



# 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 9, 2024 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### TIME OF PREPARATION

Don’t think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary... We must love those who are nearest to us, in our own family... Above all your love has to start there. Be the good news around you. Be concerned about your next-door neighbor... Do not pursue spectacular deeds... In the works we have to do it does not matter how small and humble it may be, make it Christ’s love in action... What matters is the gift of yourself, the degree of love that you put into one of your actions.

— Mother Teresa

### GATHERING MUSIC (*African American Heritage Hymnal; music printed in bulletin*)

#182

“Lord, Be Glorified”

#172

“Praise Him!”

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

### \* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Woodworth

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

Michael Schenz and Beverly Harris-Schenz

Leader: With God, there is forgiveness;

People: Steadfast love;

Leader: Great power to redeem.

People: We wait for the Lord, who is our hope. Through the long night, we watch for God more passionately than for the sun's first light!

### \* OPENING HYMN (*lyrics printed in bulletin*)

“We Acknowledge You”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Michael Schenz and Beverly Harris-Schenz

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Michael Schenz and Beverly Harris-Schenz

Merciful God, we try to hide from your presence knowing that we have traded your abundant life for a life of fear, worry, and shame. We have heeded other voices, inside and outside ourselves, that have led us to hide in fear, pursue safety instead of act courageously, and settle for convenience instead of sacrificial love. We have been confused and misguided and unable to faithfully walk in your everlasting way. We ask for the courage to tell you truthfully what keeps us from listening, hearing and following you. We seek your mercy so that we can live at peace with ourselves, with others, and with you. You alone can restore us. In your steadfast love, look upon us and reclothe us in your grace.

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

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**June 9 • 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Michael Schenz and Beverly Harris-Schenz

Leader: Friends and siblings, do not lose heart. We are in fact being renewed day by day through the grace of Christ extended to us. Welcome and receive the good news of the gospel:

People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God!  
Alleluia and Amen!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #647 (*music printed in bulletin*)

GIVE THANKS

“Give Thanks”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 130

Michael Schenz and Beverly Harris-Schenz

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 nursery suite for a time of learning together (registration form required). Children younger than age 3 are welcome to attend, if accompanied by their parents. Children will return to the worship service during the Doxology. The nursery is open for play to young children who are accompanied by their parents/caregivers during worship; the service is livestreamed into that space.*

CONFIRMATION OF KEVIN LEE

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Carla Depperman

\* HYMN (*lyrics printed in bulletin*)

“I Give Myself Away”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Woodworth

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:11-5:1

The Rev. Woodworth

SERMON

“Do Not Lose Heart”

The Rev. Woodworth

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*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

“My Help”

Journey Praise Team

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

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures here be - low;

praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf  
The Rev. Woodworth

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:	In the spirit of faith, great God, we thank you for the opportunity to give tithes and offerings, to participate in extending your grace, to more and more people, and to give all glory to you.	
People:	¡Amén!	Amen!

\* CLOSING HYMN #412 (*African American Heritage Hymnal; music printed in bulletin*)  
"We've Come This Far By Faith"

WE'VE COME THIS FAR

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Woodworth



*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. BJ Woodworth  
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Carla Depperman  
Sara Hackett  
Beverly Harris-Schenz  
Michael Schenz  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Music Director / Organist*  
Gerald Savage  
*Journey Music Director*  
Journey Praise Team  
Sound: Wayne Gaines  
Keith Irvin  
Lenore Williams

◆ 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](http://www.bloombrigade.com)).*

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

10 am.....Summer Worship. Our weekly service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from piano and choir.  
*June 16* — 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](http://www.ELPC.church).

#182 (African American Heritage Hymnal) — LORD, BE GLORIFIED

Verses 1, 2

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,  
2. In my home, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,

be glo-ri-fied; In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
be glo-ri-fied; In my home, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-

Verses 3, 4

2. day.  
3. In Your Church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,  
4. In my heart, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,

be glo-ri-fied; In Your Church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
be glo-ri-fied; In my heart, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick  
Tune: Bob Kilpatrick

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*Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!*

*Psalm 146:1*

Refrain

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! In all things give Him glo - ry.

Je - sus, bless-ed Sav - ior He's wor-thy to be praised.

Verse 1

1. From the ris - ing of the sun un - til the go - ing down of the

same, He's wor - thy, Je - sus is wor - thy, He's wor - thy to be praised. **D.C.**

Verse 2

2. God is our rock, hope of sal - va - tion; A

strong de - liv-er - er in Him will I al-ways trust. D.C.

Text: Donnie Harper

Tune: Donnie Harper; arr. by Stephen Key

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## WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU

Solo:

Holy Spirit, you are welcome  
Come on in, take a seat  
Inhabit our praise  
God of Zion, Judah's Lion  
We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord

All:

Holy Spirit, you are welcome  
Come on in, take a seat  
Inhabit our praise  
God of Zion, Judah's lion  
We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord

God of mercy, show your glory  
As we enter this place, show us your face  
God, please give us peace  
We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord

God of mercy, show your glory  
As we enter this place, show us your face  
God of peace, give us peace  
We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord

Oh, oh, oh

We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord  
Oh, oh, oh  
We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord

Come on in, take a seat  
Come on in, take a seat, oh Lord  
Come on in, take a seat  
We acknowledge your presence  
We honor your presence  
Inhabit our praise, oh Lord

Come on in, take a seat  
Come on in, take a seat, oh Lord  
Come on in, take a seat  
Come on in, take a seat, oh Lord

Oh, oh, oh  
We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord  
Oh, oh, oh  
We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord

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#647 — GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

The first system of musical notation for the song 'Give Thanks'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;'. There are repeat signs at the beginning of both staves.

