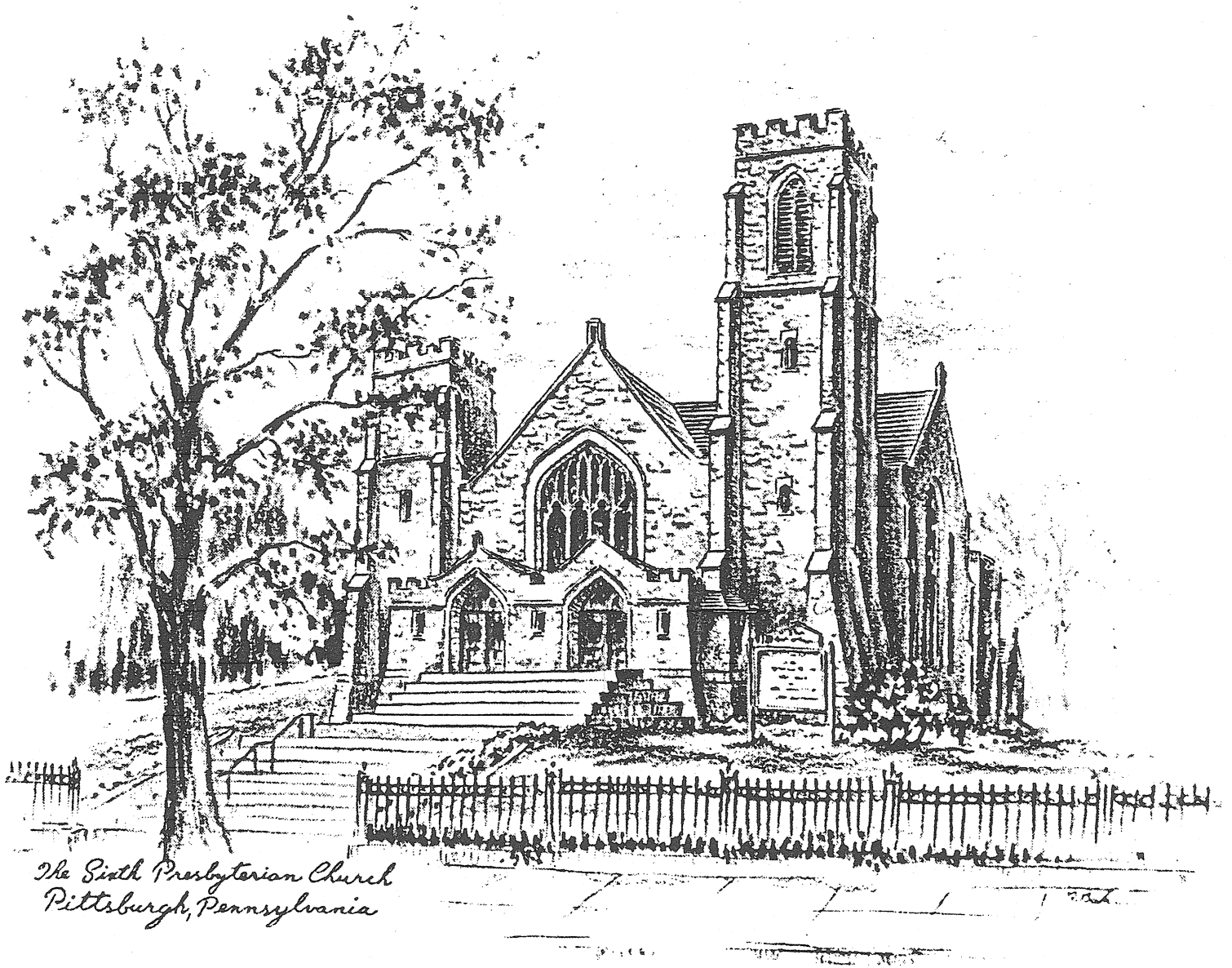


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Sunday, September 11, 2022, 11:00 am
Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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 "Ruhig bewegt" from *Sonata II* Paul Hindemith

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "Lamb of God" Claudio Casciolini

Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace, Lord, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

*Call to Worship Psalm 14

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who look after God.

All: They have all gone astray, there is no one who does good, no, not one.

Leader: Have they no knowledge, those who devour God's people and do not call upon the Lord?

**All: O, that our deliverer would come! O God, restore our lives and make us glad.
LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

*Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" 619

*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the same way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In Your graciousness, illumine our darkness. In Your mercy, bring us home-until we recognize Your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.

Silent Confession

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

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.

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

Children remain seated with their families during the Time for Children; children third grade and younger are invited to go upstairs for Extended Session after the Exchange of Peace

*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 Heading God's Call: Gun Violence Display

Lori Swensson

Prayer for Illumination

All: Lord, You are our God. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, teach us through Your Word to follow after You. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

*Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34 (pg. 60)

Sermon

"Citizenship"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

"The way to the good life is a path that we make by walking it with those who are around us... We, together, become the producers of a satisfying future." John McKnight and Peter Block, *The Abundant Community: Awakening Power of Families and Neighborhoods*

*Affirmation of Faith

All: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together we are to display the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down. As the living Body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world. We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to reflecting the love of Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work.

