

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

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Large Print Bulletin



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**Sixth Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, March 27, 2022, 11:00 am  
Fourth 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 "Prelude and Fugue in G major, op. 37" Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "Wilt Thou forgive that sin, where I begun" John Hilton

Wilt Thou forgive that sin, where I begun,  
which is my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt Thou forgive those sins through which I run,  
and do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done,  
for I have more.

Wilt Thou forgive that sin, by which I won  
others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
a year or two, but wallowed in a score?  
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done,  
for I have more.

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun  
my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
swear by Thyself, that at my death Thy Son  
shall shine as He shines now, and heretofore.  
And having done that, Thou hast done,  
I fear no more.

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We are ambassadors for Christ.

**All: God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.**

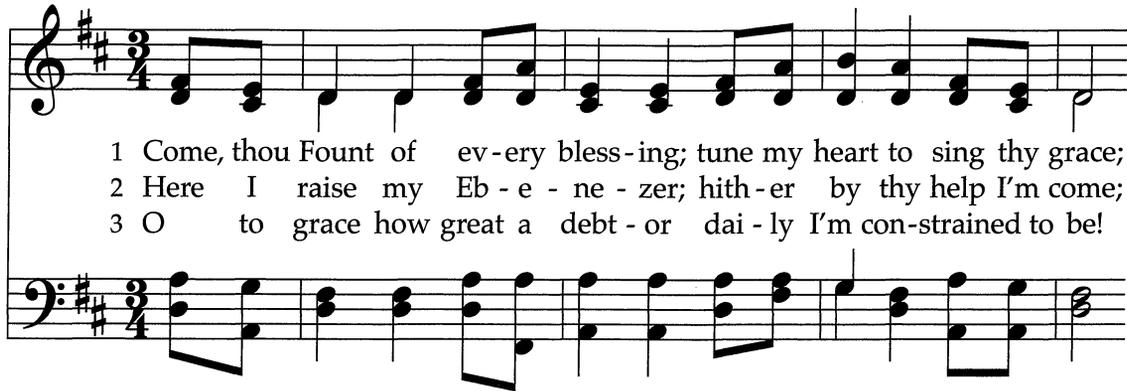
Leader: We gather as God's beloved family to worship God and offer our praise.

**All: Let us join our hearts in song and in prayer.**

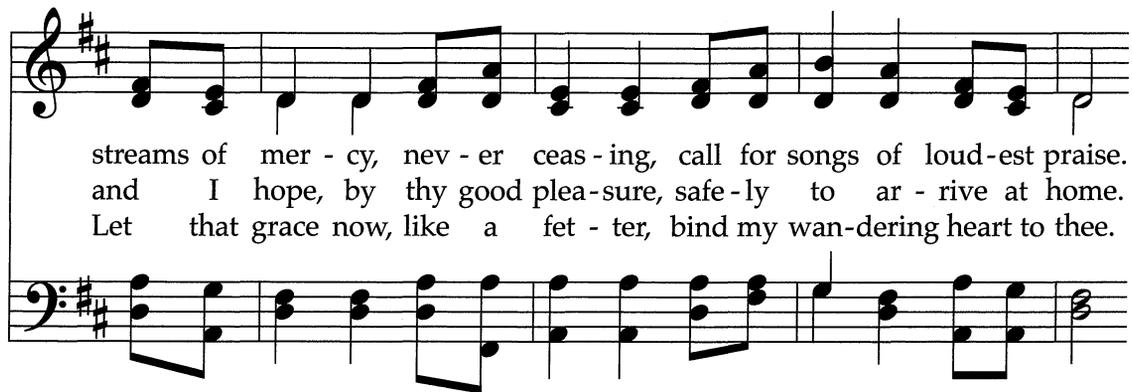
**COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

