

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, May 8, 2022, 11:00 am  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

*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 D minor, P.407"

## Johann Pachelbel

## Welcome and Announcements

# Peace Candle

## Introit "My Eyes for Beauty Pine"

# Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddes grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,  
That burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.

## Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Leader:** Blessing and honor are yours, O God

All: Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

**LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

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### \*Prayer of the Day

## Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize. When You face our enemies, You choose neither contempt nor punishment, but set a table and make provision for us all. Our ways are not Your ways, O Creator, and they are an affront to the

## Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab-sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll-ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub-lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

work of Your hands. Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us. Send our risen Lord among us again to repair relationships and restore humanity. Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus just as he does at his table.

Silent Confession

Response

"Jesus, Remember Me"

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Musical notation for "Jesus, Remember Me" in G clef, 3/4 time, and B-flat key signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

Continuation of the musical notation for "Jesus, Remember Me".

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

Assurance of Pardon

\*Response

"Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord"

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Musical notation for "Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord" in G clef, 3/4 time, and C major key signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.

Continuation of the musical notation for "Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord".

Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia!

Continuation of the musical notation for "Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord".

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.

Continuation of the musical notation for "Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord".

Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia!

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

\*Exchange of Peace

Leader: Being mindful of the comfort levels and boundaries of those around us, let us pass the peace of Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

**All: Shepherd of souls, You call us to an abundant feast at the table of Your Word; open our hearts to feed on Your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we might dwell evermore deeply in You. AMEN.**

Hebrew Reading

Deuteronomy 14:28-29 (pg. 214)

New Testament Reading

Act 6:1-7 (pg. 150)

\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 35)

Sermon

"Who Are the Least of These?"

Rev. Brian Wallace

\*Hymn

"For All the Faithful Women"

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\*Affirmation of Faith

**All: Jesus lived a truly human life. Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of rejection. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. Jesus was what we should be. He served God with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him. Jesus was what we are. Jesus was what we should be.**

Pastoral Prayer

**All: ...Open our eyes to Your mercy in the world.**

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,  
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

# 324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C)                    (Am7)                    (F)                    (G)                    (C)

E♭                            Cm7                            A♭                            B♭                            E♭

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in  
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -  
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with  
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G)                            (C)                            (Am7)                            (Dm)                    (G)  
 B♭                            E♭                            Cm7                            Fm                            B♭

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to  
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay  
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to  
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C)                            (G7)                            (C)                            (Am)                            (Cm)  
 E♭                            B♭7                            E♭                                    Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and  
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her  
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er  
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D)                            (G)                            (F)                            (G)                            (C)  
 F                                    B♭                            A♭                            B♭                            E♭

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their  
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to  
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her  
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7)                            (F)                            (G)                            (C)                            (Dm)                    (G)                    (C)  
 Cm7                            A♭                            B♭                            E♭                            Fm                            B♭                            E♭

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.  
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.  
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.  
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

Offertory Anthem

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd;

Therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture,

And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul,

And bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,

For his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

For thou art with me:

Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me

Against them that trouble me:

Thou hast anointed my head with oil

And my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy

Shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

\*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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

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\*Benediction

# My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)

1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan-dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 my cup with bless-ings o - ver - flows; your oil a-noints my head.  
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Postlude

"Toccata in G minor, P.468"

Johann Pachelbel

*\*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:** Masks are welcome and recommended for worship, but not required. Should you forget a mask and want to wear one, masks will still be made available at the entrances to the sanctuary. Sunday School classrooms upstairs will continue to require masks.

**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 10:15 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:** Rev. Brian Wallace (guest preacher); Peter Gilmore (liturgist); Liam Greenley (livestreaming); Patty Halverson, Alice Scales (ushers)

Rev. Brian Wallace has served in ministry since 2003 and currently serves as one of the Associate Ministers of Pittsburgh Presbytery. In this role he resources and supports leaders and congregations through the Pittsburgh area. He is passionate about seeing ministry leaders fulfill their God-given callings and has a special spot in his heart for Middle and High School students. He's also a volunteer youth leader at his family's home church. He is married to Renee who serves as his greatest cheerleader and most faithful critic. They are enjoying the golden age of parenting with two kids in middle school.

**Next Week's Readings:** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

## **Next Week's Message:** "You Are Enough"

**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, May 8**

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, May 9**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, May 11**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### **Thursday, May 12**

Youth Group (6 pm, in-person and Zoom)  
Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

### **Saturday, May 14**

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, May 15**

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, May 16**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Tuesday, May 17**

Earth Care Committee (7 pm, Zoom)

### **Wednesday, May 18**

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

### **Thursday, May 19**

Presbytery (1 pm, PTS)  
Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

### **Saturday, May 21**

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, May 22**

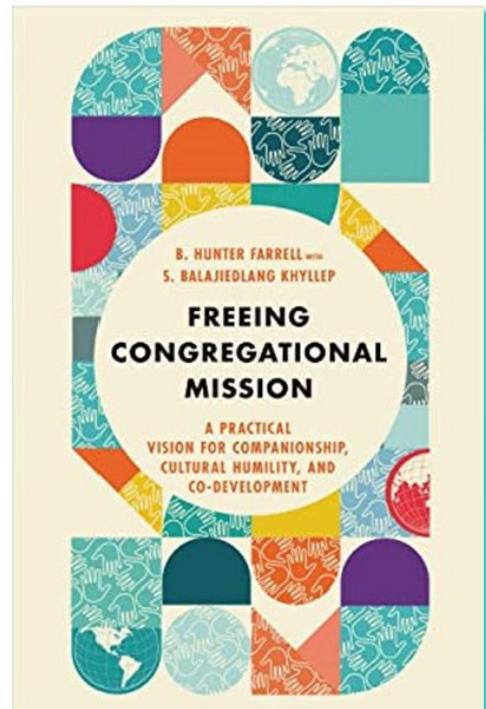
Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)  
Sunday School (10 am, in-person only)  
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)  
Bar Mitzvah Irongate Project (4 pm)  
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

# Freeing Congregational Mission

## A book discussion with Hunter Farrell and Bala Khyllep

*"This book rejects 'selfie mission' and affirms that God is calling North American Christians to walk alongside others as companions in Christ...It is refreshing and accessible. Most important, it is full of faithful wisdom."*

—Dana L. Robert, Boston University School of Theology, author of *Faithful Friendships, Embracing Diversity in Christian Community*



**Tuesday, May 24**  
**7 PM EDT**

Register for this **Zoom** discussion:  
<https://tinyurl.com/e3nnwmv5>



**B. Hunter Farrell** is the director of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's World Mission Initiative (WMI). He has worked for over thirty years as a missionary, director of world mission for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and professor of mission and intercultural studies.



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