



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)

JUNE 2, 2024 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIME OF PREPARATION

God of wild love and extravagant acceptance...Spirit of boldness and beauty...You are faithfully present in both the grit and glitter of life, and you are present here with us now. Awaken us to your dream for creation: A world in which every member of the human family is free to flourish however you have made them....Remake us into a people eager to see you in the faces, bodies, and expressions of all people. Remind each of us to step out of the shadows of our lives and shine fearlessly and courageously.

— Excerpts from "An Opening Prayer for Pride" written for worship at St. John's Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, CA

GATHERING MUSIC (music printed in bulletin)

#108 (African American Heritage Hymnal) "This is the Day"
#664 "Morning Has Broken"
#770 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

BUNESSAN

WELCOME TABLE

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

Stephen and Travis Simpson-Hunt

Leader: Sing out loud to God our strength! Shout for joy together!

People: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, blow the trumpet, for God is with us always! Leader: God lifts our burdens, frees our spirits, rescues us from distress, and equips us to serve.

People: Let us worship God!

* Opening Hymn #409 (music printed in bulletin)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

"God Is Here!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.

Praise God!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

¡Alaben a Dios!

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

June 2 • 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #531 (African American Heritage Hymnal; music printed in bulletin)

"Thank You, Lord"

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16

Stephen Simpson-Hunt

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Travis Simpson-Hunt

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 preschool room in the nursery suite for a time of learning together. Children will return to worship during the Doxology. The registration form can be found online.

The nursery is open for families of young children, under the age of 3, to play together while the service is live-streamed into the nursery.

* HYMN #795 (music printed in bulletin)

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:23-3:6

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

"New Priorities"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

James Eng and Linda Lane

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OFFERING INVITATION

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.



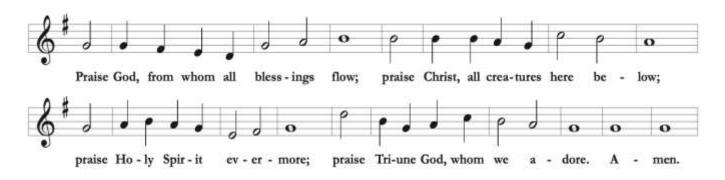
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Ned Tipton

Doxology at the Presentation #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



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— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Woodworth

The Great Thanksgiving

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes. People: Y también contigo.

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

Levantemos nuestros corazones. Leader: People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios. Leader:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Es justo dar gracias y People:

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

alabanzas a Dios.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf The Rev. Woodworth

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 Hymns (music printed in bulletin)

#509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" HOLY MANNA #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together" LET US BREAK BREAD

Prayer After Communion

The Rev. Woodworth

Gracious God, may we who received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #769 (music printed in bulletin)

FOR EVERYONE BORN

"For Everyone Born"

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. BJ Woodworth

James Eng Sara Hackett Linda Lane

Stephen and Travis Simpson-Hunt

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,

Music Director / Organist

ELPC Summer Choir

Beadles: Linda Davis

Heather Eng

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, please contact Norma (412.441.3800 x211). The cost is \$250 a Sunday.

Our beautiful arrangements are provided by Bloom Brigade (www.bloombrigade.com).

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

10 am.....Summer Worship. Our weekly service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from piano and choir.

June 9 — 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 (no service on June 19)

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 (no yoga on June 19)

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.

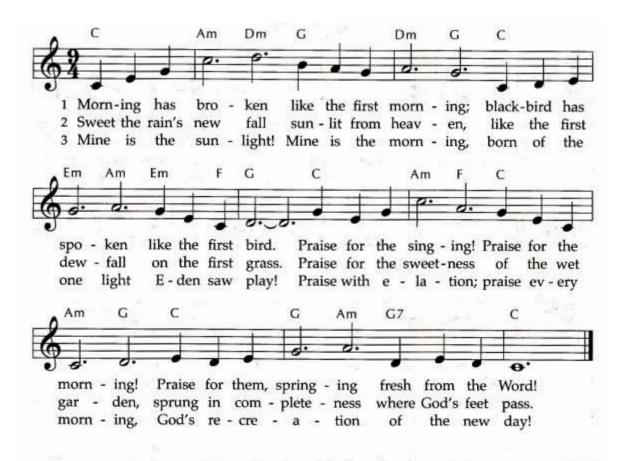
Attend an *Inquirers' Class* to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please see one of the Pastors to attend, or contact Gloria Knopp for more info on future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