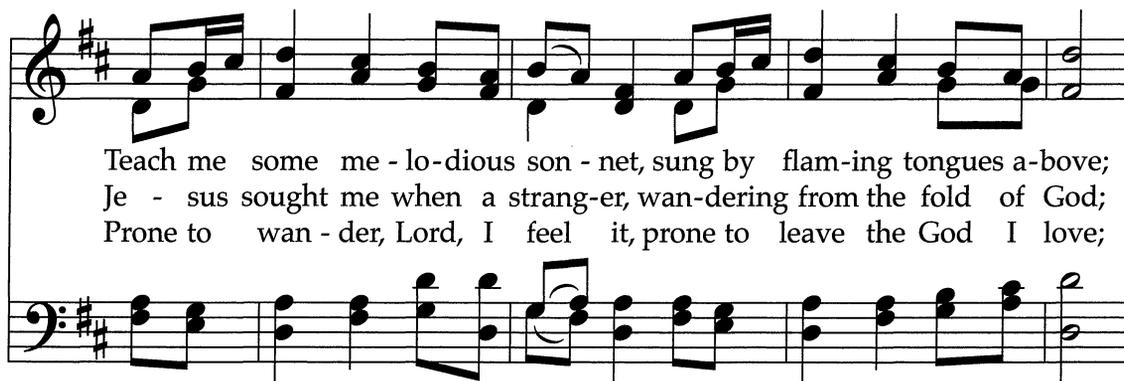
## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



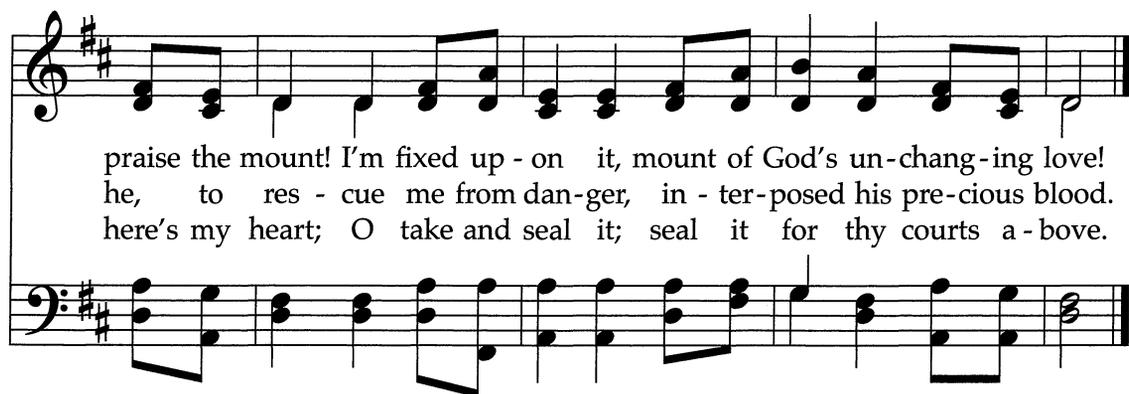
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from Your ways. Like the prodigal son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth as Your home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break Your law and forsake Your love. Forgive our sins and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to You that we may find freedom in obedience to Your love. Through Christ we pray.**

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.

\*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: Almighty God, by Your Holy Spirit, open our minds and bodies to the recreating power of Your Word, that we may see the world through the eyes of Christ, and live in the world as he intends. AMEN.**

Hebrew Reading

Joshua 5:9-12 (pg. 244)

Epistle Reading

II Corinthians 5:16-21 (pg. 221)

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (pg. 95)

Sermon

"Our Choice"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

\*Hymn

"How Blest Those Whose Transgressions"

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\*Affirmation of Faith

Brief Statement of Faith

**All: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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;  
and forgive us our debts,**

# How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions 446

(Psalm 32)

1 How blest, those whose trans-gres-sions have free - ly been for-given;  
 2 While I kept guilt - y si-lence, my strength was spent with grief.  
 3 So let the god - ly seek you, when trou-bling times are near;

whose guilt is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heaven.  
 Your hand was heav - y on me; my life found no re - lief.  
 no storm or flood shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.

Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not im-pute their sin:  
 But when I made con - fes - sion and hid no sin from you,  
 In you, O Lord, I hide me; you save me from all ill.

whose guilt has been for - giv - en; whose hearts, made true a - gain.  
 when I re - vealed my fail - ings, you gave me life a - new.  
 And songs of your sal - va - tion my heart with rap-ture fill.

Although this is one of the traditional seven penitential psalms, it could equally well be called a psalm of thanksgiving for forgiveness. It bears witness to the desirability of confession as well as to God's gracious and forgiving nature, encouraging the faithful to seek God.

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 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Felix Mendelssohn

Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our heart to keep Thy law.  
Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these Thy laws in our hearts,  
we beseech Thee!

