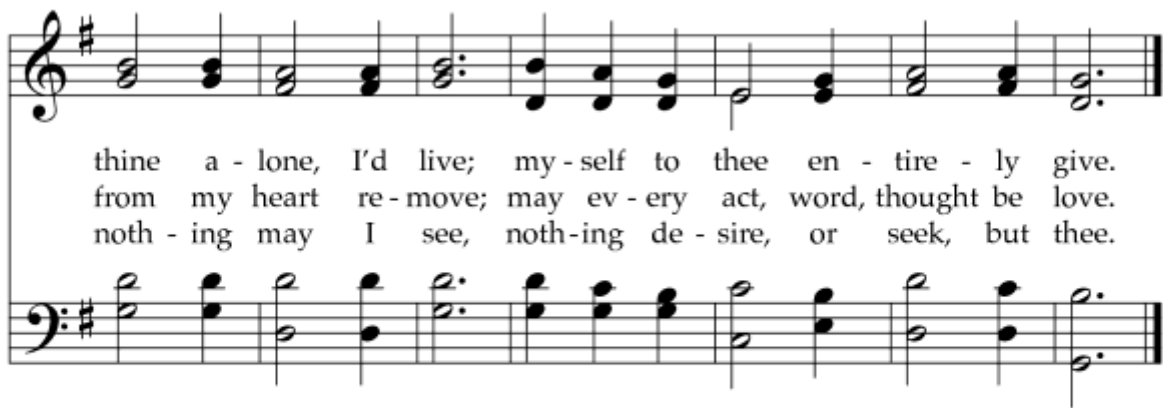
1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -



reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -



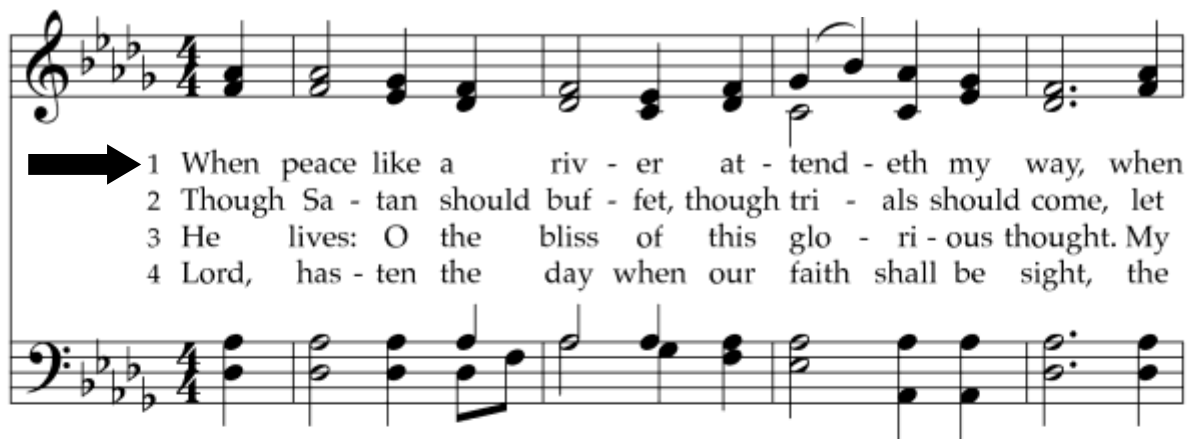
thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,



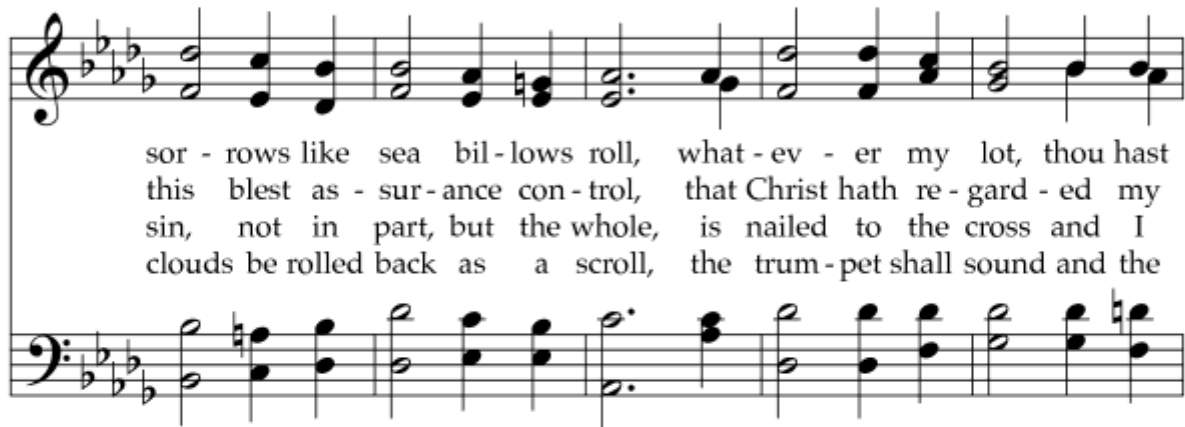
thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

