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Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom 174



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Drawing on numerous scriptural images of Wisdom (Greek: *Sophia*), especially in Proverbs, this text offers an alternative perspective on Trinitarian theology. The Wisdom tradition has played a role in Christian mysticism for centuries, as witnessed by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Assurance of Pardon and Commitment To Pass the Peace

*Gloria



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Prayer for Illumination

All: Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by Your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify You in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

Hebrew Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33 (pg. 718)

Epistle Reading

James 3:1-12 (pg. 279)

Sermon

"Cross Talk"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

*Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967, 9:32-33

All: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to people commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

...God of mercy, hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

2019 Vatican Update

**Our Father, 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;
do not let us fall into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

"Long for Your Commandments"

Psalm 119, Heinrich Schütz

*Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Praise God, in Jesus fully known,**

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

prayer, please fill out one of the white cards by the bulletins/ushers and give it to Vincent prior to the service.

Seating: While distancing is not required, we do encourage people to leave space as attendance allows and to be mindful of people's continued need for distance

Registration: We are glad for all who have come! Please fill out the friendship pad and leave it in the pew. We will use that information for contact tracing as needed.

Socializing: When the chimes ring three times, it means that the livestream has begun, and those worshipping in the Sanctuary will need to switch to respectful silence.

You are welcome to socialize after the service, and please be mindful that some people may not yet be comfortable touching or getting close.

Church Nursery: Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available during the worship service. Our childcare staff are required to be vaccinated and masked.

Sunday School and Extended Session: Sunday school for children in preschool through third grade is held during Extended Session each week during worship. Masks are required for all participants and our teachers and staff are vaccinated.

Virtual Sunday School: There will be two options for virtual Sunday School. Students of all ages are invited to join Jenny Newman on Zoom to explore our weekly Sunday school lessons on Sundays at 10 am and Thursdays at 6 pm. Lessons will last about 30 minutes and links to the Zoom sessions will be sent weekly via email.

Adult Sunday School: Bill Guy's class meets Sundays at 9:30 am over Zoom. Contact Bill (whveguy46@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link and to be added to his email list.

Water of Baptism: Each Sunday we pour water into our baptismal font to reaffirm the covenant that God makes through this community of faith

Candles for Peace, Justice and Personal Prayers: You welcome to come forward to light a candle anytime during worship when words are not being spoken. Please maintain physical distance while waiting your turn.

Children and Candles: We love having children participate in the service, but we ask that—in order to maintain everyone's safety—children not go forward to light candles at this time.

Fellowship: We are not providing coffee or other refreshments after worship at this time

Today's Service: Beth Hazlett (liturgist); Kirk Howe (livestreaming); Tom Cummings, Mary Lang, and Chris McAdams (ushers)

Bible Study: Pastor Vincent's weekly Bible study of the lectionary texts meets Wednesdays at 10:30 am over Zoom. Contact the office to be added to the email update list and to receive the Zoom link.

Next Week's Readings: Proverbs 31:10-31 and Psalm 1; Jeremiah 11:18-20 and Psalm 54; James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Next Week's Message: "Last of All"

Request from the Personnel Committee: The Personnel Committee of the Session is looking for a church member with human resource, social/human service, and/or benefits expertise. Please contact the chair, Phyllis Rupert (sixthchurchpersonnel@gmail.com).

CROP Walk: Please consider walking with or donating to our Sixth Presbyterian Church CROP Walk team this year. This is a totally outdoor event this year and you can pick the walk length that works for you. Please contact Sue Koehler or Pamela Twiss for more information.

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, September 12

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, September 13

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, September 15

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)
Deacons (7 pm, Zoom)

Thursday, September 16

Presbytery Meeting (1 pm, Zoom)
Sunday School (6 pm, Zoom)
Youth Group (6:30 pm, Zoom)
Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, September 18

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, September 19

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, September 20

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, September 22

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, September 23

Sunday School (6 pm, Zoom)
Youth Group (6:30 pm, Zoom)
Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, September 25

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, September 26

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.

1. There's no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides.
My voice cries to God from the flood, and I'm saved because of his blood.

2. It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins.
I'm redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise.

Refrain

Offertory Anthem

"Long for Your Commandments"

Psalm 119, Heinrich Schütz

1. I long for your commandments; your judgments all are just.
Within your words is wisdom, your teachings understood
are comfort to my spirit's need and in the night my solace.
Your statutes are my song.

2. Without your lamp to guide me I wander from the way.
Without your laws and precepts, I stumble in the dark.
Your understandings are my hope that I may run in freedom.
Your ways are my release.

3. O God, I love your knowledge, more precious than pure gold.
It satisfies like honey, a sweetness on my tongue.
It leads me to salvation's door where you have spread your table.
O lead me to your home.

Session Members

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