

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, May 22, 2022, 11:00 am  
More Light Sunday

*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 "Angelus! Priere aux anges gardiens" Franz Liszt

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "For in the Tender Compassion of Our God" Chuck Herrold

For in the tender compassion of our God,  
the morning sun from heav'n will rise upon us  
to shine on those who live in darkness  
and to guide our feet in the way of peace.

\*Call to Worship Methodist Women and Dakota Prayers  
Tirabassi and Eddy, *Gifts of Many Cultures*

Leader: Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us

**All: So God's Spirit is every present and around us.**

Leader: Come, Creator, into our lives.

**All: We live and move and have our being in You. Open now the windows of our souls.**

Leader: The light of the Great Spirit is upon my people. It is making the whole earth bright.

**All: My people are now happy! All beings that move are rejoicing! Let us worship God,  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer!**

\*Hymn "Come! Live in the Light!" 749

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession adapted from a Winnebago prayer  
Tirabassi and Eddy, *Gifts of Many Cultures*

**All: Earthmaker, our Father, our Mother, listen to us. On earth, most pitiable is the life we lead. Falling and dying, we stumble along the road. True it is that You told us what to do so that we might obtain the goods and benefits of life. That we are aware of. To obtain the goods as You ordained, this too, we know and we shall attempt. We shall indeed attempt to secure light and life. But You, nevertheless, cause real life to appear among us. This is what we ask of You in all humility.**

Silent Confession

# 749 Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

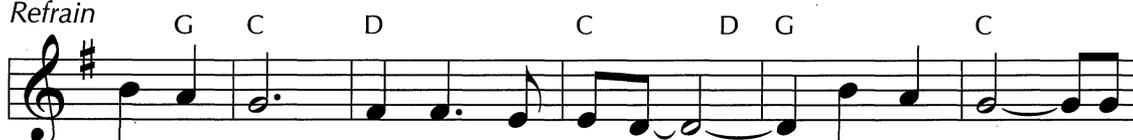


to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"



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



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

## Assurance of Pardon

## \*Response

## "Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord"



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



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



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



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

## Time for Children

Vincent Kolb

## \*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.**

## Moment for Our History

Amy Whipple

## Prayer for Illumination

**All: Holy God, there is yet more light and truth to break forth from Your Word. Guide our minds with Your Spirit as we seek You anew in these ancient stories. AMEN.**

**Refrain, all: We want to radiate Your love and Your light!**

\*Gospel Reading

John 12:27-36 (pg. 130)

Sermon

"The Journey: A Long Hard Slog"

Rev. Janet Edwards

\*Hymn

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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Choir: verses one and two

**All: refrain and verse three**

Ordination and Installation of Officers

The Opening Words

Pastor: There are different gifts.

**All: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God.

**All: But it is the same Lord who is served.**

Pastor: God works through different people in different ways,

**All: But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.**

Pastor: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**All: To use it for the common good.**

Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ,

**All: And individually members of him.**

Statement of Purpose

Constitutional Questions to the Officers

Ordination Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Declaration of Ordination and Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

"God is Light"

Paul Bouman

God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as God is truly in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus God's son cleanses us from all sin.

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\*Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,**

# 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author/composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with some phrasing slurs in the piano part.

**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!**

**\*Processional Hymn**

**"We Are Marching in the Light of God"**

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Choir sings twice, followed by the congregation singing twice

All are invited to embrace queer joy and dance in the aisles on your way out of the sanctuary

*\*Those who can may stand*

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

### **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)

### **Monday, May 23**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, May 25**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Session (7 pm, Zoom)

### **Thursday, May 26**

Youth Group (in-person and Zoom)

Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

### **Saturday, May 28**

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, May 29**

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 30**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, June 1**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### **Thursday, June 2**

Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom)

### **Saturday, June 4**

IDG (10 am)

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, June 5**

Worship in the Park (11 am, Rhododendron Shelter, Highland Park)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

## 853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

*Siyahamba*

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;  
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo  
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo  
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

## 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:** While Allegheny County is in the CDC's community level designation of medium, masks are mandatory while inside the building. Should you forget a mask, they are available at the entrances to the sanctuary.

**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:** Kate Davoli (liturgist); Greg Winner (livestreaming); Beth Hazlett, Pamela Twiss, Tom Twiss (ushers)

**Next Week's Readings:** Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

**Next Week's Message:** "I Ask"

**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.

**Freeing Congregational Mission: A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility, and Co-Development:** On May 24 at 7:00 pm, join us on Zoom for a book discussion with Hunter Farrell and Bala Khylllep, hosted by the Church & Community Committee. The registration link is on our website, [sixthchurch.org](http://sixthchurch.org)

**Opportunity from the Gun Safety Committee:** CeaseFirePA is advocating for \$80 million in the state budget to support community-based violence prevention programs that use a justice and trauma-informed lens to intervene and reduce violence. CeaseFirePA has an online petition to state lawmakers to push for this funding in the state budget, which will be passed this June. All are encouraged to sign this petition and share it widely with your networks, especially those in the suburbs and areas with more conservative political representation. Sign here: <https://ceasefirepa.salsalabs.org/220408InvestBudget/index.html>.

# Picnic and Worship in the Park:

## June 5 at 11 am

We are all excited by the prospect of seeing so many of you on **JUNE 5**. The worship and picnic site is the **Rhododendron Shelter in Highland Park**. **No masking will be required as this is an outdoor event.**

As we did last summer, we are asking everyone to bring their own **PERSONAL PICNIC**.

Once again there will be **NO POTLUCK** component this year, and we will **NOT** be supplying grilled meats, plates, cups, or cutlery. This makes sandwiches seem like a good choice.

We **WILL** however, have the following items available:

- 1) Paper napkins
- 2) Cold beverages in cans
- 3) Chips in individual bags
- 4) Individual ice cream treats for dessert

Needless to say, this goes against all Earth Care Congregation protocols, but this is a special exception.

**Worship will be starting at 11 am.** If you are able, it would be good to bring outdoor chairs or a blanket. If you need to unload items, it is fine to drive down close to the shelter, but then we ask you to move your car back to the road (unless this presents mobility difficulties for you). We will provide a few folding chairs.

If anyone is in need of transportation, please let Amy in the office know by Thursday, June 2, and she will get word to the Fellowship chair. Amy can also email a map to you if you need help finding the shelter. However, the easiest way to get there is to travel east on Stanton Ave. (which intersects Highland Ave.). It eventually curves to the left (north) and continues into the park. The shelter is on the right in a very short while – and we'll be so happy to see all of you!



## **Session Members**

### Class of 2023

Larry Chan  
Frank Davoli  
Beth Hazlett  
Pam Howe  
Mary Lang

### Class of 2024

Joe Ashenden  
Lori King  
Tom Juring  
Greg Winner

### Class of 2025

Peter Kaplan  
Barb Parees  
Marcus Robinson  
Peter Watt-Morse

## **Deacons**

### Class of 2023

Kyle Esbin  
Lynn Kawaratani  
Eliot Kennedy  
Judy Schryer

### Class of 2024

Martha Funderburgh  
Patty Halverson  
Gwen Harcar

### Class of 2025

Linda Davoli  
Chuck Herrold  
Brenda Jordan

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*