\*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

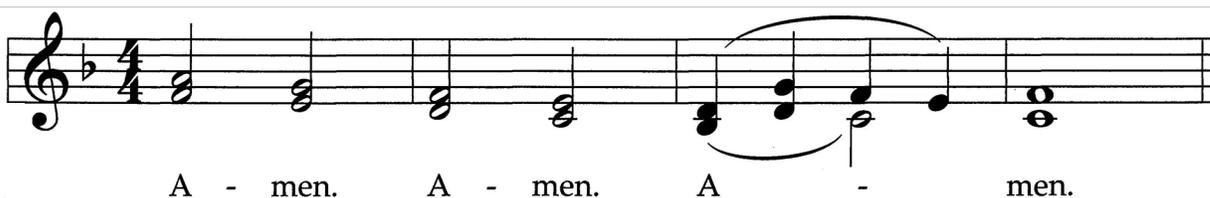
"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

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\*Benediction

\*Amen

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A - men. A - men. A - men.

Postlude

"Toccata (Suite Gothique)"

Léon Boëllmann

*\*Those who can may stand*

## 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 is pi yukpalashke.*

## CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 ah non ah cha pa kas  
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 um e ha ta la yus.*

## NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'  
 yisdáshítinigítí,  
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad  
 shénáhoosdzin,  
 doo eesh'íy da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

## 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 is held upstairs at 10 am for children in preschool through high school. Extended Session for children in preschool through third grade is held upstairs during worship following the Time for Children. 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:** Kate Davoli (liturgist); Liam Greenley (livestreaming); Barb Parees, Pamela Twiss, Tom Twiss (ushers)

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

**Next Week's Message:** "Blessed Prophet"

**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.

**Take a Stand Against Gun Violence in Harrisburg:** The Gun Safety Committee invites all members of the congregation to join CeaseFirePA and their coalition of activists as we take a stand against gun violence at the State Capitol in Harrisburg on Tuesday, April 26th. We will be meeting with lawmakers, rallying on the front steps of the Capitol, and strengthening the gun violence prevention movement. It will be a powerful day of advocacy and action, and we hope that you can join us to help make the moral case for gun violence prevention. Contact Lori Swensson ([lori.swensson@gmail.com](mailto:lori.swensson@gmail.com)) for more information and the link to RSVP.

## Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

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

### **Monday, March 28**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Tuesday, March 29**

Climate Change and the Green New Deal (7 pm, Zoom)

### **Wednesday, March 30**

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

### **Thursday, March 31**

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

### **Saturday, April 2**

IDG (10 am)  
NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, April 3**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)  
Sunday School (10 am, in-person and Zoom)  
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

Reparations: Pittsburgh Churches Talk About Repentance and Reconciliation (12:30 pm, in-person and Zoom)  
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

### **Monday, April 4**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, April 6**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### **Thursday, April 7**

