



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 23, 2024 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIME OF PREPARATION

Loving God, please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart. My soul is like a turbulent sea. I can’t seem to find my balance so I stumble and worry constantly. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and travel the path you’ve laid out for me. I trust your love, God, and know that you will heal this stress. Just as the sun rises each day against the dark of night, please bring me clarity with the light of your love. — *author unknown*

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

#837	“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”	SHOWALTER
#480	“Take Me to the Water”	TAKE ME TO THE WATER
#647	“Give Thanks”	GIVE THANKS

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

Barbara Griffin

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when siblings live together in unity.
 People: It is like precious oil on the head, like the dew that falls on the mountain of Zion.
 Leader: Together let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN #821 *(music printed in bulletin)*

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

“My Life Flows On”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Barbara Griffin

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Griffin

Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into your steadfast love, and shape us into the likeness of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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

June 23 • 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Barbara Griffin

Leader: Siblings, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water, mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love. Live, then, as those who have received new life in Christ. 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 17:32-49

Mario Seneca

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*Presentation of Henry Michael Curtice, son of Michael Joseph van Stipdonk and Stephanie Sue Curtice
Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing*

* HYMN #840 (*music printed in bulletin*)

VILLE DU HAVRE

“When Peace like a River”

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

“Calm in the Storm”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #184 (*sing 3x; music printed in bulletin*)

CALM SEAS

“Calm to the Waves”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERING INVITATION

Mario Seneca

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


“Consecration”

Frederick Chatfield

* 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
Barbara Griffin

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:	We return to you, O God, the gifts you have given, that this money and our lives might bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.	
People:	¡Amén!	Amen!

* CLOSING HYMN #819 (*music printed in bulletin*)

FINLANDIA

“Be Still, My Soul”

* 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: Barbara Griffin
Sara Hackett
Mario Seneca
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, please contact Norma (412.441.3800 x211). The cost is \$75 a Sunday during our summer worship schedule with one arrangement.

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 30 — Youth Sunday.

◆ 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

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.

#837 — WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,
lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The refrain is marked with a double bar line and the word 'Refrain' above it.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

#480 — TAKE ME TO THE WATER

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
 2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
 3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
 4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
 ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
 jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

This African American spiritual sums up the commitment of a candidate for baptism: the request for the rite, an expression of motivation, and a succinct affirmation of faith. The widening melodic lines build anticipation and give weight to the final phrase of each stanza.

#647 — GIVE THANKS

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

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

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

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

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

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.

TEXT: Henry Smith, 1978, alt.

MUSIC: Henry Smith, 1978

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GIVE THANKS
Irregular

#821 — MY LIFE FLOWS ON

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

#840 — WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

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; it is well with my soul.

#184 — CALM TO THE WAVES (*sing 3x*)

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The treble staff features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment of chords. The bass staff provides a harmonic foundation with chords and a melodic line.

still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The bass staff continues the harmonic and melodic support.

The first half of this refrain text deals with the external environment, while the second half concerns our interior response. Similarly, the first half of the music gradually moves upward, while the direction of the second half is downward, enhancing a sense of centeredness.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2002
MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2002
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CALM SEAS
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#819 — BE STILL, MY SOUL

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to - or - der and pro - vide,
Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.




Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.



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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 Janet Pollard.



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:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ADAB2DA4FAC25-49884668-pride#/)

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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!



Welcome to Jen King,

New Administrative Assistant to the Pastors
Jen is from the South Hills of Pittsburgh where she lives with her husband, 16 year old daughter, and a 5 year old tabby cat. Jen has served a PC(USA) congregation in the South Hills and worked in her home church, an ELCA (Lutheran) congregation for 11 years. Jen is a part-time graduate certificate student at PTS and will complete the *Adaptive and Innovative Ministries* program in Sept. In addition, she is a trained lay-leader in the ELCA, and serves on their local judicatory board.

Jen can be reached at extension 221; and her email is JenniferK@coh.net. Welcome, Jen!

We also extend thanks to Gloria Knopp, who has been serving in an interim role for the last few months. Gloria will work with Jen through next week. Thanks, Gloria!



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!



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,
Pastor Heather Schoenewolf's mother,
and Dan Thompson.

Condolences to Bruce Bancroft on his mother's passing.
Condolences to the family of Valerie Dixon on her passing.
Condolences to Peg Patterson on her sister-in-law'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

Justice.....Wednesday, June 26 @ 5:30 pm
NeighborsWednesday, June 26 @ 6:00 pm
For more info about how to join a meeting, please contact Jennifer King (JenniferK@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



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.



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>

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.