

Sixth Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 13, 2022, 11:00 am
Second Sunday in Lent

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 "Adagio" (from *Concerto in D-minor*) Bach/Marcello

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "Litany to the Holy Spirit" Peter Hurford

In the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me!

When I lie within my bed,
Sick in heart and sick in head,
And with doubts discomfited,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep,
And the world is drowned with sleep,
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me!

*Call to Worship

Leader: The psalmist sings, "One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

All: To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.

Leader: Siblings in Christ, God is good.

All: And in love and mercy, God greets us here.

COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" 12

*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, You have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our cravings for status prevent honesty about our hidden sins. Yet, You know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from You. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

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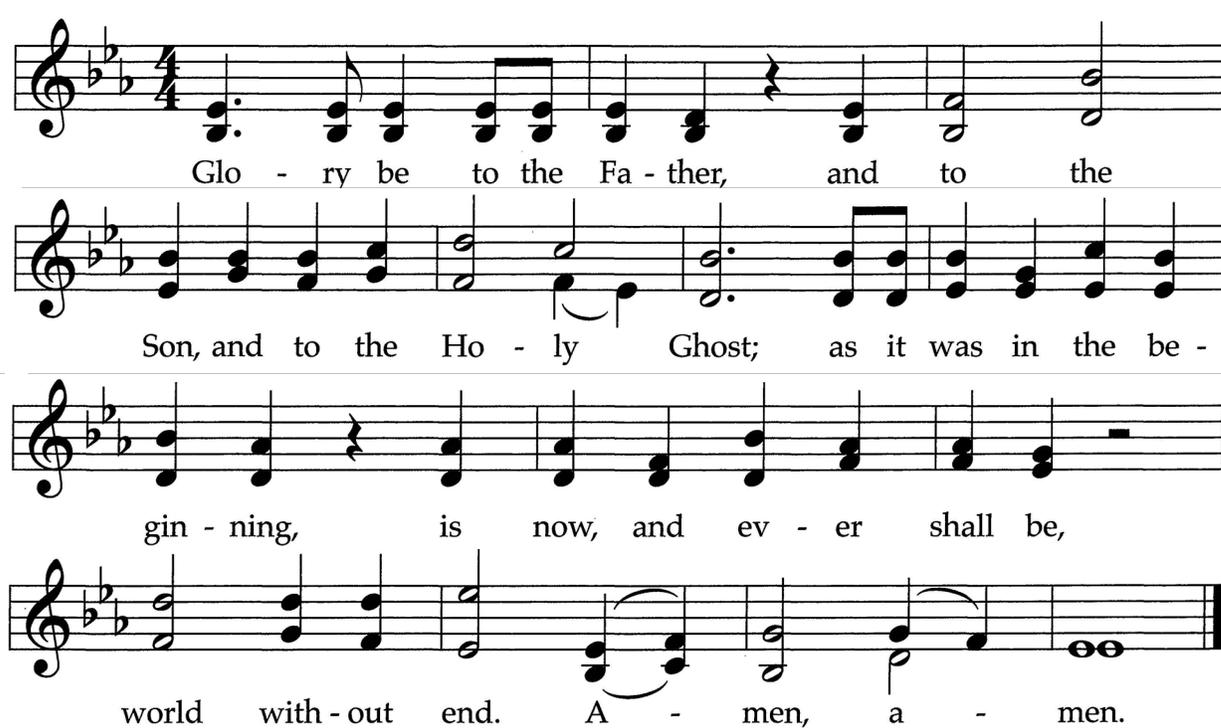


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

*Exchange of Peace

We ask that you please be mindful of the comfort levels and boundaries of those around you

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

All: O God, open Your Word by Your Holy Spirit, so that we, like Abraham, may believe Your promises to us. AMEN.