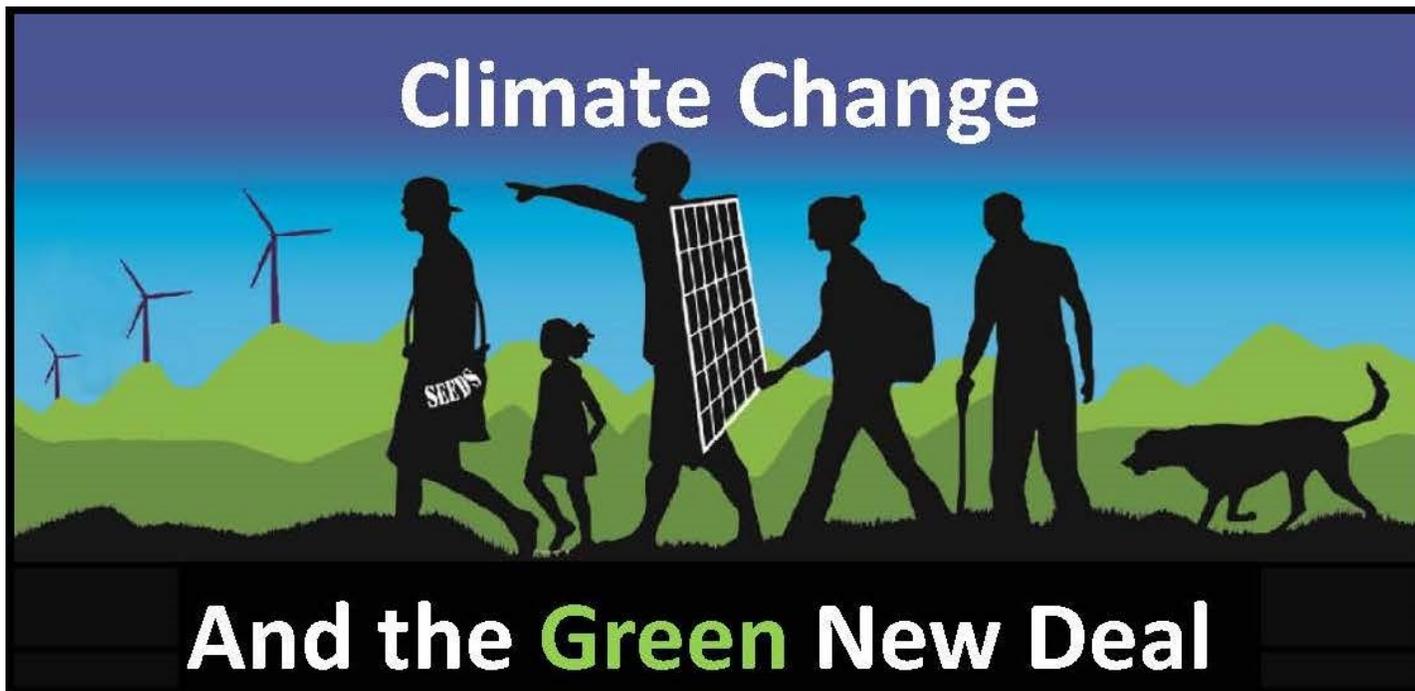
Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom)  
Choir rehearsal (7 pm)

### **Saturday, April 9**

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, April 10**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)  
Sunday School (10 am, in-person and Zoom)  
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)  
Reparations for Bethel AME Church: An Organ Recital with Dr. Douglas-Jayd Burn (2 pm, in-person and streaming)  
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)



This panel presentation, sponsored by the Justice Team of Sixth Presbyterian Church, will examine the issue of climate change, its implications for racial and economic justice, and how we can combat it by building a mass movement for a Green New Deal.

**Zoom webinar  
Tues., Mar. 29  
7:00 PM**

Click [here](#)  
to register.



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**Claire Cohen, MD** is a practicing child psychiatrist. She will discuss health effects of climate change and how these especially impact people of color, working people, and the poor.



**Patricia DeMarco, PhD**, author of *Pathways to Our Sustainable Future*, will explain how human activity is altering the global climate situation and the potential consequences of climate change.



**Helen Gerhardt**, a veteran and community activist, will explain how a Green New Deal would fight climate change while promoting full employment and both racial and class justice.



# REPARATIONS: PITTSBURGH CHURCHES TALK ABOUT REPENTENCE AND RECONCILIATION

Beginning the  
Conversation.  
Building  
Relationships.



Join Bethel AME Church from the Hill District and other partner communities as we think about the theological and ethical call to reparations to the Black Community in general, and to Bethel AME in particular as it seeks restitution for loss of land and wealth.

These will be hard, vulnerable conversations, calling all participants to open hearts and minds to hear the stories of those marginalized and to recognize our own responsibility to repent and repair.

Discussions drawn from Reparations: A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair by Duke L. Kwon and Gregory Thompson. Prior reading is helpful, but not required!

