

Sixth Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, April 3, 2022, 11:00 am
Fifth 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 "O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross" J.S. Bach
"Prière à Notre Dame (Suite Gothique)" Léon Boëllmann

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "All My Hope on God Is Founded" Herbert Howells/John Rutter
All my hope on God is founded; Who doth still my trust renew.
And through change and chance doth guide me, Only good and only true.
God unknown, God alone Calls my heart to be God's own.

Human pride and earthly glory, Sword and crown betray our trust;
What with care and toil they build up, Tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, Hour by hour, Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth, Deepest wisdom, passing thought;
Splendour, light, and life attending, Beauty springeth out of naught.
Ever more From God's store Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the Almighty Giver Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
God's desire our soul delighteth, Please sure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand At God's hand; Joy doth wait for her command.

Still from all to God eternal Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising Christ the One.
Who doth call, doth call;
Ye who follow shall not fall.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

All: We were like those who dream.

Leader: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

All: We rejoiced: "The Lord has done great things for us."

Leader: May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

All: Come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

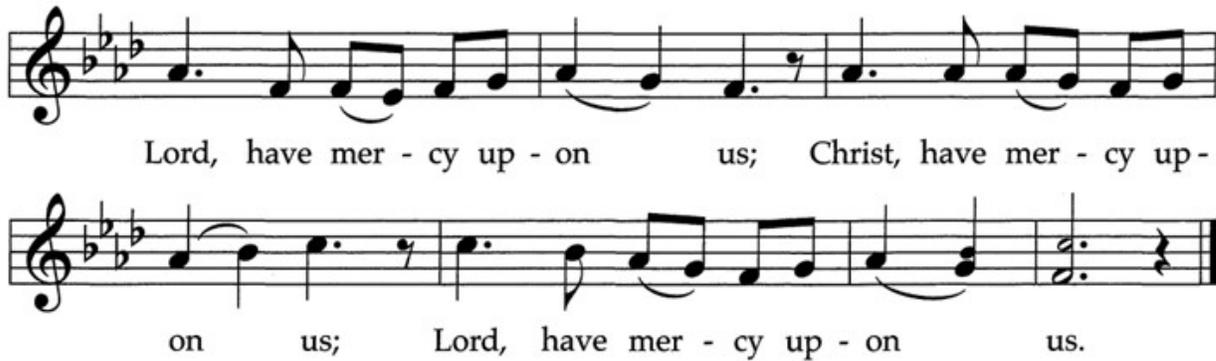
*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life You offer in Christ, for You overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts You give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our own gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward Your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray.

Silent Confession

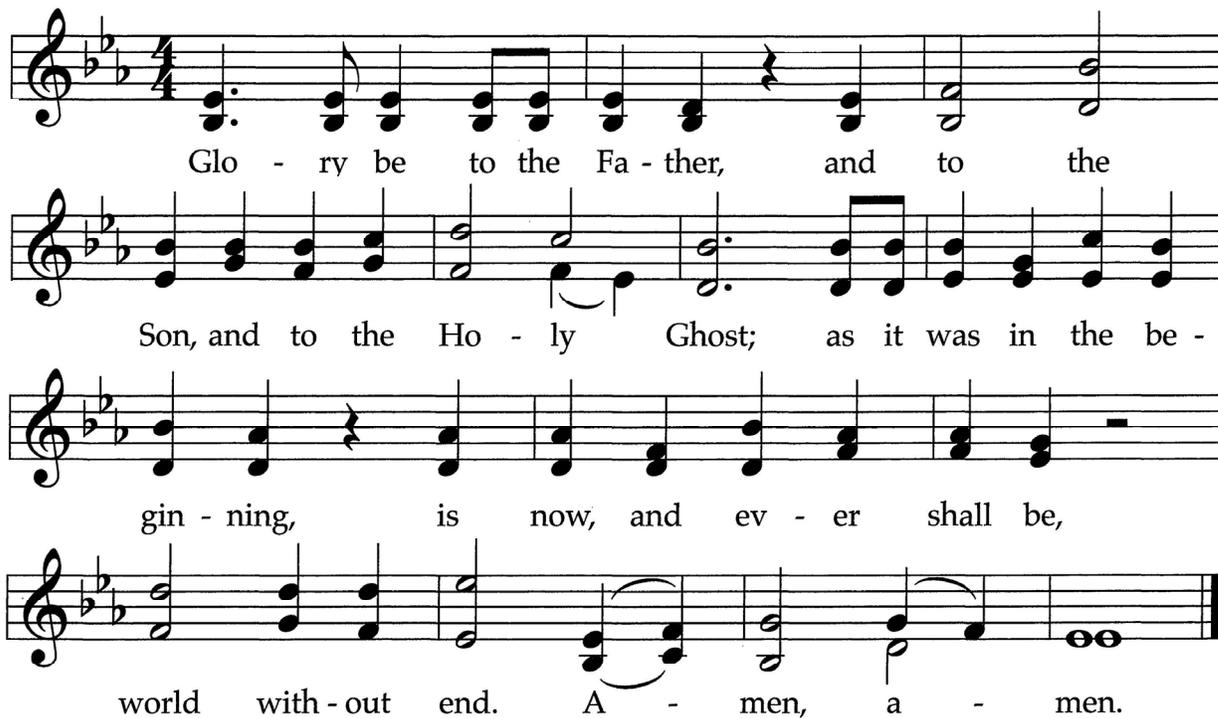
Kyrie



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



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.

