

Sixth Presbyterian Church

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Large Print Bulletin



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Sunday, September 18, 2022, 11:00 am
Fifteenth 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 "Adagio in G minor" Remo Giazotto

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord,
Yahweh shall sustain thee;
And never will suffer the righteous to fall;
God is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great,
and far above the heavens.
Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee!

*Call to Worship Psalm 79:8-9

Leader: Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let Your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

All: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and forgive us our sins; for Your name's sake. LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" 12

*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: Creator of the universe, casualty of our sin, breath of life, we come trembling before You, for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for You. We have squandered Your trust and grieved Your heart with our betrayals. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us and forgive our sins, for Your name's sake.

Silent Confession

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

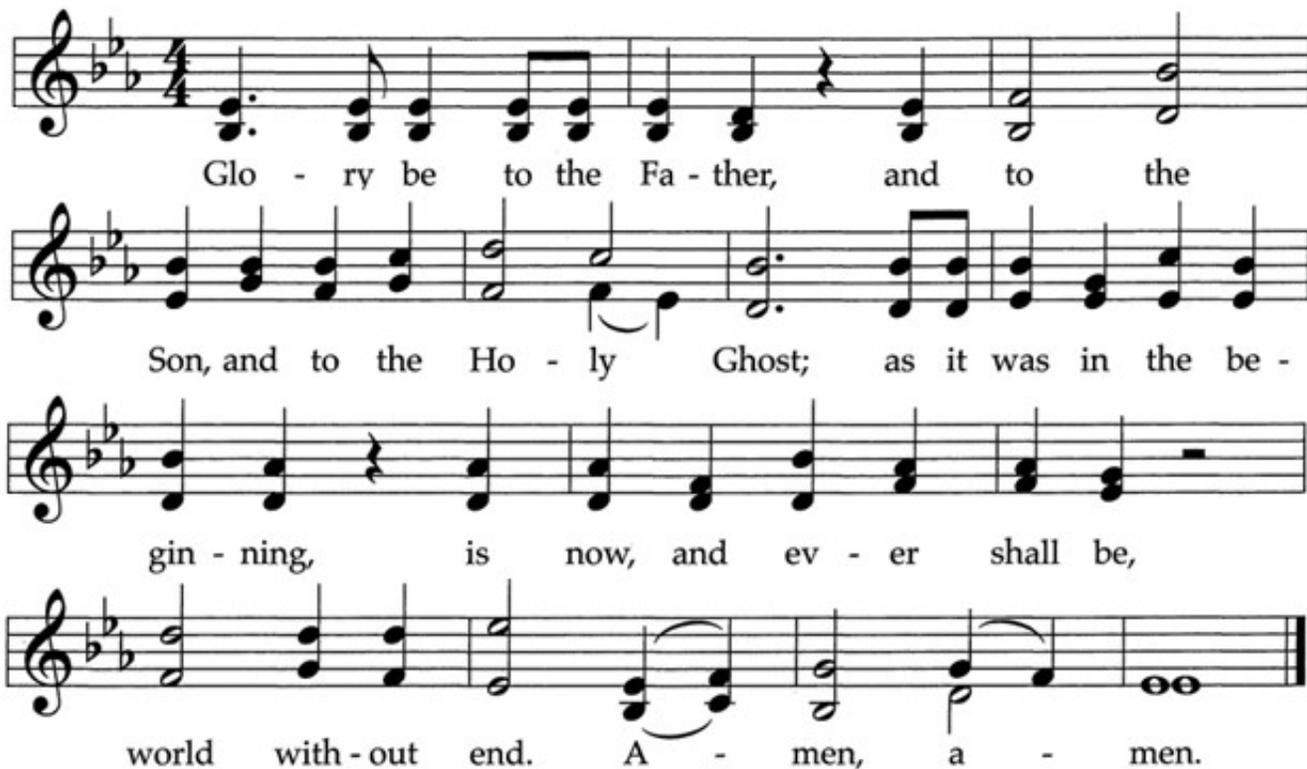
The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.



