



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 21, 2024 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIME OF PREPARATION

We must believe we are worthy of rest. We don’t have to earn it.
It is our birthright. It is one of our most ancient and primal needs.

— *Tricia Hersey, from “Rest Is Resistance: A Manifesto”*

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

#465	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	CONVERSE
#701 <i>(sing 3x)</i>	“Lord, Prepare Me”	SANCTUARY
#472	“Kum ba Yah”	KUM BA YAH

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Woodworth

Leader:	La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.	The peace of Christ be with you.
People:	Y también contigo.	And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hannah Moon and Kevin Lee

Leader: From God comes our salvation.
People: For God alone our souls wait in silence...

(a moment of silence is held)

Leader: God alone is our rock and our salvation.
People: God is our fortress; we shall not be shaken.

* OPENING HYMN #838 *(music printed in bulletin)*

PROMISES

“Standing on the Promises”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hannah Moon and Kevin Lee

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hannah Moon and Kevin Lee

God of mercy, in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to alternatives of our own making and forget your promise to be with us. In our eagerness to figure things out, we chart our own path and stray from your everlasting way. In our inability to comprehend your leading or heed your voice, we rush ahead or lag behind, forgetting to be still, wait, and depend on you and your timing. Forgive us when our faith falters and our zeal is too strong. Restore our trust in you and straighten our paths.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hannah Moon and Kevin Lee

Leader: Friends, do not worry; the Lord is near. God hears our prayers with compassion and with abundant, steadfast love. Rejoice in the name of Jesus Christ, and receive the good news of the Gospel:

People: God is with us, we are loved, and forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #814 (sing 3x)

"In God Alone"

MON ÂME SE REPOSE

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 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1991
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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:6-7

Kevin Lee

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 #832 (music printed in bulletin)

KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. April Roebuck

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 62:5

The Rev. Dr. Roebuck

SERMON

“When God Seems Silent”

The Rev. Dr. Roebuck

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. 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

“Where True Charity and Love Dwell”

Kaye Saunders

* 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. Woodworth

The Rev. Dr. Roebuck

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: God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us.

People: ¡Amén!

Amen!

* CLOSING HYMN #839 (music printed in bulletin)

ASSURANCE

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Roebuck

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. Dr. April Roebuck
Liturgists: The Rev. BJ Woodworth
Sara Hackett
Hannah Moon and Kevin Lee
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Music Director / Organist
ELPC Summer Choir
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

After today's worship service, ELPC's Membership & Outreach Committee will be providing light refreshments in the Narthex. All are welcome!

◆ 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 28 — The Rev. S. Bala Khylllep, Associate Director, World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will deliver the message.

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

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

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

#701 — LORD, PREPARE ME (*sing 3x*)

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

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SANCTUARY
Irregular

#472 — KUM BA YAH

1 *Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba
 2 Some - one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's
 3 Some - one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's
 4 Some - one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's

yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord,
 cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's cry - ing, Lord,
 sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's sing - ing, Lord,
 pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's pray - ing, Lord,

kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

**Come by here*

This African American spiritual, first recorded in the 1920s, seems to have originated somewhere in the southern United States. It enjoyed renewed popularity during the folk revival of the 1960s and became a standard campfire song, eventually traveling throughout the world.

#838 — STANDING ON THE PROMISES

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

#832 — HERE ON JESUS CHRIST I WILL STAND

Refrain

Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the sol - id rock of my
Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -

life. He's the sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock
ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni

Fine

of my life. 1 There's no oth - er place I can hide
sa - la - ma. 2 It is not the work of my hands
3 When my days on this earth are done,

till the storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God
that has washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all
and I stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have

to Refrain

from the flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
of my days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
an - y fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

#839 — BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

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all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어
성령과 피로써 거듭나니
이세상에서 내 영혼이
하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요
이것이 나의 찬송일세
나사는 동안 끊임없이
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내 영
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서
자비와 사랑 속삭이는
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼
주안에 복되고 평안하니
세상도 없고 나도 없고
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴

TODAY AT ELPC

Welcome to The Rev. Dr. April Roebuck

This morning we welcome guest preacher The Rev. Dr. April Roebuck. She is a Bi-vocational minister in the tech industry. She has a passion for missionary work, having ministered locally and abroad in places such as Africa, South America and the Middle East. *Eyes have yet to see what God has in store for her. Ears somewhere in the world have yet to hear the message through her.*

Social Hour after Worship

After today's worship service, ELPC's Membership & Outreach Committee will provide light refreshments in the Narthex. All are welcome!