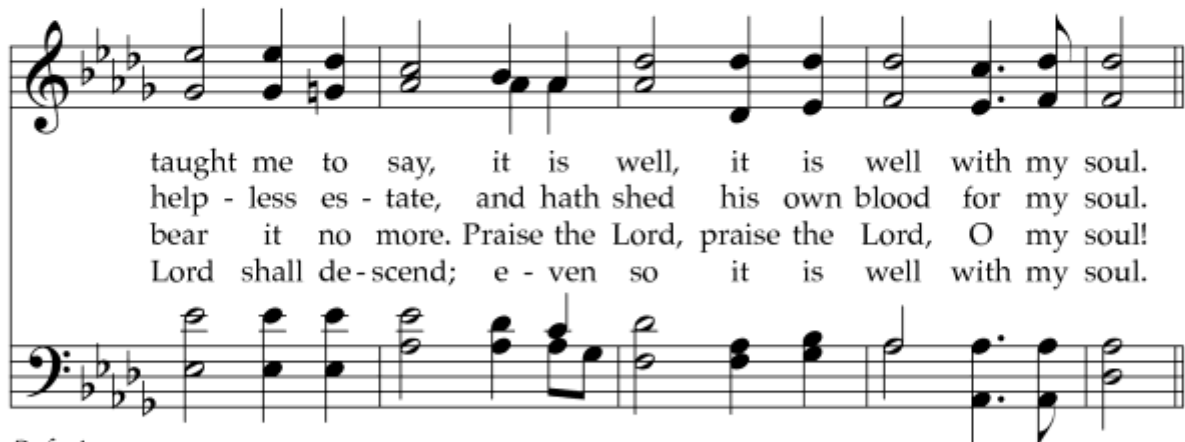
#840 — WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER (*verse 1 only*)



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.



#33 — PRAISE THE LORD! GOD'S GLORIES SHOW

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."

TODAY AT ELPC

Welcome to The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee

We are excited to welcome The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee as our guest preacher this morning. He currently serves as the president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He comes to the presidency after seven years of service at Wesley Theological Seminary as vice president for Campus Administration and associate dean for Community Life. He has served on the faculty of Northern Virginia Community College and is often a guest lecturer at workshops and seminars dealing with Christianity in the 21st century; religious difference; and issues affecting church leadership.

The Rev. Dr. Lee will also preach at our 10 am service next Sunday, Aug 6.



TODAY until 12:30 PM

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) 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.

Presbyterian Women will host a *Diaper Drive* at the Highland Ave entrance today following our 10 am worship, until 12:30 pm.
Sizes 5 and 6 are most needed.

You can also drop off diaper donations in the laundry basket at the Highland Ave entrance.

Financial gifts are welcomed.

Please make checks payable to PW in ELPC and write "Diaper Drive" in the memo.

For more info, contact PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

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 Drew Simpson.



Environmental Team Book Study — Aug 3

For their next session, the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee has selected two fiction books: *Waste Tide* by Chen Quifan and *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. Feel free to read one or both! And plan on joining us to discuss them on Thursday, Aug 3 at 7 pm in the Courtyard. Come at 6:30 pm for some time to socialize. Penn Hackney will lead our discussion of *Waste Tide*, and Sally Jo Snyder will lead our discussion of *Grapes of Wrath*. Contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Mission Board Film Series – Aug 6 and 13

The ELPC Mission Board invites you to this year's summer film series. Join us following worship on Sundays, Aug 6 and 13 in the Social Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee will host a screening of and discussion on the film *The Human Element* on Aug 6. In the film, National Geographic photographer James Balog takes us through a journey of the "four elements"—water, air, fire, and earth—to see how we've modified the natural world around us, and in turn, how we're making life for ourselves harder in the process. Email Nancy Heastings for more info (n.heastings@comcast.net).