Hebrew Reading

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 (pg. 14)

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (pg. 242)

*Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35 (pg. 93)

Sermon

"From Lament to Reparations"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

*Hymn

"All Who Love and Serve Your City"

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*Affirmation of Faith

Belhar Confession

All: We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of division and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world; that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity; that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

Pastoral Prayer

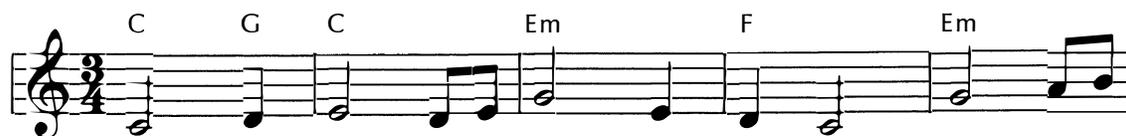
All: ...Christ, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

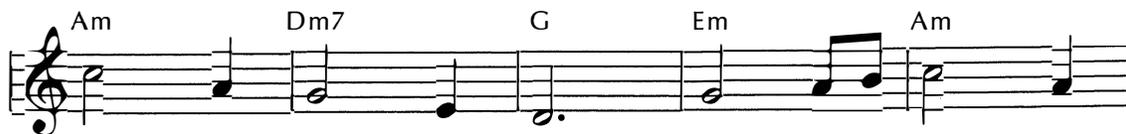
2019 Vatican Update

**All: 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;**

All Who Love and Serve Your City 351



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

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 Anthem "The Crown of Roses ('Legend')"
When Jesus Christ was yet a child
He had a garden small and wild,
Wherein He cherished roses fair,
And wove them into garlands there.

P.I. Tchaikovsky

Now once, as summer time drew nigh,
There came a troop of children by,
And seeing roses on the tree,
With shouts they plucked them merrily.

"Do you bind roses in your hair?"
They cried, in scorn, to Jesus there.
The Boy said humbly: "Take, I pray,
All but the naked thorns away."

Then of the thorns they made a crown,
And with rough fingers pressed it down,
Till on His forehead fair and young,
Red drops of blood like roses sprung.

*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

Leader: Let us give thanks, for God is good and God's Love is everlasting!
All: 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!

*Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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224 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

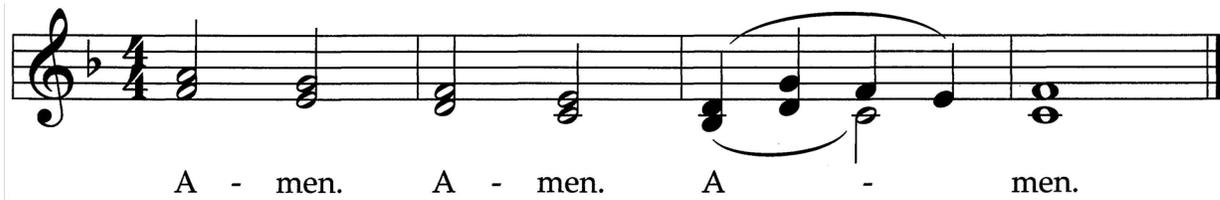
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This carefully crafted text from the beginning of the 18th century conveys much the same intensity and vividness as a miniature painting of Christ's crucifixion, and this lyrical and dignified tune reinforces the sense that time stands still while we share such meditation.

*Benediction

*Amen

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A musical score for the Amen benediction. It is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of four measures of music. The first two measures are marked 'A - men.' and the last two are marked 'A - men.'. The melody is simple and homophonic, using a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Postlude

“Dialogue sur les grands jeux”

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

**Those who can may stand*

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: Children of all ages are invited to join Jenny Newman on Zoom to explore our weekly Sunday school lessons on Sundays at 10 am. 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 or the church office 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 are 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: Pam Howe (liturgist); Liam Greenley (livestreaming); Mary Lang, Chris McAdams, Alice Scales (ushers)

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Next Week's Message: "The Hurt That Leads to Life"

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.

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, March 13

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

Monday, March 14

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, March 16

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

Thursday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 19

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, March 20

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, in-person and Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
Nominating Committee (12:15 pm, Parlor)

RTF/Worship (12:15 pm, Pastor's Study)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, March 21

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Tuesday, March 22

Earth Care Committee (7 pm, Zoom)

Wednesday, March 23

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 26

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, March 27

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

Session Members

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