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Sunday, January 30, 2022, 11:00 am
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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 "Prelude in Gm" Elsa Barraine

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "Though I May Speak" Hal Hopson

*Call to Worship

Leader: From the very beginning, God calls us.

All: God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

Leader: We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

All: But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.

Leader: Even when a bridge unexpectedly collapses,

All: God is with us and sustains us.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn "O God, Who Gives Us Life" 53

*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are reluctant to speak and to live according to Your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, condoning injustice. We have lost patience and been rude; we have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We find it easier to pluck and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, then to build and to plant. Forgive us, O God. Empty us of fear and shame and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus the Christ.

Silent Confession

53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan - der-ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

Response

"Jesus Loves Me!"

188, refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Assurance of Pardon and Commitment to Pass the Peace

*Response

"Heaven Opened to Isaiah"

68, refrain

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, you are ho - ly," ev - ery

an - gel voice pro - claims; "All the earth re - flects your

glo - ry; ev - ery tongue sings out your praise!"

Prayer for Illumination

All: Spirit of Life, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing Your Word of love, we may become Your love for others. AMEN.

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

Hebrew Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pg. 854)

Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 13:1-13 (pg. 212)

*Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9 (pg. 92)

Sermon

"Wake Up Call"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

*Hymn

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

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1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
 2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
 3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
 4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
 mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
 tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
 let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
 all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
 give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
 on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976

MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 545)

All: The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life. The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation. The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God’s transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

All: ...O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.

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.**

Anthem

“A Winter Carol”

Traditional English Melody; arr. Fred Gramann

*Hymn

“Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

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*Benediction

*Amen

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The image shows musical notation for the Amen response. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 3/4. The melody is written on a single line, with lyrics 'A - men, a - men.' underneath. The second staff also has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a time signature of 3/4. The melody is written on a single line, with lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' underneath. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

**Those who can may stand*

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, January 30

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)

Worship (11 am, streaming)

Congregational Meeting (12 pm, Zoom)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, January 31

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, February 2

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, February 3

Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom)

Saturday, February 5

IDG (10 am)

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, February 6

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, February 7

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, February 9

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, February 10

Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom)

Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, February 12

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, February 13

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

Gun Safety meeting (12 pm, parlor)

Nominating Committee (12:15 pm, Zoom)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

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, vaccinated or not, is asked to wear a mask while inside the building.

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

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 week 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: Students of all ages are invited to join Jenny Newman on Zoom to explore our weekly Sunday school lessons on Sundays at 10 am. 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.

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, and we ask that—in order to maintain everyone's safety—you accompany your child while lighting candles.

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

Today's Service: Peter Gilmore (liturgist); Noah Twiss (livestreaming); Leslie Kaplan and Peter Kaplan (singers)

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: Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Next Week's Message: "The Maintenance of Divine Worship"

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting directly after worship today. The Zoom link is in your email.

Honoring Gail Luley: We are creating a video montage (or "Tribute") for Gail Luley, whose service as Director of Music at Sixth Presbyterian Church has meant so much to all of us. To do so, click on the link below and follow the instructions. To prompt your thinking about what to say in your video, ponder these two questions: What do you appreciate most about Gail Luley? What is your favorite memory of Gail Luley?

Please help us express our collective love and appreciation for Gail and all that she has done for the music ministry of our church. We ask that you submit your tribute by January 31.

If video is not your preferred medium, please email your sentiments to the office (office@sixthchurch.org) or mail them to the church, and we will make sure she gets your note.

<https://www.tribute.co/gail-luley/?>

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