



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)

AUGUST 11, 2024 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIME OF PREPARATION

To encounter the holy in the ordinary is to find God in liminal — in spaces where we might subconsciously exclude it, including the sensory moments that are often illegibly spiritual.

— Cole Arthur Riley, author, *“This Here Flesh”*

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

“Welcome Into This Place” *(sing 3x)*

“Come and Go With Me”

COME AND GO WITH ME

“Your Grace and Mercy”

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 34:1, 3)*

Michael Schenz and Beverly Harris-Schenz

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: **God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: **And let us exalt God’s name together.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth!

* OPENING HYMN *(music printed in bulletin)*

ASSURANCE

“Blessed Assurance”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Michael Schenz and Beverly Harris-Schenz

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Michael Schenz and Beverly Harris-Schenz

Merciful God, we confess we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against others. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in words that tear down and destroy. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loves us and gave himself up for us. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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

Aug 11 • 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Michael Schenz and Beverly Harris-Schenz

Leader: People of God, hope in the Lord! God in Christ has forgiven us! God has redeemed us from all our sins and iniquities through Christ, who loves us. Receive and believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN (*music printed in bulletin*)

SANCTUARY

“Sanctuary” (*sing 3x*)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Michael Schenz and Beverly Harris-Schenz

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children. Children in preschool through grade 3 are invited to the nursery suite for a time of learning together (registration form required). Children younger than age 3 are welcome to attend, if accompanied by their parents. Children will return to the worship service during the Doxology. The nursery is open for play to young children who are accompanied by their parents/caregivers during worship; the service is livestreamed into that space.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of: Kai Everett Swan and Lana Malia Swan
children of David and Lauren Swan

Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing

* HYMN (*music printed in bulletin*)

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

OPEN OUR EYES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:4-8

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

“What’s Going On?”

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

OFFERING INVITATION

S. Bryan Lawrence

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

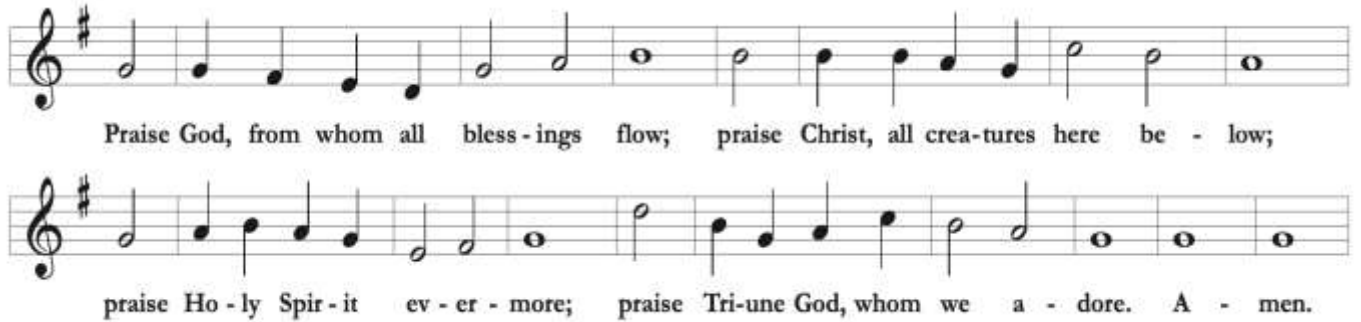
“Prayer of Recommitment”

Judith Christie McAllister

* 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. Dr. Fowler-Searcy
S. Bryan Lawrence

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:	Receive these gifts, O God. May our lives be a fragrant offering that is pleasing to you, in unison with Christ's offer for us.	
People:	¡Amén!	Amen!

* CLOSING HYMN (*music printed in bulletin*)

BIND US TOGETHER

“Bind Us Together”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy



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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: Sara Hackett
Beverly Harris-Schenz
Michael Schenz
S. Bryan Lawrence
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Music Director / Organist
Gerald Savage,
Journey Music Director
Journey Praise Team
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

Water is available in the Narthex.

◆ 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.
Aug 18 — The Rev. Dr. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy 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).

