



SUMMER WORSHIP

**Sunday
August 18, 2024
10 am**



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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GROW WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED by Nichole Pariah Hollingsworth

This bulletin cover reflects one of the pieces of artwork that will be displayed at ELPC from Sept 22 - Oct 20, featuring selected works from the permanent collection of Let's Get Free: Abolitionist Expressions. More information is in the announcements, and on our website. Sponsored by ELPC's Justice and Worship, Music & Arts Committees.



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 18, 2024 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIME OF PREPARATION

Silence of the heart is necessary so you can hear God everywhere — in the closing of the door, in the person who needs you, in the birds that sing, in the flowers, in the animals. — *Mother Teresa*

Souls of prayer are souls of great silence. We cannot put ourselves directly in the presence of God if we do not practice internal and external silence. — *Mother Teresa*

Silence is nothing else but waiting for God’s Word and coming from God’s Word with a blessing. — *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

PRELUDE

“Violin Concerto 2”
II. Andante

W.A. Mozart
Cody Conley, *violin*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study

Mary Alice Lightle

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

Mary Alice Lightle

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 111:1-4*)

David Carl

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart in the company of the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the Lord studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: **Full of honor and majesty is God’s work, and God’s righteousness endures forever.**

People: God has gained renown for their wonderful deeds. The Lord is gracious and merciful.

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

* OPENING HYMN #311 (*music printed in bulletin*)

TOKYO

“Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

CALL TO CONFESSION

David Carl

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Carl

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and sent his Spirit to be with us always.

We confess that we have not trusted in the truth of that Spirit to enliven our hearts, to set us in

the ways of justice, and to free us from fear. We have turned away from the gift of Christ’s

presence. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you, that we may be your faithful and loving

people, walking in the footsteps of the One who came to transform the world.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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

Aug 18 • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Ephesians 4:31-33*)

David Carl

Leader: Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Hear the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are fully and forever forgiven.

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #390 (*music printed in bulletin*)

LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!" (*sing 2x in English only*)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 107:21-32

Sonia Degenholtz

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Violin Concerto 2"
III. Rondeau-Allegro

W.A. Mozart
Cody Conley, *violin*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:7-12

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

"The Sound of Silence"

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. BJ 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

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

arr. William L. Dawson

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all crea-tures here be - low;
praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

People: Es justo dar gracias y
alabanzas a Dios.

Leader: We present these gifts, O Lord, asking that you will use them through the church to spread the abundance of your love and justice in the world so that all may know and experience your goodness.

People: ¡Amén!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God
thanks and praise.

Amen!

* CLOSING HYMN #372 (music printed in bulletin)

AZMON

“O for a World”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy



Cody Conley has been a regular musical fixture at ELPC since he first played *O Holy Night* on Christmas Eve in 2014.

This morning is Cody's final Sunday with us before he heads off to New York City where he has been accepted into the Pinchas Zuckerman Performance Program at the Manhattan School of Music.

Thank you to Cody for sharing his musical talents with us through the years. We wish him all the best at school and look forward to seeing and hearing him when he is home!

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: The Rev. BJ Woodworth
David Carl
Sonia Degenholtz
Sara Hackett
Mary Alice Lightle
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Music Director / Organist
ELPC Summer Choir
Cody Conley, *violin*
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 25 — 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* on Sunday, Sept 1 after the 10 am worship service to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Jen King for more info on future classes (412.441.3800 x222; JenK@coh.net).

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

#311 — HERE, O LORD, YOUR SERVANTS GATHER



1 Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;
2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands;
3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, chang - es nev - er cease;
4 Grant, O God, an age re - newed, filled with death-less love;



look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.
where, O where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?
help us as we work and pray; send us from a - bove



As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:
While in dark-ness hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:
Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:
truth and cour - age, faith and power need - ed in our strife:



Je - sus, Sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
Je - sus, heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
Je - sus, Sav - ior, be our Way; be our Truth, our Life.

**Optional finger cymbals*

This gentle hymn was created for a 1958 international convention of Christian educators in Japan. The tune's use of the *gagaku* mode, originally from China but later limited to use in the Japanese court, serves as a subtle but significant affirmation of Christ's sovereignty.

#390 — PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE THE LORD! (*sing 2x in English only*)

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!
Lou - ez le Sei - gneur! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!
Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

This song may be repeated, adding a vocal part on each repetition: melody (alto) alone; melody + tenor; melody + lower parts; all voices.

This brief song of praise comes from Cameroon, where it is used primarily as a processional song with rhythmic movement and increasing harmonies. The organizing aesthetic here is repetition, experienced as a means of intensification expressed in multiple languages.

#372 — O FOR A WORLD

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,
where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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TODAY AT ELPC

Ice Cream Social

Everyone is invited to an ice cream social in the Narthex immediately after today's worship service, hosted by ELPC's Membership & Outreach Committee. Please join them for a cool treat and fellowship.

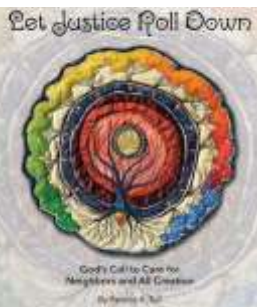


LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

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

PW Bible Study – Study Books Distributed

Presbyterian Women will be available after worship today and next Sunday to distribute bible study books and answer questions.



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. The 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). For more info, email PW.ELPC@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 Dana Carl.



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.





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 programing 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>



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).

Church Tours – Aug 25 and Sept 15

All are welcome to join us for guided tours of various parts the church. The next tour is scheduled for Sunday, Aug 25, featuring the Sanctuary and Chapel. Please gather at the Highland Lobby after the 10 am worship service to participate. A tour of the tower will be held on Sunday, Sept 15 after the 11 am worship service.

INQUIRERS' CLASS – SEPT 1

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on Sunday, Sept 1 after the 10 am worship service in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided.

For more info or to register, please contact Jen King (JenK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222).





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 Meeting This Week

Session Tuesday, Aug 20 @ 7:00 pm

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

Choir Rehearsals Resume – Sept 5 and 10

Chancel Choir and Journey Praise Team 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.



Let's Get Free Art Show:

Abolitionist Expressions
Sept 22 to Oct 20

ELPC's Justice and Worship, Music & 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).



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