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody with a first ending bracket labeled '1'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give'. The system ends with a double bar line.

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff begins with a second ending bracket labeled '2'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the'. The system ends with a double bar line.

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for'. The system ends with a double bar line.

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

The fifth and final system of musical notation. The treble staff has two ending brackets labeled '1' and '2'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.'. The system ends with a double bar line.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

## I GIVE MYSELF AWAY

I give myself away  
I give myself away  
So you can use me

I give myself away  
I give myself away  
So you can use me

I give myself away  
I give myself away  
So you can use me

I give myself away  
I give myself away  
So you can use me

Here I am  
Here I am  
Here I stand  
Lord, my life is in your hands

My life is not my own  
To you I belong  
I give myself, I give myself to you

Lord, I'm longing to see  
Your desires revealed in me  
I give myself away

My life is not my own  
To you I belong  
I give myself, I give myself to you

I give myself away  
I give myself away  
So you can use me

Congregation:                      Choir:  
My life is not my own      (I give myself away)  
To you I belong                      (I give myself away)  
I give myself  
I give myself to you              (So you can use me)

I give myself away  
I give myself away  
So you can use me

Congregation:                      Choir:  
My life is not my own      (I give myself away)  
To you I belong                      (I give myself away)  
I give myself  
I give myself to you              (So you can use me)

Take my heart  
Take my life  
As a living sacrifice

Congregation:                      Choir:  
My life is not my own      (I give myself away)  
To you I belong                      (I give myself away)  
I give myself  
I give myself to you              (So you can use me)

All my dreams, all my plans  
Lord, I place them in your hands

I give myself away  
I give myself away  
So you can use me

Congregation:                      Choir:  
My life is not my own      (I give myself away)  
To you I belong                      (I give myself away)  
I give myself  
I give myself to you              (So you can use me)

I give myself away  
I give myself away  
So you can use me

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#412 (African American Heritage Hymnal) — WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH

*For we walk by faith, not by sight.  
2 Corinthians 5:7*

Refrain

We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the

Lord; Trust-ing in His ho-ly word,

He's nev-er failed me yet. Oh

can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith.

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Verse 1

1. Don't be dis-cour-aged when trou-ble's in your

life, He'll bear your bur-dens and

move all mis-er-y and strife. That's why we've

D.S.

2. Just the other day I heard someone say  
He didn't believe in God's word;  
But I can truly say that God had made a way,  
And He's never failed me yet.  
That's why we've...

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## TODAY AT ELPC

Celebrating The Rev. Dr. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
We are pleased to announce that our pastor, The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy, has received the Doctor of Ministry degree from PTS. We at ELPC are appreciative of her ministry and her dedication and commitment to this significant achievement.



We will recognize and celebrate Dr. Patrice today in our 10 am worship service in the Courtyard, and afterwards with lunch in our Social Hall.

### 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 Linda Sanders.

### Purchase Café Justo Coffee

Stop by the Highland Ave hallway after the worship service to purchase a bag of Café Justo coffee. All varieties are available in ground and whole bean bags for \$10 (cash or check only). If you are unable to pick up your coffee in person, contact Ryan Booher (rabooherco@gmail.com).



### 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 (michele2285@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](http://www.ELPC.church)

### 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](mailto: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).



### 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.

Wednesday, June 19 (Juneteenth) is an official ELPC holiday and the building will be closed.  
We will NOT have Taizé or Cathedral Yoga that day.



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,
- Doris Dick's sister-in-love Kerry,
- Sam Ditka's friend Doug,
- David Jennings Smith,
- Libby Parker's husband Dwaine,
- Vivienne Selia's friend Martha,
- and Dan Thompson.

*Condolences to Bruce Bancroft on his mother's passing.  
Condolences to the family of Valerie Dixon on her passing.*

*Condolences to Pastor Heather Schoenewolf on her uncle's passing.*

Committee Meetings This Week

- Deacons.....Tuesday, June 11 @ 7:00 pm
- Worship, Music & Arts .....Tuesday, June 11 @ 7:30 pm
- Mission Board.....Thursday, June 13 @ 5:30 pm

*For more info about how to join a meeting, please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222).*

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 (SaraH@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!

In our

# COMMUNITY



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.

Visit us online at  
[www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)

The Sacrament of Letting Go Retreat — Sept 27 to 29  
We glibly advise others and admonish ourselves to “let go” of the patterns that no longer serve us well and the concerns that continue to haunt us, but it doesn't seem to be quite that easy...in fact, if it was, we would! The desire to let go comes from deep within us and what it is that we are being invited to let go of is often obscured. Nature understands and is a ready guide.

Whether you embrace the season of fall or are an autumn struggler, join us at Villa Maria from Sept 27-29 to open yourself up to the bittersweet beauty and the invitations autumn has for you, and receive a liberating measure of divine grace. We will be led by Lynn Holden, a spiritual director, professional counselor, and founder of Cultivating Awareness, where she creates and holds space for individuals and groups as they awaken to a Greater Reality.

Registration will be open soon! Contact Pastor BJ Woodworth (BJW@coh.net).

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).