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



Text: Psalm 118:24

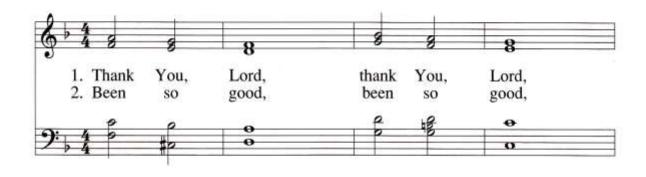
#664 — MORNING HAS BROKEN



This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.



The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.





Text: Traditional
Tune: Negro spiritual; arr. by Stephen Key, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc. Onelicense.net #A-700877



Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.







- 1 You who know our fears and sad-ness, grace us with your peace and
- pain and joy be-hold-ing how your grace is still
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, sis - ter, ev - ery ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel-ing, teach us all your way of



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts. fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love. Spir-it of broth - er; all kind-ness, be our guide. heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

As soon becomes apparent, this sung prayer is not limited to personal physical healing. It deals with the larger and intangible gifts of peace and hope to vanquish fear and sorrow, and it is cast in the plural because it is concerned with the healing of a wounded community.



The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

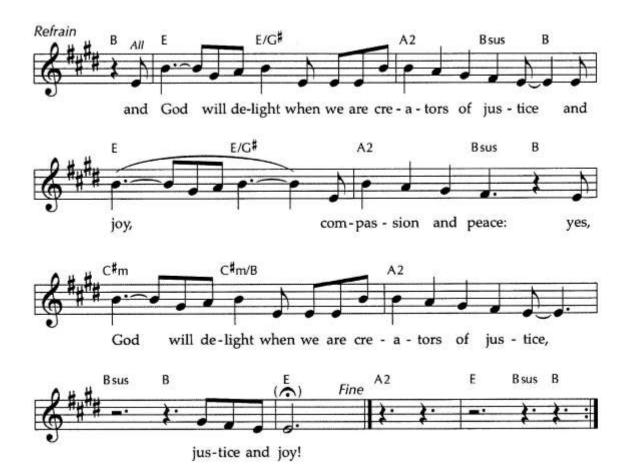


This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshipers' experience.

#769 — FOR EVERYONE BORN



This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.





Church Events and Announcements

June 2, 2024 • Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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TODAY AT ELPC

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 Dana Carl.

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Celebrating Juneteenth - Parade on June 15

Juneteenth (June 19) gained federal holiday recognition in 2021, but has been celebrated in parts of the United States since 1866, when those enslaved in Galveston, Texas received word of the end of the Civil War and emancipation over two years after Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. The first Pittsburgh remembrance of Juneteenth was organized in the late nineteenth century by Presbyterian Pastor Henry Highland Garnett, the first Pastor of Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church, once again linking freedom with faith. ELPC members can join in this year's observance by marching behind the ELPC banner in the annual Juneteenth parade on Saturday, June 15, or cheering marchers on along the parade route.

For more info, please contact Michele Bossers (michele 2285@gmail.com) or Lenore Williams (leefabilli@aol.com).



VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Student registration is currently full, but email Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) if you would

like to have your child added to the waitlist.

Volunteers are still needed for *Vacation Church School* at ELPC June 24–28 from 9 am–3 pm. Our theme this summer is *Seekers in Sneakers: Discover Jesus!* and children will use their investigative skills to discover Jesus.

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to serve as volunteers, and adult volunteers of all ages will be needed to help ensure our program is a success!

Teen and Adult Volunteers can register at www.ELPC.church



Celebrating

The Rev. Dr. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

We are pleased to announce that our pastor, The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy, will receive the Doctor of Ministry degree from PTS at the end of this month. We at ELPC are appreciative of her ministry and her dedication and commitment to this significant achievement. To that end, the



Mission Board of ELPC, along with the congregation, will recognize and celebrate *Dr. Patrice* on Sunday, June 9 in our 10 am worship service in the Courtyard, and afterwards with lunch in our Social Hall.

We hope you'll be able to join us in the celebration. We will be including a cookie table with homemade cookies. If you would like to make 2-4 doz. cookies (plated and labeled), please contact Shirley Fair (faird11@yahoo.com; 412.613.7729).

