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Sunday, August 14, 2022, 10:00 am
Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

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 "Chaconne" Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "The Call" R. Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart as a joys in love.

*Call to Worship # # # Jeremiah 23

Leader: Ours is a God near by, and not a God far off.

All: the LORD fills heaven and earth.

Leader: What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD.

All: God's word is like fire. Like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn "Joy to the World" 266

*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we are hypocrites. When it lets us avoid uncomfortable conflict, we prize unity. When it lets us escape accountability, we love division. We know there is one body,

Joy to the World

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and

earth re - ceive her king; let ev - ery heart pre -
 all their songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks,
 thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to make his
 makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries of his

pare him room, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 hills, and plains re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 bless - ings flow far as the curse is found.
 righ - teous - ness and won - ders of his love.

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, and only one baptism. Yet we pretend we can divide that one-ness to keep ourselves pure and untroubled. Forgive us. Lead us instead in the way of the cross. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

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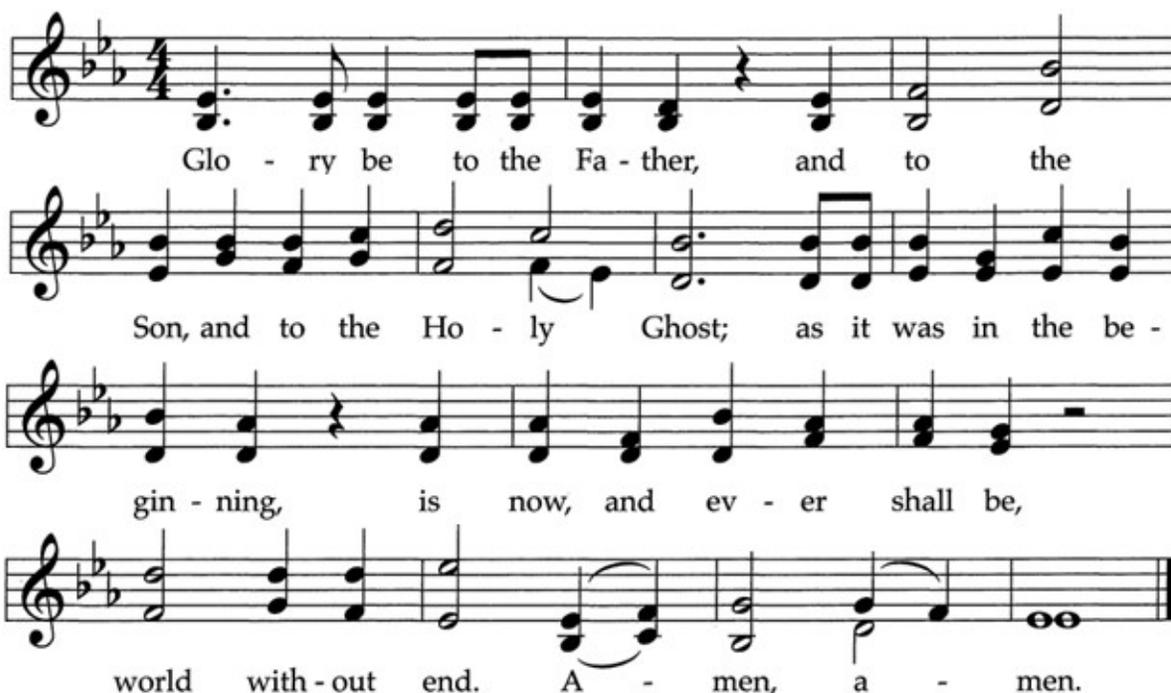


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

Time for Children

Kate Davoli

*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: Holy Spirit, enlighten us with your divisive Word, that we may know how to interpret the present time. Amen.

