

# Summer Worship



Sunday

JULY 28

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 28, 2024 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### TIME OF PREPARATION

God is thirsty for everyone. This thirst has already drawn the Holy to Joy and the living are ever being drawn and drunk, and yet God still thirsts and longs. In God is endless friendship, space, life and being.

God feels great delight to be our Father. God feels great delight to be our Mother. And God feels great delight to be our Spouse.  
— Julian of Norwich (1343 – c. 1416)

### GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

#737	“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”	LES PETITES SOUERS
#452	“Open the Eyes of My Heart”	OPEN THE EYES
#324	“For All the Faithful Women”	NYLAND

### 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

Hollen Barmer

Leader:	Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.
People:	And we, your faithful ones, bless you this morning.
Leader:	We shall speak of the glory of your name, the world you created and tell of your kindness, goodness, and mercy.
People:	We shall let all people know of your faithfulness and your constant companionship.

### \* OPENING HYMN #702 *(music printed in bulletin)*

BUNESSAN

“Christ Be Beside Me”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Hollen Barmer

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hollen Barmer

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore, we confess our sins - **both things we have done ... and things we have left undone. We do so in confidence you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love.**

### TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hollen Barmer

Leader: Dearly beloved, through the power of the Spirit that is at work within us, God forgives our sins and strengthens our inner beings. So now live knowing the love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge and fills us with the fullness of God. This is the good news. Receive it and walk in it!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #204 (sing 3x)

"Stay With Me"

STAY WITH ME

Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and  
 pray. Watch and pray.

This chant from Taizé intended for repeated singing is based on Jesus' request to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:38 / Mark 14:34), a simple request they did not fulfill. When singing these words we need to hear in them an ongoing call to be alert and faithful.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1982

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

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STAY WITH ME  
Irregular

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 1:11-22

Hollen Barmer

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 #252 (music printed in bulletin)

"Day of Arising"

RAABE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. S. Bala Khylllep  
Associate Director of the World Mission Initiative  
of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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**July 28 • 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-34

The Rev. Khyllep

SERMON

“Companion in the Journey”

The Rev. Khyllep

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

“Good News!”

Rosephanye Powell/William C. Powell

\* 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. Khyllep

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, we thank you for being our constant companion on our journeys with you. Thank you for walking with us and opening our eyes to see you in our midst. Take and use these gifts you have given to us to strengthen us as we seek to extend your radical companionship and hospitality to all.

People: ¡Amén!

Amen!

\* CLOSING HYMN #65 (*music printed in bulletin*)

CWM RHONDDA

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Khyllep



*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](http://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. S. Bala Khyllap  
*Associate Director of the World Mission Initiative of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*

Liturgists: The Rev. BJ Woodworth  
Sara Hackett  
Hollen Barmer

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Music Director / Organist*  
ELPC Summer Choir

Sound: Tim Benedict  
Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

Water is available in the Narthex.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob and Doris Riethmiller and Bill Riethmiller by the Egelston Family.

*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](http://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.  
Aug 4 — 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.

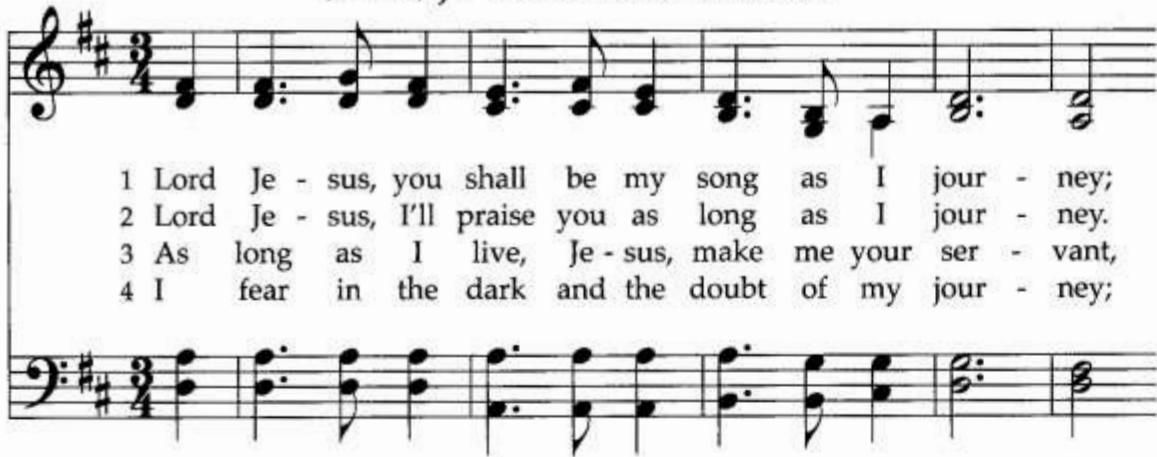
*To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:*

