



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

TIME OF PREPARATION

The Father of lights who is not closefisted but diffuses himself abundantly as the sun does its rays, without being a respecter of persons, wherever there is room... God does not hesitate or consider it of little importance to find delight with the children of the earth at a common table in the world.”

- St. John of The Cross (1542-1591) a Spanish Catholic priest, mystic, and Carmelite friar.

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

#263	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”	CORONATION
#410	“God is Calling through the Whisper”	W. ZLOBIE LEZY
#667	“When Morning Gilds the Skies”	LAUDRES DOMINI

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. BJ 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

Melia McKenzie-Chandler and Paige McKenzie

Leader: Holy Trinity, yours is the justice that calls power to account.

Response: Yours is the love that calls sinners to repent.

Leader: Yours is the mercy that forgives us and grants us everlasting life.

Response: Lead us in the truth about the Beloved and set us free to rejoice with all our might over the great mystery you have revealed: that you are bringing all things into harmony through Jesus the Christ!

* OPENING HYMN #307 *(music printed in bulletin)*

CWM RHONDDA

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Melia McKenzie-Chandler and Paige McKenzie

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Melia McKenzie-Chandler and Paige McKenzie

Holy, holy, holy Lord, you are the God of glory. We confess that we often forget that your holiness is dangerous. We take our impurities for granted, make excuses for the sins we commit, and expect you to overlook the harm we cause while still demanding justice from others. We are undeserving of your mercy. Forgive us, and return us to the right relationship with you, others, ourselves and the creation. You made us for the purpose of praising you; enliven us with the Holy Spirit so that we can fulfill our call in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

July 14 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Melia McKenzie-Chandler and Paige McKenzie

Leader: According to the riches of God's grace, which has been lavished upon us and sealed for us by the promise of the Holy Spirit hear and receive the good news:

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

HYMN #698 (*music printed in bulletin*)

FILL MY CUP

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 8:22-31

Melia McKenzie-Chandler
and Paige McKenzie

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 #795 (*music printed in bulletin*)

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

GOSPEL LESSON

Ephesians 1:1-10

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

SERMON

Good Delight and Pleasure

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. BJ 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

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Ken Medema/Jack Schrader

* 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. BJ Woodworth
Melia McKenzie-Chandler and Paige McKenzie

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:	Glorious God, you created us because you are love. It is your will and our destiny that we live into the full humanity of Jesus Christ so that we can praise you, give voice to creation's joy, and join with all things in heaven and on earth to rejoice in your goodness forever. Thank you for this high calling and privilege, we bring an offering taken from the gifts you have given us. Because they come from you, they are holy; because you have given them to us, you honor us as if we are holy. As we return them to you with our thanksgiving, bless them with the power of your love so that they may touch the lives of others and inspire them to join us in giving you thanks and praise in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen	
People:	¡Amén!	Amen!

* CLOSING HYMN #747 (music printed in bulletin)

ENVIADO

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. BJ 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.

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: Sara Hackett
Melia and Paige McKenzie-Chandler
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.

July 21 — The Rev. Dr. April Roebuck.

◆ 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 McKelvy Room (#114) for July 17– Aug 7. Starting Aug 14 moves back to 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. We are currently gathering a class for this fall, so please see one of the Pastors to join, or contact Jen King (*admin assistant to the pastors*) (JenniferK@coh.net).