*Hymn

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful in every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken


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Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat



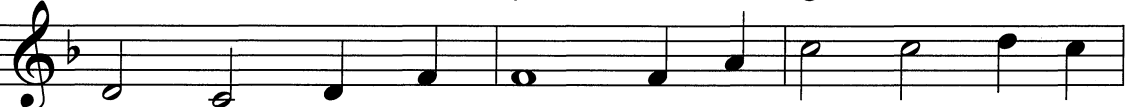
1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) F (Bm) Dm




le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C




food for - ev - er - more.
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
 with you; do not fear!"
 tell your love and care.

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.



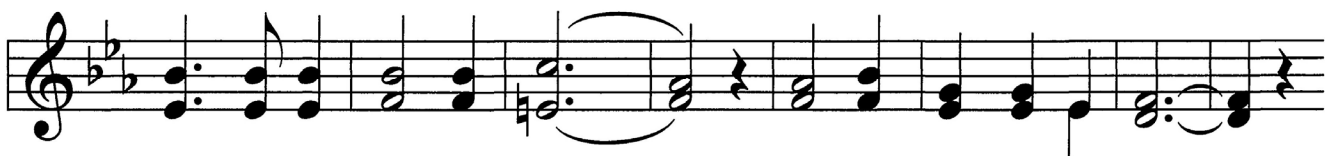
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Leader: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

The Communion of the People

Communion Anthem "Ave Verum Corpus"

W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine;
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed (with water) and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste (of the Heavenly banquet)
in the trial of death.

Communion Interlude "Élévation"

Théodore Dubois

Offertory Sentence

As this is Communion Sunday, loose plate offerings will go to the Deacons

Offertory Anthem "Gloria tibi Domine"

Jacques Berthier

Gloria tibi Domine

Glory be to you, Jesus Christ.

*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 "God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!" 365

***Benediction**

*Amen 564



Postlude "Allegro maestoso" from *Sonata II* Felix Mendelssohn

**Those who can may stand*

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

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice! 365

(Psalm 97)

1 God reigns! Let earth re - joice! Let o - ceans
 2 God's fire ig - nites the clouds with judg - ment
 3 False i - dols rise to claim the weak - ness
 4 The ra - diance of God's light beams joy in -

shout God's might! Borne up by truth and righ - teous-ness, God's
 swift and just; the e - vil find their deeds in vain; God's
 of our pride, but can - not touch the faith - ful ones, for
 to our days; now filled with God's own peace and love, our

Refrain

throne is our de - light.
 foes are brought to dust. Re - joice! Re -
 God stands at our side.
 hearts re - sound with praise.
 Re - joice!

joice! God reigns! Let earth re - joice!
 Re - joice!

The theme of rejoicing that unites Psalm 97 is fittingly emphasized here by the refrain that ties together these four stanzas. Instead of the intimacy with God celebrated in other psalms, the primary concern here is to proclaim God's power over all false gods that tempt us.

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 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.

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.

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

Communion: The Lord's Supper will be served today by intinction—you will be offered a piece of the bread, which you are then invited to dip into the cup. An individually packaged gluten-free wafer is also available. In the Presbyterian Church, baptism is a one-time event and an ongoing process. We say that all who are baptized and "instructed" are welcome to come to the Communion Table.

Today's Service: Kate Kennedy (liturgist); Kirk Howe (livestreaming); Patty Halverson, Alice Scales, Judy Schryer (ushers)

Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9; Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Next Week's Message: "God's Judgment: It's Not What You Think"

Acolytes and Water Pourers: We will have a short training for Acolytes and Pourers after worship on September 18. Contact Jenny Newman for more information.

Pouring the baptismal water and lighting the Christ Candle are vital parts of our worship service. There will be a sign-up sheet for Sundays in the narthex of the church for children and youth who are interested in being a part of the service in this way.

Training for Adult and Youth Liturgists: Next Sunday, September 18, after worship, we will have a training session for people willing to be a liturgist. Please contact Pam Howe for any questions or concerns: Howepjs@yahoo.com or 412-343-7438.

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, September 11

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

Monday, September 12

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Tuesday, September 13

C&C (7 pm, Zoom)

Wednesday, September 14

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, September 15

Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, September 17

Memorial Service for Maggie Ritchey (11 am, in-person and streaming)
AA – Turning Point (5 pm)
NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, September 18

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

Monday, September 19

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Tuesday, September 20

Earth Care Committee (7 pm, Zoom)

Wednesday, September 21

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

Thursday, September 22

Youth Group (6 pm)
Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, September 24

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

Sunday, September 25

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

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*