Children & Family Ministry Listening Session

We are listening to God's Spirit and to parents/grandparents this summer as we evaluate our *Children & Family Ministry* at ELPC and make plans for the fall. We want to know how we can support YOU and your kids!

Join us following today's worship service in the Harambe Room at the Highland Ave entrance from 11 am –12:30 pm, or join us on Monday, July 29 from 6–7:30 pm. Please contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).

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.



Youth Service Project – July 23

Youth in grades 7–12 are invited to serve dinner at *Outreached Arms* at First Presbyterian Church (downtown) on Tuesday, July 23 from 5–9 pm. Please RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Invest Your Energy in Justice Issues – July 28

The Justice Committee will have an in-person meeting following the 10 am worship service next Sunday, July 28.

We will evaluate the many issues and activities we have focused on over the last few years such as criminal justice reform, environmental sustainability and action, immigrant resources, and LGBTQIA+ inclusion. How do we support those in our community?

This is a great opportunity for new voices to join us as we make plans for the coming year.

For more info about joining the meeting, please contact Carol Chonoska (carolchonoska@gmail.com).

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 TODAY 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).

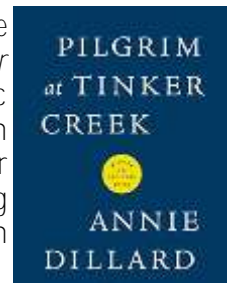
Environmental Book Study – Aug 8

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).

See Dr. Ed in Concert – Aug 11

Dr. Ed Moore will be playing a concert on Sunday, Aug 11 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.



Church Tours Resume!

- Sunday, Aug 4: *Tower Tour*
- Sunday, Aug 11: *Exterior Tour*
- Sunday, Aug 25: *Sanctuary and Chapel Tour*
- Sunday, Sept 15: *Tower Tour*

If you're interested in going on any of these tours, please gather at the South Highland Ave entrance after worship.





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,
David Jennings Smith,
Mary Anne Kirby and
Pastor Heather Schoenewolf's mother.

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

Neighbors Wednesday, July 24 @ 6:00 pm
Justice..... Sunday, July 28 @ 11:30 am

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.

RSVP to Norma (412.441.3800 x211) by Sun, Sept 15.
Cost options are:

1. One Night (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) Shared Bath | \$70
2. One Night (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) Private Bath | \$110
3. Two Nights (Friday-Sunday) Shared Bath | \$85
4. Two Nights (Friday-Sunday) Private Bath | \$135

In our

COMMUNITY



Message from Palestinian Christians — Aug 1

You are invited to hear The Rev. Munther Isaac address the silence of many U.S. churches in the face of mass civilian casualties and destruction of the Palestine homeland.

He will speak on Thursday, Aug 1 at 7 pm at Bidwell Presbyterian Church (1025 Liverpool St, 15233).

Rev. Isaac pastors the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem and the Lutheran Church in Beit Sahour. He is the academic dean of Bethlehem Bible College. Rev. Isaac is also the author of *The Other Side of the Wall: A Palestinian Christian Narrative of Lament and Hope.*

For more info, email FOSNA.Pittsburgh@gmail.com.



Disability Pride Pittsburgh Celebration — Aug 24

Join our ELPC faith family at the third annual *Disability Pride Pittsburgh Celebration* on Saturday, Aug 24 from 11 am–4 pm at Schenley Plaza (4100 Forbes Ave, Oakland).

This event is for the whole community with live music, food trucks, arts, sensory friendly spaces, fun activities, and more!

Learn more about this event at www.DisabilityPridePA.org. Contact Wil Forrest for more info (412.441.3800 x218; Wil@coh.net).

Celebrate in the streets while we share God's love with all God's people!



Taizé Prayer

WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM
AUDIO-STREAM AVAILABLE