

Sixth Presbyterian Church

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World Communion Sunday

The Sanctuary is a sacred space. The choral chimes will ring three times to let you know it is time to quiet your hearts, minds, and voices to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" Harold Friedell
Adapted by G. Luley

*Call to Worship Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Colombia
Leader: We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,
All: To celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.
Leader: This God of peace accompanies us
All: In each and every circumstance around us.
LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn "This Is My Song" 340

*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession Jameel Maher Khadir, Episcopal Church in Jerusalem
All: Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in Your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced Your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, You made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to Your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that You alone are worthy of praise. In Your mercy, forgive us our sins.

Silent Confession

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,


here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

The first system of the musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff in a key of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



Assurance of Pardon and Commitment To Pass the Peace

*Gloria

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(Cantor sings a phrase, congregation repeats)



Moment for Stewardship

Joan Markert

Prayer for Illumination

Magdalena Trgolova, Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren

All: Holy Spirit, grant us openness and give us understanding of what each one of us needs to receive through Holy Scripture. When we are facing a difficult choice between the easy and the right decision, help us to choose the narrow path. We also pray for all who are about to set on an adventurous journey of faith anywhere in the world. Amen.

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

Hebrew Reading

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 (pg. 558)

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (pg. 264)

*Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16 (pg. 56)

*Affirmation of Faith

adapted from the Belhar Confession

All: We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. AMEN.

*Hymn

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!"

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

A Great Prayer of Thanksgiving for World Communion Sunday

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

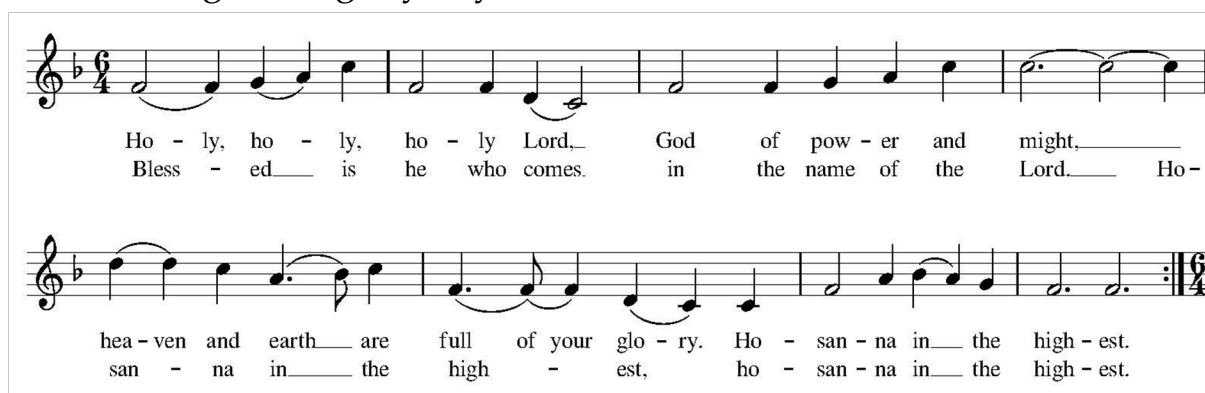
Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful in every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

. . . Great is the mystery of faith:

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1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es



This text celebrates the radical hospitality that characterizes Christ's welcome, which transcends time and reaches in all directions (Matthew 8:11/Luke 13:29). Saints of old are, like us, people in need of forgiveness, and the response to such pardon is "thanks and praise."

all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ery - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wak - ens in your heart the taste of love.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
F C Dm F7/C B \flat

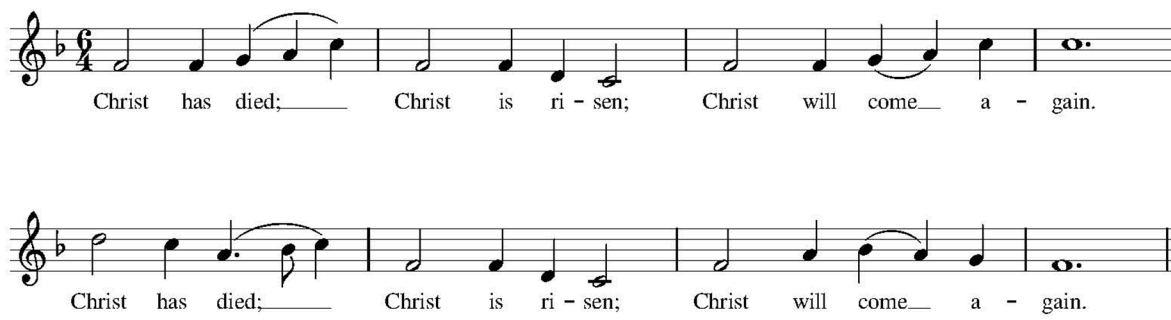
1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the
ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's
not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
C F C F Gm

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
F/A B \flat F/C C7 F B \flat F

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.