If you would like to volunteer to help set-up or cleanup, contact Carol Chonoska (carolchonoska@gmail.com; 724.272.9722) or Michele Bossers (412.303.9243; michele2285@gmail.com).

> RSVP to Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222)



Connections Group Event — June 15

Join ELPC's Connections Group for the free Stars at Riverview concert on Saturday, June 15 from 7–8:30 pm at Observatory Hill in Riverview Park. Music will be provided by The Dark Matter Trio.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Pack a meal for yourself or buy food from the vendors. Come enjoy music and each other's company. Please RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com so that we can let you know where to find us.

Calling All Grads!

We want to celebrate the graduates in our faith family! If someone in your family is graduating this year and if they have post graduate plans they want to share with our congregation, send the details to Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net).



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

Tim Benedict.

Carol Chontos' cousin Glenn, Martha DeMarzi's friend Ilene, Sam Ditka's friend Doug, David Jennings Smith, Libby Parker's husband Dwaine,

Vivienne Selia's friend Martha, and Dan Thompson.

Condolences to Pastor Heather on her uncle's passing.

A Note of Gratitude....

We would like to thank everyone who called, sent cards and prayed for us during our recent bereavements.

— Peta Harrigan Cole and Derek Harrigan

Committee Meeting This Week

PropertyTuesday, June 4 @ 7:00 pm

Youth Sunday - June 30

On Sunday, June 30, we will celebrate the gifts of our church's youth and recognize the accomplishments of our graduating seniors. Youth will create and lead our 10 am service. Youth who would like to help plan or lead worship should reach out to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net). Graduating seniors are invited to give a senior message, and all youth are encouraged to participate.

Middle School Service Week at Crestfield - July 22 to 26 Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to Crestfield Camp for Service Adventure Camp, combining adventure with local missions and service opportunities from Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26. Campers will be sent out to local non-profits to learn about and assist those agencies. There will be canoeing, ninja walling, archery, Big Friz, and more in the evenings. Youth from multiple churches around Pittsburgh will be working and playing together. The cost is \$400; scholarships available. Please contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).

Mission Trip & Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. — Aug 4 to 9 Students who have finished grade 7-12 are going to Washington, D.C. to stay at the Friends Place, a Quaker guest house and learning center just blocks from our Nation's Capitol from Sunday, Aug 4 to Friday, Aug 9. Friends Place offers opportunities for experiential education and civic engagement programs with a focus on how people-power creates justice, peace, a healthy planet, and a stronger democracy. We also will be visiting museums and monuments, the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness, and serving alongside agencies working for food justice in D.C. The cost for the week is \$450; scholarships available. Contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).



Trinity Youth Conference — July 14 to 20

Trinity Youth Conference (TYC) is happening Sunday— Saturday, July 14–20! TYC is a regional Presbyterian leadership conference for youth who have completed grade 9 through college-age students in Shellsburg, PA. The week consists of workshops, camp games, relevant worship, and refreshingly honest small groups. TYC is planned and led by a youth planning team, including ELPC's own Rachel Ammon and Shayla Brigido this year. Details can be found at TrinityYouthConference.org. Talk to Sara Hackett for more info or scholarship opportunities.

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PNC Updates

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts as all of us on the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) continue to work together through the process of discernment and intentionality as we search for our new Senior Pastor.

The PNC has interviewed numerous call seekers and has conducted a number of second interviews. We are beginning to finalize the logistics for bringing candidates here to be interviewed in person and to preach in neutral pulpits in our area.

As we continue our process, we know that we are closer than we were when we started! We continue working together for the good of all of us, and we are grateful for your patience.

Pastor Nominating Committee: Doug Booth, Bill Buchanan, David Carl, Andrea DeVries, Jim Eng, Linda Lane (Chair), Rebecca McGregor (Secretary), Polly McQueen, Antwone Wright, and Karen Rohrer (Pittsburgh Presbytery)

Donations for

Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is in need of: men's and women's deodorant, men's and women's Depends (L and XL) men's underwear (M, L and XL), in addition to toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, razors, toilet paper, lotion, etc., in addition to summer clothing for men, woman and children. Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby, or dropped off at the Chapel Market when open (first and third Tuesday of each month from 5–7 pm, or Thursdays from 10 am-12 pm).