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 the CROP Walk

Lauren Ward

Prayer for Illumination

All: God of Life, by the power of Your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with Your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with Your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. AMEN.

Epistle Reading

I Timothy 2:1-7 (pg. 251)

*Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13 (pg. 96)

Hebrew Reading

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (pg. 868)

Sermon

"God's Judgment: It's Not What You Think"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

*Hymn

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967, 9.11

All: We trust that Jesus Christ is the judge of all. His judgment discloses the ultimate seriousness of life and gives promise of God's final victory over the power of sin and death. To receive life from the risen Christ is to receive life eternal; to refuse life from Christ is to choose to live a life separate from God and what God intends. All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgement without fear, for the judge is their redeemer.

Pastoral Prayer

All: ...God in Your mercy, 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

"Prayer to Jesus"

George Oldroyd

Jhesu, since Thou me made and bought,

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1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

Be Thou my love and all my thought,
And help that I may to Thee be brought,
Without Thee I may do nought.

Jhesu, since Thou must do Thy will,
And nothing is that Thee may let,
With Thy grace my heart fulfil,
My love and my liking in Thee is set.

Jhesu at Thy will I pray that I might be,
All my heart fulfil,
with perfect love to Thee.

That I have done ill Jhesu forgive Thou me,
And suffer me never to spill

Jhesu for pity
Amen.

*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

"O God of Every Nation"

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*Benediction

*Amen

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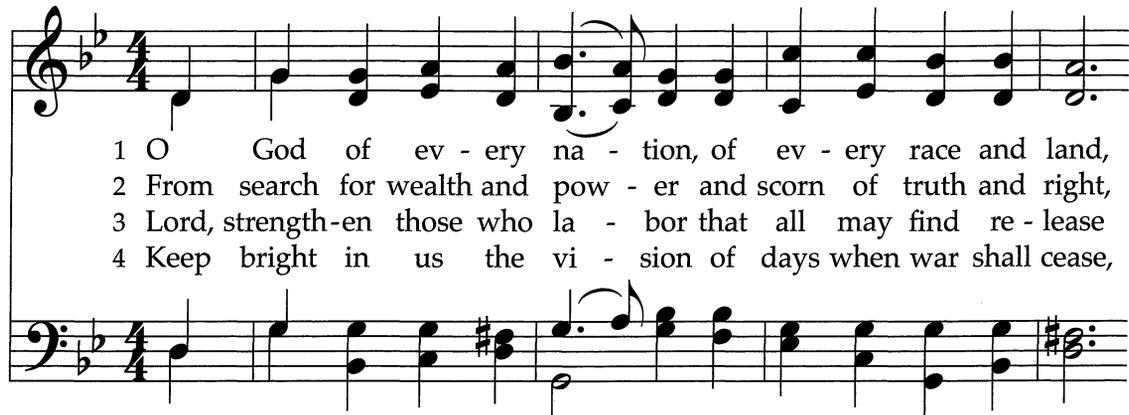
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"Fantasia"