The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

The Communion of the People

Offertory Sentence

(As this is Communion Sunday, loose plate offerings will go to the Deacons)

Offertory

"O Lord, Our Lord in All the Earth"

Scottish Psalter
Arranged by Cindy Johnson

*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,
Creator, Word and Spirit One. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks, for God is good and God's Love is everlasting!
Thanks be to God - whose love creates us!
Thanks be to God - whose mercy redeems us!
Thanks be to God - whose grace leads us into the future!



Church Information and Announcements

We are an open and affirming community of faith in Jesus Christ. At home in an urban neighborhood of many faiths, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. In worship, study, and fellowship, we celebrate our Presbyterian roots and find joy in our diversity. We strive for the grace to love one another as we seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit, working for justice and serving as stewards of God's wondrous creation.

Sixth is a More Light Church: A network of people seeking and affirming the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Inclusive Language: Words matter. Jesus Christ, the living Word, reached out to all people to bring them into God's fold. The kingdom of God includes all people; therefore our language should reflect the inclusivity and equality among the people of God. To that end, when possible, we seek to eliminate the inherent bias of the English language toward the masculine gender without altering passages that reflect the historical situation of ancient patriarchal culture, out of which the Bible originated.

Masks: EVERYONE is asked to wear a mask while inside the building, whether vaccinated or not.

Prayer Cards: If you would like to have a person named and prayed for during the pastoral prayer, please fill out one of the white cards by the bulletins/ushers and give it to Vincent prior to the service.

Recording Notice: This service is being livestreamed and is available online in perpetuity

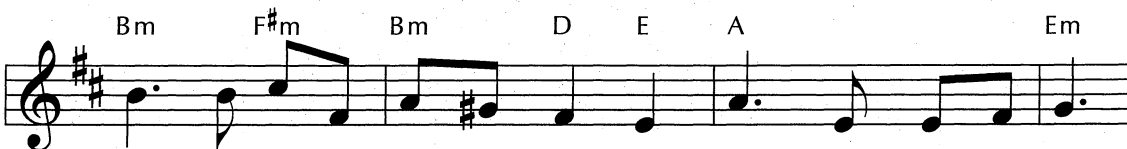
373 O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
 shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
 peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts *pax*, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6–9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.

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.

COVID Exposure: If you test positive for COVID and you have been in the building within the two weeks prior, please contact the office immediately so that we can conduct contact tracing

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 are 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 to receive the Zoom link and to be added to his email list.

Communion: The Lord's Supper will be served today with individual servings at your seat. In the Presbyterian Church, baptism is a one-time event *and* an ongoing process. We say that all who are baptized and "instructed" are welcome to come to the Communion Table.

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: Leslie Kaplan (liturgist); Kirk Howe (livestreaming); Sara Berg, Mary Lang, Amy Whipple (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.

Next Week's Readings: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Psalm 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Next Week's Message: "This Guy Thinks It's All About Him"

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, October 3

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
Gun Safety Committee (12 pm, Parlor)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
CROP Walk (2 pm, South Avenue UMC)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, October 4

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Monday, October 11

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, October 6

Bible Study (10:30, Zoom)

Wednesday, October 13

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, October 7

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

Thursday, October 14

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

Saturday, October 9

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Saturday, October 16

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, October 10

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)

Sunday, October 17

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)

Introit

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Harold Friedell
Adapted by G. Luley

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Here we touch your garment's hem.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

Percy Dearmer

Offertory Anthem

“O Lord, Our Lord in All the Earth”

Scottish Psalter
Arranged by Cindy Johnson

O Lord, our Lord in all the earth How excellent Thy name!
Thy glory Thou hast spread afar In all the starry frame.

When I regard the wondrous heavens, Thy handiwork on high,
The moon and stars ordained by Thee, O what are we I cry.

O what are we in Thy regard To hold so large a place!
And what the Son of all that Thou Dost visit him in grace!

On us Thy wisdom hath bestowed a power well-nigh divine.
With honor Thou hast crowned his head With glory like to Thine.

Thy mighty works and wondrous grace Thy glory, Lord, proclaim;
O Lord, our Lord, in all the earth how excellent Thy name!

based on Psalm 8, Psalter 1912