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

#263 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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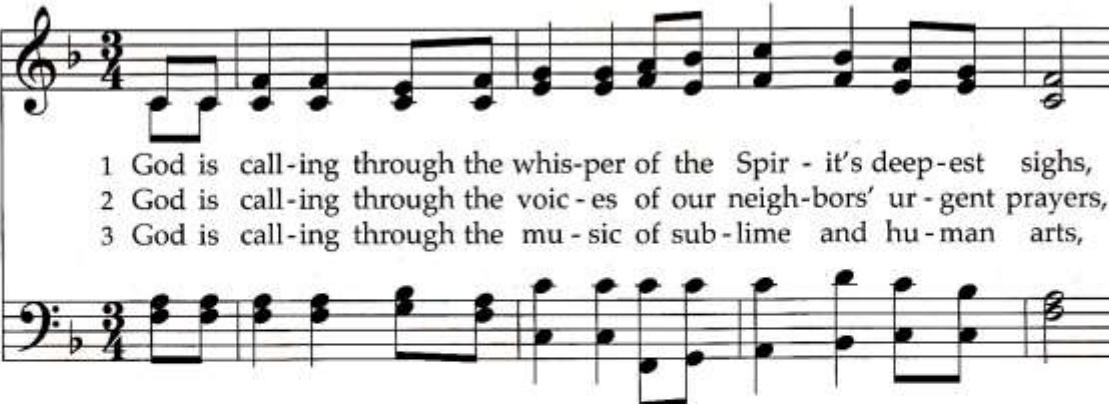
This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979
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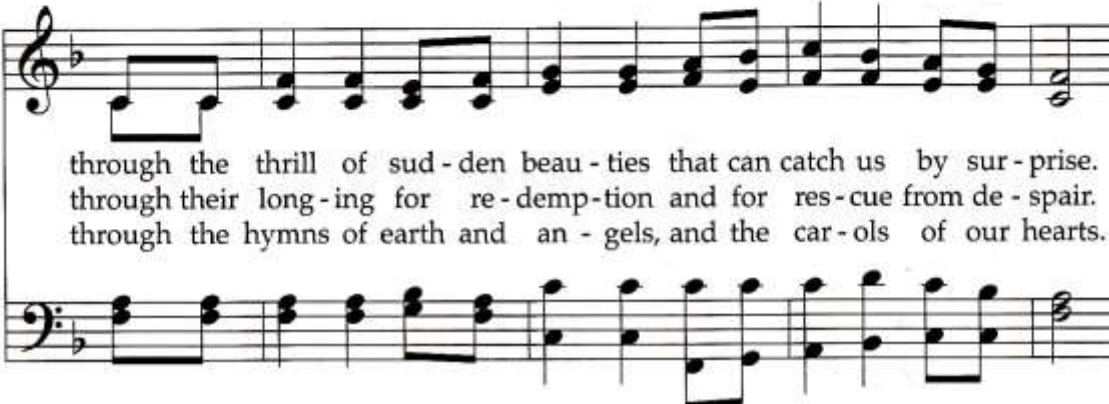
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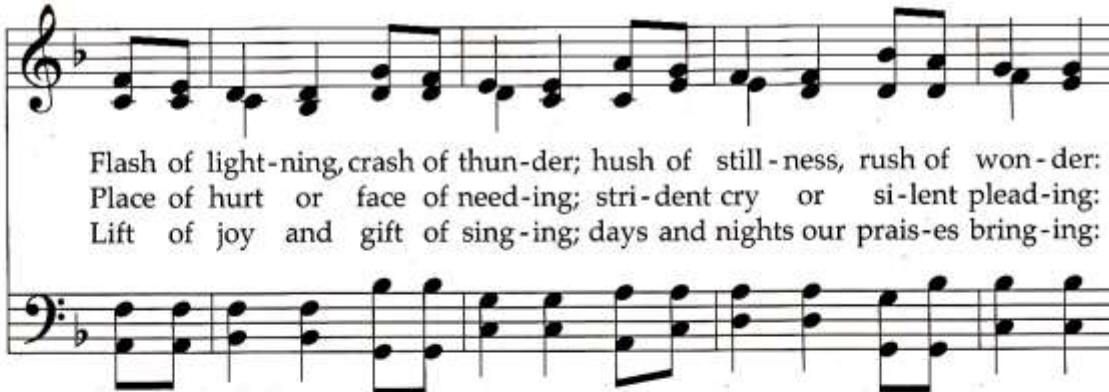
#410 GOD IS CALLING THROUGH THE WHISPER



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur - gent prayers,
3 God is call-ing through the mu - sic of sub-lime and hu - man arts,



through the thrill of sud - den beau - ties that can catch us by sur - prise.
through their long-ing for re - demp-tion and for res-cue from de - spair.
through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car - ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won - der:
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

#667 WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

#307 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

#698 TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

(SING 3 TIMES)

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

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

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).

#795 HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Refrain D Em7 G A D Bm Bm7 G A

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

F#m7 Bm Em7 F#7 G Em A D *Fine*

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Bm F#m G F

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

Em D/F# G Bm A G A *to Refrain*

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

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

#747 THE LORD NOW SENDS US FORTH

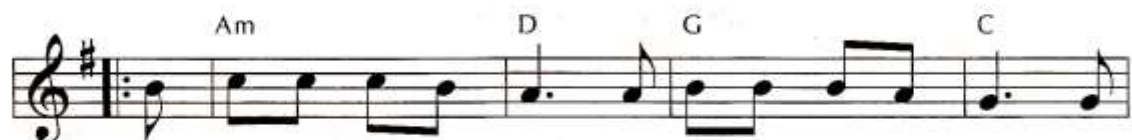
Enviado soy de Dios



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -



make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un



do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me



falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -




us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.



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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 Molly Davidson-Welling.



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). To be included in the August newsletter, please send by Monday July 15.

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!



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).

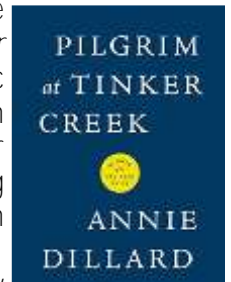
Mission Trip & Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. — Aug 4 to 9

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).



Celebrate Pride with ELPC at Pittsburgh Disability Pride 2024. Come out to Schenley Plaza (4100 Forbes Ave. in Oakland) on Saturday, August 24, 11 am–4 pm, to visit our table. This event is for the whole community with live music, food trucks, arts, sensory friendly spaces, fun activities, and more! Celebrate in the streets while we share God's love with all God's people.

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,
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 Martha DeMarzi on her friend's passing.

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

Condolences to Shawna, Pat and Finn Templeton, on the death of Shawna's mom, Donna Wilkes.

Committee Meetings This Week

PNC Tuesday, July 16 @ 6:30 pm
Membership & Outreach ... Thursday, July 18 @ 6:00 pm

For more info or scheduling updates on 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



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>

Trinity Youth Conference — July 14 to 20— THIS WEEK!!

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.

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.



Taizé Prayer

WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM
AUDIO-STREAM AVAILABLE