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

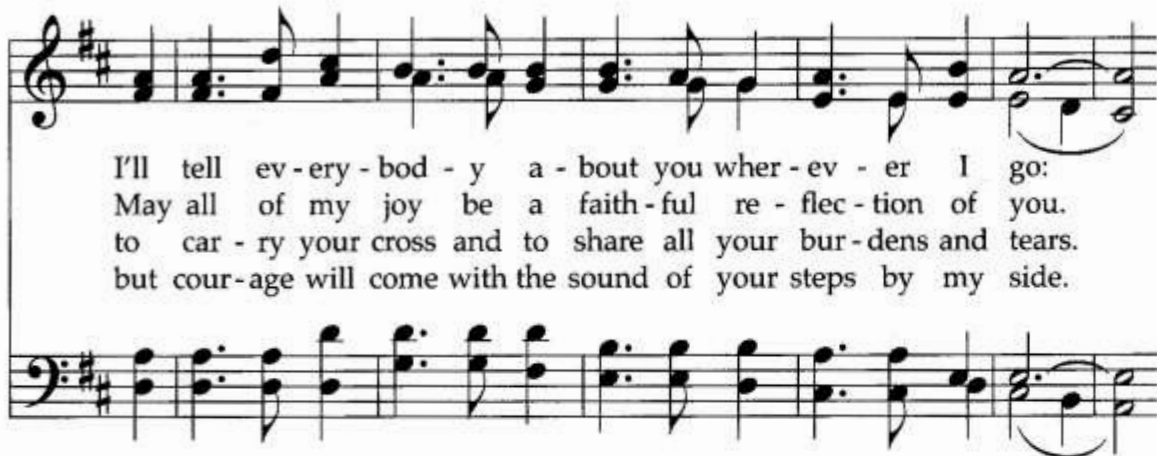
Attend an *Inquirers' Class* to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Jennifer King for more info on future classes (412.441.3800 x222; [JenniferK@coh.net](mailto:JenniferK@coh.net)).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

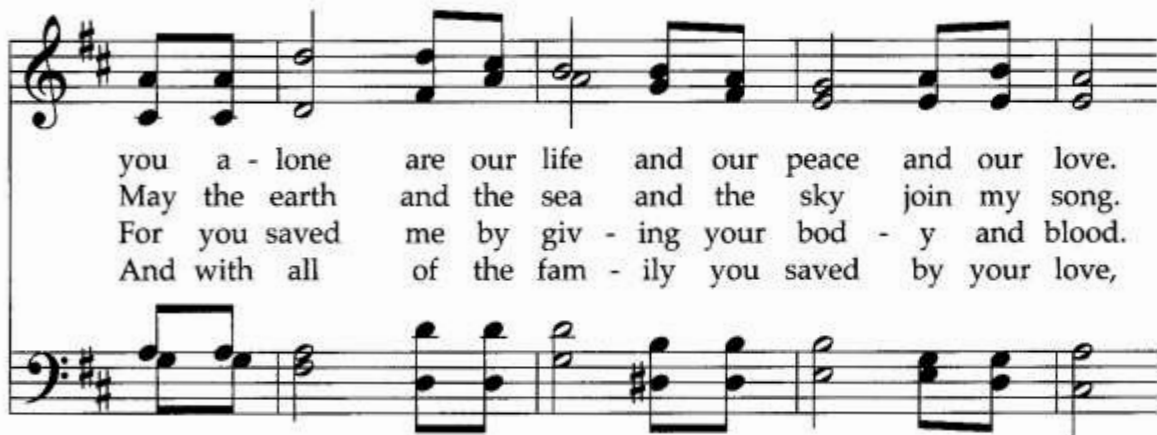
#737 — LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG



1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



I'll tell ev - ery - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
And with all of the fam - ily you saved by your love,

Originally created in French, this text reflects the ministry of a Roman Catholic religious community, the Little Sisters of Jesus, who work with people on the margins of society. This hymn is also beloved by the Ark (L'Arche) communities who minister to adults with disabilities.



Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

### FRENCH

- 1 *Jésus, je voudrais te chanter sur ma route;  
 Jésus, je voudrais t'annoncer à mes voisins partout,  
 car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'amour:  
 Jésus, je voudrais te chanter sur ma route.*
- 2 *Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route;  
 Jésus, je voudrais que ma voix soit l'écho de ta joie,  
 et que chante la terre et que chante le ciel;  
 Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route.*
- 3 *Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route;  
 Jésus, je voudrais partager les souffrances de ta croix,  
 car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang;  
 Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route.*
- 4 *Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route  
 entendre tes pas résonner dans la nuit près de moi,  
 jusqu'à l'aube du jour où ton peuple sauvé,  
 Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.*

#452 — OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you; I want to see you;

to see you high and lift - ed up,

shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

pow-er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1-5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold *Sanctus* that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.



