



SUMMER WORSHIP

SUNDAY
JUNE 16, 2024
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)

JUNE 16, 2024 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIME OF PREPARATION

I don’t have many certainties about God. I do have many hopes. Chief among them is that it’s true what they say: that God is love, is made of love, and looks at the faces of you and me and my gramma and, without hesitation or demand, delights.

— Cole Arthur-Riley, *“This Here Flesh”*

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

#714	“God of the Fertile Fields”	ITALIAN HYMN
#699	“Fill My Cup”	FILL MY CUP
#698	“Take, O Take Me as I Am”	TAKE ME AS I AM

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

James and Heather Eng

Leader:	The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth.	
People:	It grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.	
Leader:	Let us give thanks to the Living God, whose promised reign is coming near!	
People:	Let us worship God!	

* OPENING HYMN #774 *(music printed in bulletin)*

STUTT GART

“There Is Now a New Creation”

CALL TO CONFESSION

James and Heather Eng

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

James and Heather Eng

Holy God, your Gospel teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom. We confess that we are often too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, or too distracted to attend to your call. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have failed to uphold the poor or oppressed; for when we have not advocated for the powerless or voiceless; for when we have prioritized our own wants over the needs of our neighbors. Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ, who became the seed of your righteousness in us.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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

June 16 • 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

James and Heather Eng

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Alleluia! Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Heather Eng

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

James Eng

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.

* HYMN #691 (music printed in bulletin)

LAND OF REST

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Cor 5:6-10, 14-17

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

“A Fresh Perspective”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Woodworth

We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.

You are invited to use the QR code to the right if you would like to make a donation in support of ELPC. A donation box is also available in the Narthex.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“City Called Heaven”

arr. Josephine Poelinitz

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below;
praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

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* 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:	Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. Multiply the work done by our time, talents and treasures that your presence and compassion may be known in all the church.	
People:	¡Amén!	Amen!

* CLOSING HYMN #700 (*music printed in bulletin*)

I'M GONNA LIVE

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

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 and Heather Eng
Sara Hackett
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Music Director / Organist
ELPC Summer Choir
Adrianna Cleveland, *Soloist*
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. Additional seating is available in the first floor Garth Overlook Room for those who prefer to worship indoors.
June 23 — 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.

#714 — GOD OF THE FERTILE FIELDS

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

TEXT: Georgia Harkness, 1955, alt.

MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.

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ITALIAN HYMN

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#699 — FILL MY CUP

Refrain

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The refrain consists of three lines of music. The first line has chords C, F, and C. The second line has chords G, C, Am, and Caug. The third line has chords Fmaj7, Em7, Dm7, F, and C, ending with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'. Below the refrain are two stanzas of lyrics. The first stanza has a C chord above the first measure. The second stanza has chords F, C, G, and Em7 above the measures. The third line of the second stanza has chords Am7, Dm7, and G2 to Refrain above the measures.

Fill my cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my
cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my cup; let it
o - ver - flow; let it o - ver - flow with love. *Fine*

1 Lord, let me be your in - stru - ment, spread - ing
2 It's my de - sire to live for you and to
sun - shine in the land; let peo - ple see your
al - ways walk up - right; give me the strength to
works in me; help me live the best I can.
face each day; stay with me through each dark night.

The refrain of this gospel song by a well-known Presbyterian pastor and musician can be understood as a meditation on Psalm 23:5, while the stanzas reflect an updated and easily accessible interpretation of the prayer often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (see no. 753).

#698 — TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff features a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995