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

WELCOME INTO THIS PLACE (sing 3x)

Wel-come in-to this place. Wel-come in-to this

bro - ken ves - sel. You de - sire to a-bide in the

prais - es of Your peo - ple, so we lift our hands and we

lift our hearts as we of-fer up this praise un-to Your name.

Text: Orlando Jaurez

Tune: Orlando Jaurez; arr. by Jimmie Abbington

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COME AND GO WITH ME

1. Come and go with me to my Fa-ther's house,
2. Peace and love a - bide in my Fa-ther's house,
3. Peace and hap - pi - ness in my Fa-ther's house,

To my Fa-ther's house, to my Fa-ther's house.
In my Fa-ther's house, in my Fa-ther's house.
In my Fa-ther's house, in my Fa-ther's house,

Come and go with me to my Fa-ther's house;
Peace and love a - bide in my Fa-ther's house;
Peace and hap - pi - ness in my Fa-ther's house;

There is joy, joy, joy!

- 4. No more dyin' there, in my Father's house...
- 5. Sweet communion up there, in my Father's house...

YOUR GRACE AND MERCY

Your grace and mer - cy brought me through, I'm liv - ing this

The first system of the musical score consists of two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal staves are in 9/8 time and feature a melody with lyrics. The piano accompaniment is in 9/8 time and provides harmonic support with chords and a bass line.

mo - ment be - cause of You; I want to thank You,

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a triplet in the bass line. The lyrics are: "mo - ment be - cause of You; I want to thank You,".

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Last time to Coda ⊕

D.C.

and praise You too: Your grace and mer - cy brought me through.

Last time to Coda ⊕

D.C.

⊕ Coda

mer - cy, Your grace and mer - cy brought me through.

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 Tune: Franklin D. Williams, © 1993, Malaco, Inc.; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

BLESSED ASSURANCE

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.



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

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

SANCTUARY (*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]."

OPEN OUR EYES, LORD



O - pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je -



sus, _____ to reach out and touch him, _____ and



say that we love him. _____ O - pen our ears, Lord, -



_____ and help us to lis - ten. _____ O - pen our



eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus. _____

WORDS: Bob Cull (John 12:21; Eph. 1:17-18)

MUSIC: Bob Cull

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OPEN OUR EYES

Irregular

BIND US TOGETHER



Bind us to- geth- er, Lord, bind us to- geth- er with cords that

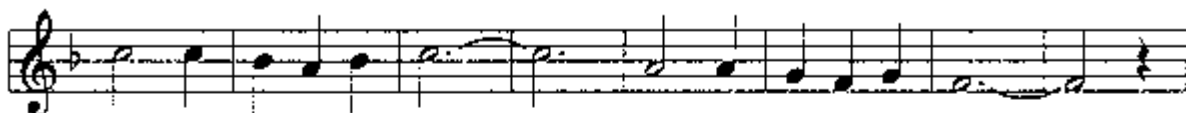


can- not be bro - ken. Bind us to- geth- er, Lord,

Fine

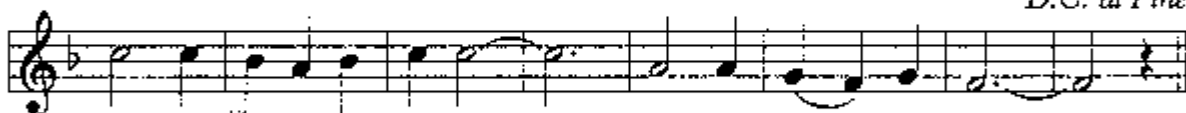


bind us to- geth- er, Lord, bind us to- geth- er in love. ____



There is on- ly one God, ____ there is on- ly one King; ____

D.C. al Fine



There is on- ly one bod- y, ____ that is why we sing. ____

WORDS: Bob Gillman (Col. 3:14)

MUSIC: Bob Gillman

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BIND US TOGETHER

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TODAY AT ELPC

Church Tour

Join guide Penn Hackney for a tour of the exterior of the church after today's 10 am worship service. Please gather at the Highland Lobby to participate. All are welcome! Please note future tours are scheduled for Sundays, Aug 25 (Sanctuary and Chapel) and Sept 15 (Tower).

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 Linda Sanders.