Hebrew Reading

Genesis 19:15-17, 22, 24-26 (pg. 18)

*Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-56 (pg. 92)

Sermon

"Opt-in"

Ruling Elder Kate Davoli

*Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"

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*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:6-11

All: We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited. But emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the Name that is above every name. So that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastoral Prayer

Leader: ... Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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

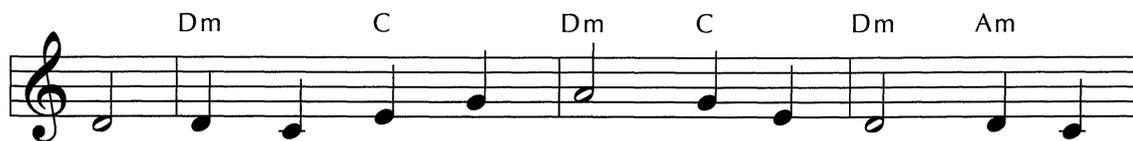
Offertory Anthem

"If Ye Love Me"

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me,

What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever,
even the spirit of truth.

*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

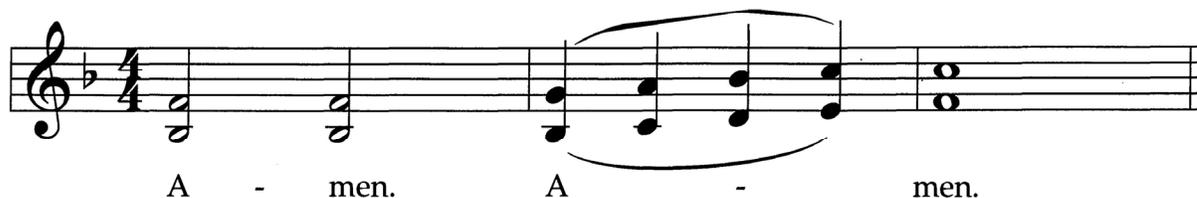
"We Are One in the Spirit"

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*Benediction

*Amen

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Postlude

"Toccata"

Giovanni Battista Martini

**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).

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

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 required in the building while Allegheny County is in a “medium” or “high” CDC community risk designation; N95 or similar masks are preferred while in “high.” Masks are welcome and recommended while in “low.”

Assistive Hearing Devices: Assistive Hearing Devices – compatible only with hearing aids equipped with a T-Coil – are available at the Murray Avenue entrance

Large Print Bulletins: If you would like a large print bulletin, please see an usher for a paper copy or, if you would like to use your personal device, for guidance on how to find a digital copy on our website.

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

Church Nursery: Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available during the worship service. Our childcare staff are required to be vaccinated and masked.

Extended Session: 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.

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: Ruling Elder Kate Davoli (guest preacher); Peter Gilmore (liturgist); Liam Greenley (livestreaming); Bill Beggs, Carol Beggs, Alice Scales (ushers)

Today's Singers: Sopranos: Kate Davoli, Linda Davoli; Altos: Jan Myers-Newbury, Mary Radcliffe; Tenors: Douglas Burn, Frank Davoli; Basses: Karl Greenley, Chuck Herrold

Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71:1-6; Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Next Week's Message: "Fire Shut Up in My Bones"

Bible Study: Pastor Vincent's weekly Bible study is on vacation and will resume in September

Christian Education Committee Meeting: There will be a meeting for the Christian Education committee on Wednesday, August 17 at 6 pm at the church. We will be planning/discussing fall Sunday school, youth group, and other events. Anyone who would like to attend the meeting via Zoom should please email Jenny Newman for the link.

Fridays on the Lawn: Children, youth, and their families are invited to join us for Fridays on the Lawn from 6 to 8 pm on June 17 and August 26. Bring a blanket and gather with us on the front lawn. We will be providing some light food and beverages but feel free to bring your own picnic. There will be fellowship time and activities with an Earth Care theme. In case of rain, we will move inside following the church's masking policy.

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, August 14

Worship (10 am, in-person and streaming)
Gun Safety (11 am, Parlor)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, August 15

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Tuesday, August 16

Earth Care Committee (7 pm, Zoom)

Wednesday, August 17

Deacons (7 pm, Zoom)

Thursday, August 18

Youth Group (6 pm, Sixth)

Saturday, August 20

Back to School Supplies for Teachers (3 pm, Sixth front lawn)
AA – Turning Point (5 pm)
NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, August 21

Worship (10 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, August 22

Sixth's birthday
NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, August 24

Session (7 pm)

Friday, August 26

Fridays on the Lawn (6 pm)

Saturday, August 27

AA – Turning Point (5 pm)
NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, August 28

Worship (10 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)