#324 — FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)  
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in  
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -  
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with  
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)  
 Bb Eb Cm7 Fm Bb

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to  
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay  
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to  
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)  
 Eb Bb7 Eb Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and  
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her  
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er  
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)  
 F Bb Ab Bb Eb

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their  
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to  
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her  
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)  
 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.  
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.  
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.  
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

#702 — CHRIST BE BESIDE ME



1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -  
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -  
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -  
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my  
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.  
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.  
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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BUNESSAN

5.5.5.4.D

#252 — DAY OF ARISING

Capo 1: (Esus) (E) (B) (E)  
 Fsus F C F



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -  
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by  
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's  
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -

(Amaj7) (F#m7) (B7) (Esus) (E)  
 Bbmaj7 Gm7 C7 Fsus F



pan - ion walks with his - own. When they in - vite him,  
 sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,  
 prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,  
 pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,

(B) (E) (Amaj7) (B7) (E)  
 C F Bbmaj7 C7 F



as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.  
 set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Based on Luke 24:13-35, this text tells how Christ walked with two dejected believers on the way to Emmaus. This journey reminds us of our own spiritual wanderings, and the revelation of the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread gives us hope for such an encounter in worship.

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 MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1999  
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RAABE  
 5.5.5.4.D

#65 — GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew scripture.



## TODAY AT ELPC

Welcome to The Rev. Dr. April Roebuck

This morning we welcome guest preacher The Rev. S. Bala Khylllep. He is the associate director of the World Mission Initiative of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Bala grew up in Northeast India. He belongs to a Khasi people group, which is an indigenous group that was evangelized by the Welsh Presbyterian missionaries back in the 1840s. He attended Shillong College, India, for his Bachelor of Science; Serampore College, India, for his Bachelor of Divinity (equivalent to M.Div.); and Princeton Theological Seminary for his Master of Theology. Prior to joining WMI, Bala co-pastored a church along with his wife in Britton, South Dakota. Bala enjoys working with people from different cultures and he is excited for the opportunity to engage churches in the area and students at PTS in global and cross-cultural mission. He is also the co-author of the book, *Freeing Congregational Mission*.

Invest Your Energy in Justice Issues

The Justice Committee will have an in-person meeting following today's 10 am worship service.

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 see Carol Chonoska (carolchonoska@gmail.com).

**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 Hannah Moon.



### Church Tours Resume!

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

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



Children & Family Ministry Listening Session — July 29

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 on Monday, July 29 from 6–7:30 pm. Please contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).

**Registration for Hope Academy's Fall Term** — Opens Aug 1

More information on this year's class offerings, private lessons, violin lessons, and scholarships, can be found at [sites.google.com/view/hopecademy2024-2025/home](https://sites.google.com/view/hopecademy2024-2025/home).

Registration for Hope Academy's fall term opens on Thursday, Aug 1. Families with children or youth who are interested in taking classes this year should create a family portal account at [tiny.cc/ha-family-portal](https://tiny.cc/ha-family-portal) for updates.

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.





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 Meeting This Week

Justice..... Today @ 11:30 am

For more info about how to join a meeting, please contact  
Jennifer King (JenniferK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222).

ELPC Connections: Reservoir of Jazz — Aug 11

Join ELPC's Connections group for the free *Reservoir of Jazz* series on Sunday, Aug 11 from 5–7 pm at Highland Park (by the fountain). Music will be provided by Hugo Cruz and Caminos. RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com.

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Aug 18

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's spiritual gathering on Sunday, Aug 18 after worship to share lunch and conversation. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

PW Bible Study — Questions Answered Aug 18 and 25

The title of the Presbyterian Women's 2024-2025 Bible Study is *Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. Learn more about this study from its author, the Rev. Dr. Patricia K Tull, in a video at tiny.cc/pw-2024. Rev. Dr. Tull is an ordained Presbyterian minister and an A. B. Rhodes Professor Emerita of Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Bible Study begins on Tuesday, Sept 3 from 10 am–Noon (hybrid), and Monday, Sept 9 from 7–8:30 pm (on Zoom). Presbyterian Women will be available after worship on Sundays, Aug 18 and 25, to answer questions. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

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!*



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 at the *Sacrament of Letting Go Retreat*. 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