

Summer Worship

Sunday
July 7, 2024
10 am



East Liberty
Presbyterian Church

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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 7, 2024 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIME OF PREPARATION

With the prayer [for mercy] we are purified, enlightened, and sanctified; it is the lifeline of the soul and of the body, and the foundation of perfection.

— *Saint Amphilochios (Makris) (1889-1970)*

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

“Lead Me, Guide Me”
“I Know It Was the Blood”

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Parsons

Leader: God our Beloved, you have searched us, and you know us!
People: You know when we sit down and stand; you discern our innermost thoughts.
Leader: You find us on the journey and guide our steps; you know our strengths and our weaknesses.
People: Even before words take form in prayer, you have already heard our hearts calling.
Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful and marvelous for us; it is so extraordinary we struggle to perceive it.
People: Enveloped in that mystery, we gather to worship you, our Beloved God, who knows us better than we know ourselves.

* OPENING HYMN *(music printed in bulletin)* “Friend of God”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Woodworth

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: Where can we go from your Spirit? Or how can we flee from your Presence? If we ascend to heaven, you are there! If we make our beds in darkness, you are there! If we soar on the wings of the morning or dwell in the deepest parts of the sea, even there your hand will lead us and your Love will embrace us. If we say, “Let only darkness cover me, and the light

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about me be night,” even the darkness is not dark to you, the night dazzles as with the sun; the darkness is as light with you. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.
¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN (*music printed in bulletin*)

“Acceptable to You”

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Amos 7:10-15
Psalm 139:1-18

Adrianna Cleveland
Jeff Parsons

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 (*music printed in bulletin*)

“You Can’t Beat God’s Giving”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Erin Angeli
Co-Pastor, Commonwealth of Oakland

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

The Rev. Angeli

SERMON

“Mysterious Ways”

The Rev. Angeli

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

“Total Praise”

Journey Praise Team

* 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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.



— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Woodworth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Woodworth

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Angeli
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 HYMN (*music printed in bulletin*)

“Flow to You”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Angeli

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this holy meal strengthen us in love and empower us to hear and follow the call to set your people free. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen!

* CLOSING HYMN (*music printed in bulletin*)

“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Angeli

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. Erin Angeli
Co-Pastor, Commonwealth of Oakland

Liturgists: The Rev. BJ Woodworth
Adrianna Cleveland
Sara Hackett
Jeff Parsons

Musicians: Gerald Savage,
Journey Praise Team Music Director
Journey Praise Team

Beadles: Ian Kuchera
Mario Seneca

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.
July 14 — The Rev. BJ Woodworth 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

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 Jen King for more info on future classes (JenniferK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222).

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

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Lead me, guide me, along the way
For if you lead me, I cannot stray
Lord, let me walk each day with thee
Lead me, O Lord, lead me

I am weak and I need
Thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour
Help me through the darkness
Thy face to see
Lead me, O Lord, lead me

Lead me, guide me, along the way
For if you lead me, I cannot stray
Lord, let me walk each day with thee
Lead me, O Lord, lead me

Help me tread
In the paths of righteousness
Be my aid
When Satan and sin oppress
I am putting all my trust in thee
Lead me, O Lord, lead me

Lead me, guide me, along the way
For if you lead me, I cannot stray
Lord, let me walk each day with thee
Lead me, O Lord, lead me

I am lost if you take
Your hand from me
I am blind without thy light to see
Lord, just always let me thy servant be
Lead me, O Lord, lead me

Lead me, guide me, along the way
For if you lead me, I cannot stray
Lord, let me walk each day with thee
Lead me, O Lord, lead me

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I KNOW IT WAS THE BLOOD

I know it was the blood
I know it was the blood
I know it was the blood for me

He never said a mumbling' word
He never said a mumbling' word
He never said a mumbling' word for me

One day when I was lost
He died upon the cross
I know it was the blood for me

One day when I was lost
He died upon the cross
I know it was the blood for me

They whipped him all night long
They whipped him all night long
They whipped him all night long for me

He hung his head and died
He hung his head and died
He hung his head and died for me

One day when I was lost
He died upon the cross
I know it was the blood for me

One day when I was lost
He died upon the cross
I know it was the blood for me

They pierced him in his side
They pierced him in his side
They pierced him in his side for me

He's coming back again
He's coming back again
He's coming back again for me

One day when I was lost
He died upon the cross
I know it was the blood for me

One day when I was lost
He died upon the cross
I know it was the blood for me

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FRIEND OF GOD

Who am I that you are mindful of me
That you hear me
When I call
Is it true that you are thinking of me
How you love me

It's amazing

Who am I that you are mindful of me
That you hear me
When I call
Is it true that you are thinking of me
How you love me

It's amazing

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
God calls me friend

I am a friend of God
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God calls me friend

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
God calls me friend

God Almighty, Lord of glory
You have called me friend

God Almighty, Lord of glory
You have called me friend

God Almighty, Lord of glory
You have called me friend

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
You call me friend

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
You call me friend

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God

You call me friend
You call me friend
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ACCEPTABLE TO YOU

Let the words of my mouth
And the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in thy sight

Let the words of my mouth
And the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in thy sight

Here I am, Lord
At your feet, Lord
My soul looks up to thee
Make my thoughts, Lord
And my tongue, Lord
Be acceptable to thee

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YOU CAN'T BEAT GOD'S GIVING

You can't beat God giving
No matter how you try
And just as sure as you are living
And the Lord is in heaven on high