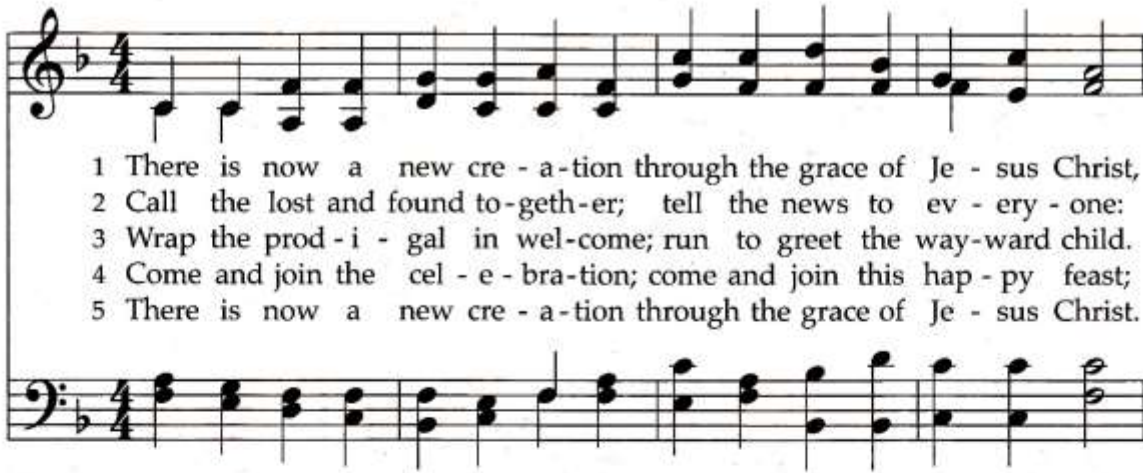
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TAKE ME AS I AM

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#774 — THERE IS NOW A NEW CREATION



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

#691 — LORD, WHEN I CAME INTO THIS LIFE

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976

MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 545)

#700 — I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so) God can use me an - y -
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so) God can use me an - y -
 sing so (sing so)


where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.



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Happy
Father's
Day!

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 Jo Ellen Aleshire.



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.

Volunteer and Participate in the People's

Pride PGH 2024 March & Festival — June 30

Take to the streets with People's Pride PGH 2024 March and Festival on Sunday, June 30 in Wilkinsburg. March lineup will begin at 10:30 am at Harold Young Sr. Park (739 Penn Ave, 15221) and will end at Turner Elementary (1833 Laketon Rd, 15221) where the Festival will be held. The March will begin at 11 am where we will be met by community members and allies. Please use this link to sign up to volunteer to staff the booth:

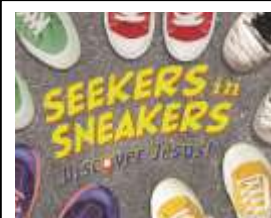
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Both lay and pastoral volunteers are needed. Come out and celebrate while we share God's love with all God's people!



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).



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

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.

Condolences to the families of Malawian Vice President Saulos Chilima, former first lady, and eight other Malawians who died in a plane crash.

Committee Meetings This Week

SessionTuesday, June 18 @ 7:00 pm
M&OThursday, June 20 @ 6:00 pm

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



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) for details.

In our

COMMUNITY



Donations Requested for Second Avenue Commons
Second Avenue Commons, the year-round, low-barrier shelter in downtown Pittsburgh, is requesting emergency donations due to a three-alarm fire that broke out on the roof of their building.

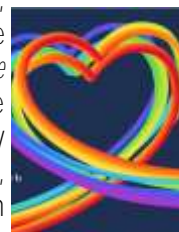
Donations will also help Pittsburgh Mercy provide emergency housing, clothing, medical care, hygiene items, and any other necessary items that individuals may need.

Some needed items include snack donations (pre-packaged peanut butter and jelly sandwiches; grab-and-go cereal bars and trail mix bars; beef jerky; electrolyte/sports drinks or packet mix-ins; bottled water); new clothing donations (for both men and women, all sizes); slides or flip flop sandals; backpacks that zip and duffel bags that close. Monetary donations can be made on their website at:

<https://donate.pittsburghmercy.org/secondavenuecommons>

RCC PRIDE Concert “Why We Sing!” – June 29 and 30

Join the Renaissance City Choir on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30 at 4 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary for their *PRIDE: Why We Sing* concert, featuring a world-première piece written by choir member Amy Vermillion with music by Artistic Director, Dr. Kym Scott. Live streaming will occur on Sunday, June 30, as well as a pay what you can option. Accessibility questions may be emailed to accessibility@rccpittsburgh.com. Visit RCCPittsburgh.com to purchase tickets and for more info.



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.

Volunteers Needed for Harmony Dog Rescue

Harmony Dog Rescue, a new nonprofit that serves individuals and families in crisis, is seeking volunteers and donations. The mission of Harmony Dog Rescue is to provide safe homes for dogs whose owners are experiencing homelessness, domestic violence or medical emergencies. Visit www.harmonydogrescue.org.