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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

***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.

Leader: Let us pass the peace of Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

All: Break open the Scripture through the power of Your Spirit, O God. Let Your Word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. AMEN.

Hebrew Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21 (pg. 823)

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14 (pg. 242)

***Gospel Reading**

John 12:1-8 (pg. 129)

Sermon

“Blessed Prophet”

Rev. Vincent Kolb

***Hymn**

“A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar”

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***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles Creed (traditional version)

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

All: ...You are making all things new.

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,**

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1 A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar, by Love's di-vine ap-
 2 A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb by Love's di-vine com-
 3 Though wom-an-wis-dom, wom-an-truth, for cen-tu-ries were
 4 The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls, by Love's di-vine or-

point-ing. With rare per-fume she filled the room, pre-
 mis-sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a-
 hid-den, un-sung, un-writ-ten, and un-heard, de-
 dain-ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their

sid-ing and a-noint-ing. A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar,
 ris-ing from sub-mis-sion. A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb,
 rid-ed and for-bid-den, the Spir-it's breath, the Spir-it's fire,
 powers and gifts un-chain-ing. The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls,

the sneers of scorn de-fy-ing. With rare per-fume she
 with res-ur-rec-tion gos-pel. She saw; she heard; she
 on free and slave de-scend-ing, can tum-ble our di-
 from wom-en, men, and chil-dren, the friends we need, to

This text seeks to reverse the neglected witness of biblical women by celebrating the woman who washed Jesus' feet (unnamed in Matthew 26:6-13/Mark 14:3-9/Luke 7:36-50; Mary of Bethany in John 12:1-8) and Mary Magdalene (John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-10/Mark 16:1-7/Luke 24:10).

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

filled the room, pre - par - ing Christ for dy - ing.
preached the Word, a - pos - tle to a - pos - tles.
vid - ing walls, our shame and sad - ness mend - ing.
serve and lead. Re - joice, and make them wel - come!

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 "O For a Heart to Praise My God"

Robert Edward Smith

O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free!
A heart that always feels thy Blood
So freely shed for me!

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne,
Where only Christ is heard to speak;
Where Jesus reigns alone.

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part from Him that dwells within;

A heart in every thought renewed
And full of love divine;
A perfect heart, and pure, and good,
A copy, Lord, of Thine.

*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

"Lift High the Cross"

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*Benediction

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.

TEXT: George William Kitchin, 1887; rev. Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.

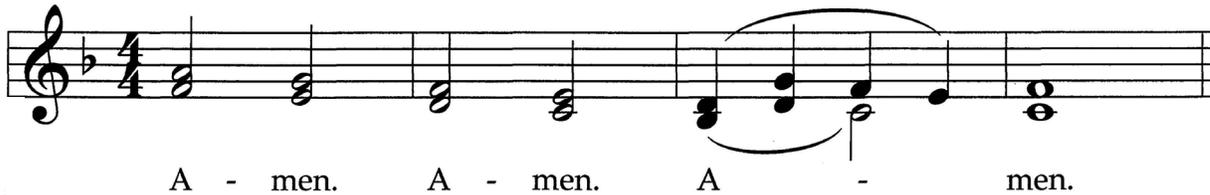
MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; desc. Richard Proulx, 1985

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CRUCIFER

10.10 with refrain



Postlude

"Sortie from L'Organiste Vol. II"

César Franck

**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 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: Peter Watt-Morse (liturgist); Kirk Howe (livestreaming); Sara Berg, Patty Halverson, Amy Whipple (ushers)

Next Week's Readings: John 12:12-19

Next Week's Message: "Business As Usual"

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) for more information and the link to RSVP.

Plastics Recycling: Do you have plastics building up in your home that aren't recyclable? Did you know that Michael's Brothers takes all plastic numbers 1-7 as well as plastic bottle caps? Pam Howe has volunteered to bring a load of plastics from our church on April 24 – Earth Day Sunday! If you would like your plastics to be included, please bring them to church on the 24th or arrange with Pam by email at howepjs@yahoo.com. Please message Pam ahead of time so that she knows how much plastic you have for her.

Plastics will need to be clean and separated as follows: Plastics #1 and #2 need to be separated from each other and everything else. All other plastics, #3 through #7 and bottle caps, can be combined in the same container.

If you would like to volunteer to take a turn driving plastics, contact Nora at crjndj@gmail.com.

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

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)

Tuesday, April 5

Church and Community (7 pm, Zoom)

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)

Monday, April 11

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, April 13

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, April 14

Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom)
Maundy Thursday Service (7 pm, in-person and streaming)

Friday, April 15

Good Friday Service (12 pm, in-person and streaming)

Saturday, April 16

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, April 17

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)

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, Guilmant, 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