Purchase Café Justo Coffee

Stop by the Highland Ave hallway after the 10 am worship service to purchase a bag of Café Justo coffee. All varieties are available in ground and whole bean bags for \$10 (cash or check only). If you are unable to pick up your coffee in person, contact Ryan Booher (rabooherco@gmail.com). Note: *Café Justo* will be sold on the second Sunday of the month.

See Dr. Ed in Concert

Dr. Ed Moore will be playing a concert today 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.

ELPC Connections: Reservoir of Jazz

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



Registration for Hope Academy's Fall Term

More information on this year's class offerings, private lessons, violin lessons, and scholarships, can be found at sites.google.com/view/hopeacademy2024-2025/home.

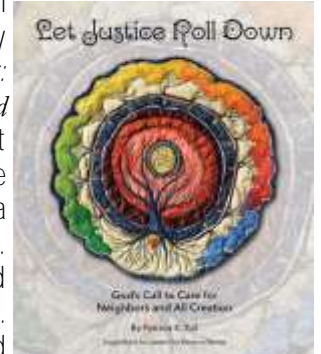
Registration for Hope Academy's fall term has begun. Families with children or youth who are interested in taking classes this year should create a family portal account at tiny.cc/ha-family-portal for updates.

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 distribute bible study books and answer questions. For more info, email PW.ELPC@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).



Survey for Children & Family Ministry

We are listening to God's Spirit and to parents/grandparents as we evaluate our Children & Family Ministry.

We want to make sure the *what, when, where, and how* of our ministry and programming makes sense for today's families and we want to know how we can support YOU and your kids!

Please complete a survey at:
<https://tinyurl.com/CFMinistrySurvey>





As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Bethany Bray,
David Jennings Smith, and Mary Anne Kirby.

Condolences to Dr. Charma Dudley on her cousin's passing.

Condolences to Debbie Hurrell on her sister's passing.

Condolences to the family of
Sean Bara, Minister of Music at
First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh,
on his passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

YAYA..... Tuesday, Aug 13 @ 6:00 pm
Worship, Music & Arts Tuesday, Aug 13 @ 7:30 pm
Children & Family..... Thursday, Aug 15 @ 5:00 pm
Membership & Outreach.. Thursday, Aug 15 @ 6:00 pm

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

Choir Rehearsals Resume – Sept 5 and 10

Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, Sept 5 at 7 pm. The ELPC Ringers will start rehearsals on Tuesday, Sept 10 at 6 pm. Please contact Dr. Ed Moore for more info (EdM@coh.net).

Rally Day – Sept 8

Plan on joining our faith family on Rally Day, Sept 8! Our two-service schedule resumes with Journey worship at 8:45am, and Sanctuary worship at 11 am.

We also will celebrate with breakfast between our services from 9:45–10:45 am in the Fellowship and Garth Overlook Rooms. We hope you will participate in this time of intergenerational fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Sunday School Classes will
resume on Sunday, Sept 15.



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



Let's Get Free
Art Show:

Abolitionist Expressions
Sept 22 to Oct 20

ELPC's Justice and Worship Music and Arts Committees invite you to attend an art show from Sept 22 - Oct 20 featuring selected works from the permanent collection of *Let's Get*

Free: The Women and Trans Prisoner Defense Committee. The show, *Abolitionist Expressions*, includes paintings, collages, and other artwork created by people who are or have been incarcerated.

The mission of *Let's Get Free* is working to "...end perpetual punishment, build a pathway out of the prisons back to our communities through commutation reform, support successful possibilities for people formerly and currently incarcerated, and shift to a culture of transformative justice." The organization's efforts are in line with the goals of both ELPC Committees and we are thrilled to partner with them on this initiative.

The artwork will be displayed in the Highland and Trustees Rooms, and will be available for the public to view on Sundays from Noon – 2 pm, and Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7 pm.

A panel presentation on the societal impact of the death penalty, mass incarceration, and inequities in our legal system is being planned for Sunday, Oct 13 after the 11 am sanctuary worship service.

We're in need of volunteer "gallery sitters" willing to be onsite during the times when the show will be open to the public. Contact Vivienne Selia (vselia@comcast.net).

