



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)

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz

MAY 18, 2025 — 3 PM — SANCTUARY

PRELUDE “Allegro, Chorale and Fugue in D Minor/D Major” Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
“Allegro Maestoso” Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
Brass Roots
Ryan Croyle, *organ*

WELCOME Rev. Lindsay White

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lindsay White

Leader: Come, people of every story and every path—those long on the journey and those just beginning.

People: We come to listen for God’s voice and to remember that we do not journey alone.

Leader: Today, we gather in holy expectation to celebrate, to covenant, and to begin again.

People: We come with open and willing hearts. The Spirit is moving in this place.

Leader: Let us worship the God who lifts us up on wings like eagles.

People: We worship with joy. We worship the One who lifts us and calls us forward!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Jason Dauer

Leader: As we gather in this sacred moment of covenant and calling, we bring with us all that we carry—our weariness and wonder, our hesitation and hope. Let us come honestly before God, trusting that when we confess, we are not met with shame, but with compassion, healing, and hope.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Jason Dauer

Leader: Everlasting God, you who stretched out the heavens and called each star by name,

People: We confess that we often forget your nearness.

Leader: We lose sight of your presence in our ordinary days.

People: We confess that we have turned inward when you call us to connection and community.

Leader: We’ve resisted change, feared the unknown, and settled for what is easy.

People: We have grown weary in doing good. Forgive us. Teach us to trust in your strength. Renew in us a spirit of courage, humility, and joy as we journey on the path you set before us.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS Rev. Jason Dauer

Leader: Friends, even when we are faint, God is faithful. Even when we stumble, grace catches us.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and renewed. Amen.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE (*sing 3x*)

“God is Forgiveness”

God is for - give - ness. Dare to for - give and God will be with you.
 God is for - give - ness. Love, and do not fear.

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A READING OF ELPC’S MISSION STATEMENT

Elder Pepo Mazingi

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May God bless the hearing of these words. Amen.

READING FROM THE PSALTER

Psalm 46:1, 4-7 (*Inclusive Bible*)

Rev. Dr. Susan Cherian

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM-HYMN

“We Are the Church Alive” Jack Hoggatt-St. John and David Pelletier

arr. Mike Tomaro

Commissioned by the ELPC Music Ministry in honor of Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz on the occasion of his installation as Senior Pastor of East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the final verse when directed.

We are the Church A-live, Christ's pres-ence on this earth; We give God's spi - rit
 bo - dy in the act of our new birth. As yield-ed o - pen chan - nels for God's de-scend-ing
 dove, We shout and sing, with joy we bring God's all in - clu - sive love.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:28-31 (*Inclusive Bible*)

Elder Hollen Barner

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON “Renewed Passion” Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin

HYMN OF RESPONSE #90 “Wait for the Lord” WAIT FOR THE LORD

Sung several times while the cantor sings the verses.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION Rev. Lindsay White

Presentation of the Candidate

Constitutional Questions to the Candidate

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Charge to Pastor

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Rev. Sarah Robbins

SHARING GOD’S PEACE Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **Y también contigo.**

And also with you.

OFFERING INVITATION Rev. Lindsay White

Your donations are designated for the Oldman Fund, a scholarship fund for inquirers/candidates under the care of the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

You can also make your donation online at <https://tinyurl.com/OldmanFund>, or by scanning this QR code.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Mack Wilberg

Text: Glory to God #475

* **DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Elder Hollen Barner

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Elder Hollen Barner

Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz

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 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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father/Mother/Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz

SHARING BREAD & CUP

The communion elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice. The congregation is invited forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake the bread and the cup, then returning to their seats via the side aisles. Those seated in the East Transept (the section near the Highland Entrance) will be directed by an usher to the walkway between the front and back section and will file in behind those in the first row of the back section. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats. Please raise your hand and/or make eye contact with the roaming Communion server.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#515

“I Come with Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

#529

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

UNION SEMINARY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*in unison*)

God of new beginnings, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. With thanksgiving in our hearts, empower us now to be renewed followers of Jesus and to share liberating good news. Amen.

* **RECESSIONAL HYMN #610**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

* **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz

POSTLUDE

“Carillon-Sortie”

Henri Mulet
Dr. Moore, *organ*



Thank You

for sharing in this special occasion.

We invite you to join us in the Fellowship Room for a reception following the service.

*We also extend our thanks to the members of Pastor Michael’s
Pastor Nominating Committee and other volunteers for preparing the cookie table reception.*

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Pittsburgh Presbytery Installation Commission:

Rev. Jason Dauer
Rev. Sarah Robbins
Rev. Lindsay White
Ruling Elder Hollen Barmer
Ruling Elder Frank Hancock

Musicians:

(*cont.*)

Gail Mosites, *Cantor*
Ryan Croyle, *Assisting Organist*
Mike Tomaro, *Saxophone*
Matthew McCormack, *Trumpet*
Ty Lewis, *Trumpet*
Miranda Johnson, *Horn*
Abby Lannan, *Trombone*
John Caughman, *Tuba*
Heather Eng and Mario Seneca
Tim Engelhardt
Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

Preaching:

Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin

Liturgists:

Rev. Dr. Susan Cherian
Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz (he/him/él)
Ruling Elder Pepo Mazingi
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Beadles:

Crucifer:

Sound:

Musicians:

Dr. Edward Alan Moore (he/him),
Director of Music and Arts
ELPC Chancel Choir

*The flowers today are given in honor of
Pastor Michael with love and gratitude from the
ELPC Worship, Music, and the Arts Committee
and Presbyterian Women. To God be the glory!*