The more you give
The more he gives to you
But keep on giving
Because it's really true
That you can't beat God giving
No matter how you try

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FLOW TO YOU

(Solo)
Flow to you
Flow to you
Let the river of my worship
Flow to you

Lord I pray
In all I do
Let the river of my worship
Flow to you

Like streams in the valley
Swell with the rain
Let the song of my heart
Rise to bless your name

Flow to you
Flow to you
Let my worship
Flow to you

(All)
Flow to you
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Rise to bless your name

Flow to you
Flow to you
Let my worship
Flow to you

(Solo)
Let all my worship
Let all my praise
Flow to you
Flow to you

(All)
Let all my worship
Let all my praise
Flow to you
Flow to you

Let all my worship
Let all my praise
Flow to you
Flow to you

Let all my worship
Let all my praise
Flow to you
Flow to you

Flow to you
Flow to you
Let my worship
Flow to you

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HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND

Time is filled with swift transition
Naught of earth unmoved can stand
Build your hopes on things eternal
Hold to God's unchanging hand

Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand
Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand
Build your hopes on things eternal
Hold to God's unchanging hand

Trust in God who will not leave you
Whatsoever years may bring
If by earthly friends forsaken
Still more closely to God cling

Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand
Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand
Build your hopes on things eternal
Hold to God's unchanging hand

Covet not this world's vain riches
That so rapidly decay
Seek to gain the heav'n-ly treasures
They will never pass away

Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand
Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand
Build your hopes on things eternal
Hold to God's unchanging hand

When your journey is completed
If to God you have been true
Fair and bright the home in glory
Your enraptured soul will view


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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.



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!

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, contact Jen King (JenniferK@coh.net).

ELPC Connections: Fridays @ Frick — July 12

Join ELPC's *Connections Group* for the Fridays @ Frick concert on July 12. Music will be provided by Living Dream. The lawn opens at 5 pm; music starts at 6:30 pm. The concert is free, but a \$5 adult donation is suggested. 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. RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com.

LGBTQIA+ Ministry

Spiritual Gathering — July 14

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering on Sunday, July 14 at 11:30 am. 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; 412.441.3800 x218).



See Dr. Ed in Concert — July 14

Dr. Ed Moore will be playing a concert on Sunday, July 14 at 4 pm at Ingomar United Methodist Church (1501 West Ingomar Rd, 15237), as part of their summer recital series. A freewill offering will be accepted. The concert will also be live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel.



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. Youth from multiple churches around Pittsburgh will be working and playing together.

The cost is \$400; scholarships available. Contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).

OHM Workday — Aug 3

Join Open Hand Ministries (OHM) on Saturday, Aug 3 to help renovate their property at 428 Ardary St in Garfield. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex so we can provide OHM with an estimate of the number of volunteers. Workdays are typically 9 am–3 pm, but any time you can make it is appreciated. Lunch is provided.

Meet us at the job site or at ELPC to carpool. No renovation or construction skills are required. Contact Frank Bauerle for more info (frbauerle@yahoo.com).

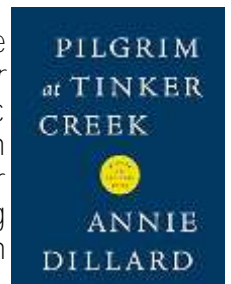
Mission Trip & Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. — Aug 4 to 9

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**. The cost for the week is \$450; scholarships available. Contact Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

Environmental Book Study — Aug 8

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee is reading *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard. This is a classic book by a revered writer who grew up in Point Breeze. It won the 1975 Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction. Consider reading the book and joining our discussion on Thursday, Aug 8 at 7 pm.

For more details, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).



Donations for Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is in need of men's shorts, pants, underwear and socks. Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby, or dropped off at the Chapel Market when open (on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 5–7 pm, or Thursdays from 10 am–12 pm).



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 Shawna, Pat & Finn Templeton on Shawna's mother's passing.

Condolences to Peg & George Patterson on his sister's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

- Deacons Tuesday, July 9 @ 7:00 pm
- Worship, Music & Arts Tuesday, July 9 @ 7:30 pm
- Mission Board..... Thursday, July 11 @ 5:30 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Sunday School Classes will resume on Rally Day, Sept 8.

In our

COMMUNITY



“Antiracism as a Way of Being”

Video Series – Begins July 15

The Anti-Racism Transformation Team (ARTT) of the Pittsburgh Presbytery is sponsoring *Antiracism as a Way of Being*, a six-module/six-hour video series developed for NEXT Church, a network of leaders across the PC(USA), and presented by Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training. This online option is the equivalent of the ‘part 1’ workshops presented to Pittsburgh Presbytery previously. Completion of the six modules (by those that did not attend the April ‘24 or Nov ‘23 workshops) allows for participants to follow up, if they choose, to attend the ‘part 2’ workshop, *Dominating White Ways*, that will be presented on Oct 25 (4-8 pm) and Oct 26 (10 am-2 pm) this year.

Part 1 is online, self-paced, and available to view from July 15 to Oct 15. There will be six optional, one hour Zoom gatherings at 7 pm with fellow Pittsburgh Presbytery participants to process and reflect on each of the modules the following Mondays:

July 29, Aug 12, Aug 26, Sept 9, Sept 23, Oct 7

This is free to members of Pittsburgh Presbytery. For more info, contact arttpittsburgh@gmail.com. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/241693812350051> by July 10.

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.

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>



Taizé Prayer

WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM
AUDIO-STREAM AVAILABLE