On Aug 13, The Justice Committee will host a screening of the documentary *My Name is Pauli Murray*. Pauli Murray was a writer, activist, legal theorist, and episcopal priest, and was involved in articulating key legal arguments of the Civil Rights Movement. Born Anne Pauline Murray in 1910, they changed their birth name to "Pauli" in the 1930s, a groundbreaking challenge at that time. In 1977, Murray became the first African American woman in the U.S. to become an Episcopal priest. Murray died of cancer in 1985. Contact Carol Chonoska for more details (carolchonoska@gmail.com).



Church Tours — Aug 6 and 20

Jo Ellen Aleshire will lead a tour of the Sanctuary and Chapel on Sunday, Aug 6. On Aug 20, Steve Evrard will guide a tour of the church tower. Please wear closed-toe shoes to participate in the tower tour. Gather in the Highland Lobby after the 10 am worship service to join either tour.



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

Alysha Carroll, Rev. Howard Cherry,
Peta Harrigan Cole's friends Dorothy and Robert,
Todd Hoffman, Diane Jackson's brother-in-law Dan,
Paul Miller, and Jon Nelson's friend Megan.

Condolences to the family of Denise Bupp on her passing.

Condolences to the family of Larry Sweeney on his passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

No meetings are scheduled for the coming week.

*For more info about how to join a meeting, please contact
Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222).*

Still Thinking About Doing a Mission Trip? — Aug 6 to 11

There's still time to register for our summer Mission Trips! High school youth in grades 8–12 are serving with North Street Mission in Wooster, Ohio from Aug 6–11. Participants in the high school summer mission trip must meet certain requirements, including participating in three service projects with ELPC.

Register online at www.ELPC.church and contact Sara Hackett with questions (SaraH@coh.net).

LGBTQIA+ Ministry — Aug 20

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering on Sunday, Aug 20 after worship. Join us and share conversation and lunch. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest to attend or for more info (Wil@coh.net).



Letters to Legislators Event — Aug 27

Our Mission Board Committees are hosting a *Letters to Legislators* event in the Social Hall after worship on Sunday, Aug 27. Participants will have an opportunity to write to legislators advocating for action on a variety of social justice issues — including driving privileges for immigrants; fair housing and nondiscrimination policies; environmental protections; prisoners' rights; gun violence; and more. Sample letters and emails will be provided and a light lunch will be served. For those unable to attend in person, templates and instructions will be posted to the ELPC website after the event for your use. Contact Carol Chonoska for info (carolchonoska@gmail.com).

ELPC Gratitude Retreat
at Villa Maria Retreat Center

Mark your calendars now for Nov 17–19 and plan on joining us for a time of rest, reflection, prayer, conversation, and giving thanks at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Pulaski, Pennsylvania.

In our

COMMUNITY



EECM Coat Drive — through Oct 13

You can help those in need by donating new or gently used winter coats to the *EECM Coat Drive*. Drop off new coats (with tags), and gently used coats, by Oct 13 at East End Cooperative Ministry (6140 Station Street, 15206, Entrance A) or at Highmark Whole Care (6033 Broad St, 15206).

You can also drop off used winter coats at StrongII Dry Cleaners (7620 Frankstown Ave, 15208) from Sept 5 to Oct 13 to have them cleaned for free. StrongII will deliver the cleaned coats directly to EECM. Drop off the used coats in plastic bags and tell the clerk that they are for the *EECM Coat Drive*. Visit www.eecm.org for more info.

The Chapel Market Requests Toiletry Items

The Chapel Market is in need of toiletry items, including bar soap, tooth brushes and paste, lotion, shampoo, toilet paper, etc. Donations can left in the baskets in the Highland Lobby.

Fridays in The Rain Garden

Please join the Environmental Team and Gardening Crew for a morning of weeding and mulching the rain garden from 9 am to Noon on every second Friday through Sept. Contact Don Breitbarth (don.breitbarth@gmail.com).

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), Heather (HeatherS@coh.net), or BJ (BJW@coh.net).

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!

Rally Day — Sept 10

We will resume our traditional worship schedule and Church School classes for persons of all ages on Sunday, Sept 10. Look for a special mailing in late August with information about Rally Day festivities and ELPC's fall programming.