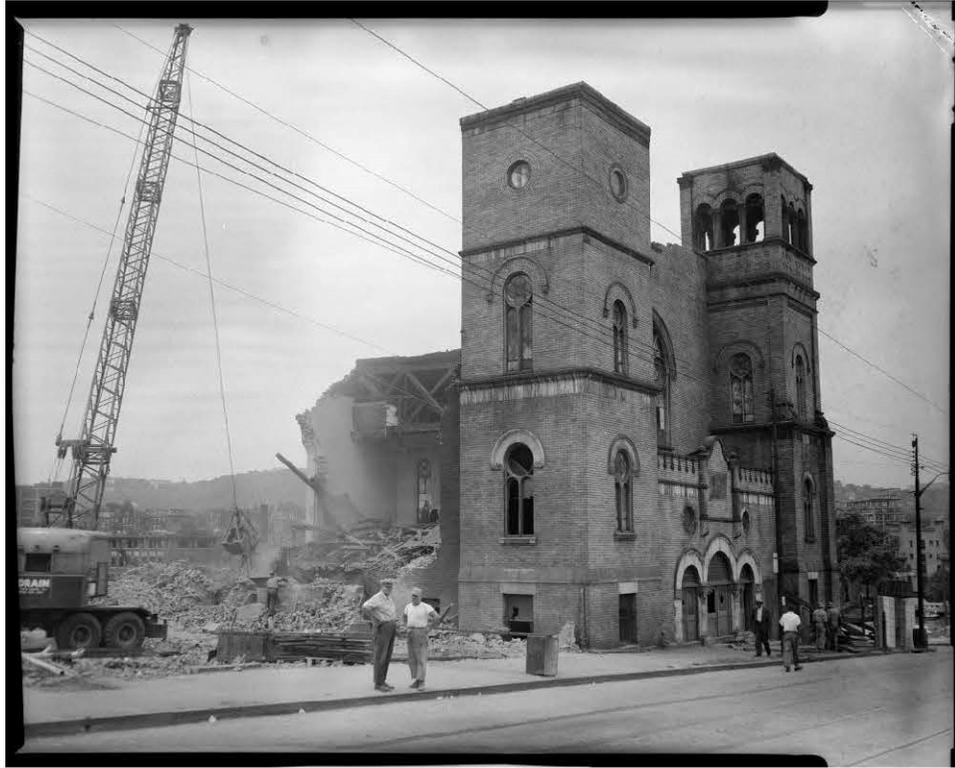
**NEW DATE!**

Sunday, April 3  
12:30pm  
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1688 Murray Ave.  
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Register for Zoom with the QR Code



**CONTACT**  
**412-683-2160**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

# Reparations for Bethel AME Church



## An Organ Recital with Dr. Douglas-Jayd Burn

Director of Music, Sixth Presbyterian Church

**Sunday, April 10 at 2 pm**

**Sixth Presbyterian Church (1688 Murray Avenue)**



This free program features organ compositions by Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, Boëllmann, Pärt, Vierne, Guilment, Price, and Rutter performed on the Casavant Frères (Opus 3833, 2003).

A freewill offering will be collected to support our neighbor, Bethel AME Church, as they seek restitution for loss of land and wealth when their church property was seized by eminent domain in 1957.

# Easter Memorials

We offer two options for honoring our loved ones at Easter:

1. You can buy an Easter lily for \$8.00 and have a name placed in the bulletin in honor of or in memory of a loved one. You can then take your lily home after the Easter service.
2. The second option will be to have a loved one's name placed in the bulletin but instead of buying a flower, you can donate \$7.00 or more to the Deacons' fund. (We realize that there may be fewer flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter, but we feel that some of the money can be used for another cause while still having the opportunity to honor our loved ones.)

*Please complete this form and return it to the church office.*

Checks should be made payable to "Sixth Presbyterian Church" with "Easter Lily Memorial" or "Deacons' Fund" written in the memo field.

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies at \$8.00 each

I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ to the Deacons Fund

My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Your name (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to be remembered:

In Memory Of     In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

**The deadline for ordering flowers is Sunday, April 3**

## **Session Members**

### Class of 2021/2022

Kit Ayars  
Carol Emerson  
Linda May  
Jan Myers-Newbury  
Phyllis Rupert

### Class of 2022/2023

Larry Chan  
Frank Davoli  
Beth Hazlett  
Pam Howe  
Mary Lang

### Class of 2023/2024

Joe Ashenden  
Lori King  
Tom Juring  
Greg Winner

## **Deacons**

### Class of 2021/2022

Brenda Flores  
Sharon Manley  
Kathi Robinson-Dassel  
Dana Thompson

### Class of 2022/2023

Kyle Esbin  
Lynn Kawaratani  
Eliot Kennedy  
Judy Schryer

### Class of 2023/2024

Martha Funderburgh  
Patty Halverson  
Gwen Harcar

Vincent Kolb, *Pastor*

Jenny Newman, *Director of Children and Youth Ministry*

Douglas-Jayd Burn, *Director of Music*

Amy Whipple, *Office Manager*

Harry Kirk, *Building Administrator*

Myra Kazanjian, *Parish Associate*

John S. McCall, *Pastor Emeritus*