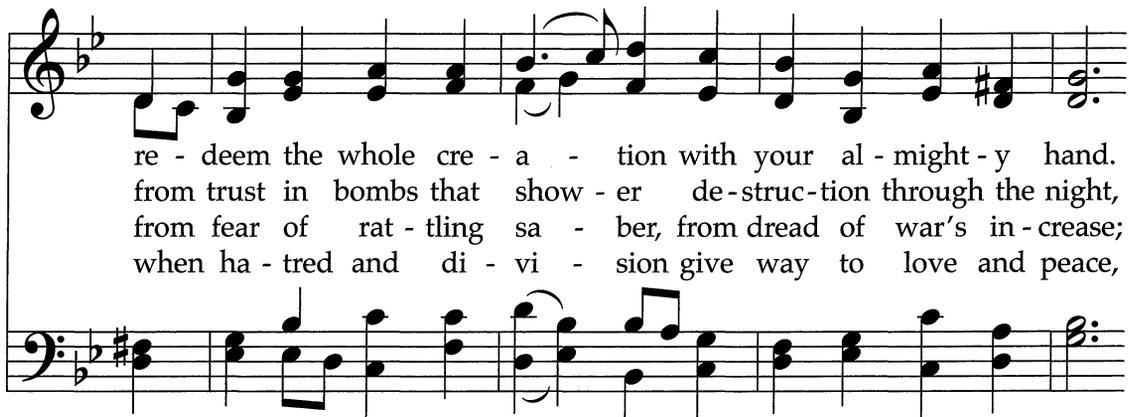
Johann Krebs

*Those who can may stand

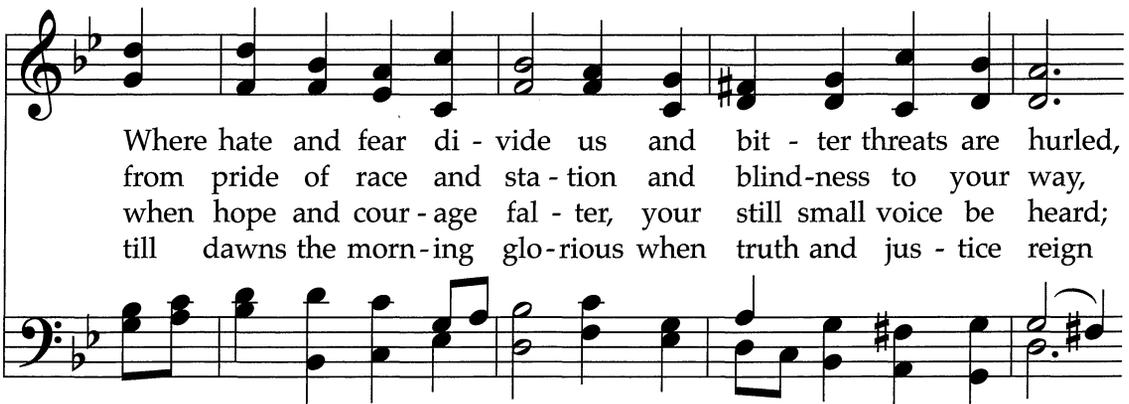
O God of Every Nation 756



1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

CROP Hunger Walk



**We walk
because
they walk.**

Paul Jeffrey/ACT-CWS

**WALK! GIVE! Pittsburgh East CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, October 9, 2:00 p.m.**

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/>

[2022/team/sixth-presbyterian-church-of-pittsburgh](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/sixth-presbyterian-church-of-pittsburgh)

HOPING FOR PEACE

A dusty camp is home for more than 20,000 people displaced by the violence in the arid Darfur region of western Sudan. Homes destroyed and family members killed, they've fled to the camp for a measure of security. A CWS-supported community center inside the camp is enabling people to help each other overcome their traumatic experiences.

"The whole community is suffering," Amina says. She and her extended family came to the camp after their village was attacked. A mother of four, Amina works as a volunteer at the center. "The center brings people together. People can talk to each other and forget the difficulties they have gone through."

The center offers livelihood activities for women such as weaving grass mats, sewing, and making pasta. The men are involved in heavier work — building beds, for example. These projects allow people to earn money to buy food and other essential items for themselves. CWS supports community centers in 11 camps in Darfur, providing for the basic needs of uprooted families in the region.

A Little Help Can Make a Big Difference

\$25 — can provide blankets to a family of 5 displaced by violence or natural disaster

\$50 — can provide oral rehydration therapy for 55 children suffering from diarrhea — a deadly disease to children in the developing world

\$100 — can provide a micro-credit loan to a woman trying to start a business to support her family

\$200 — can provide a water buffalo to a farming family struggling to increase their farm production

Together, we can make a difference!
Join the CROP Hunger Walk or contribute to a Walker.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

CWS/CROP Regional Office toll-free 888-CWS-CROP (888-297-2767)

www.churchworldservice.org

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

Today's Service: Jane Fox (liturgist); Greg Winner (livestreaming); Bill Beggs, Carol Beggs, Ray Dittner (ushers)

Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Next Week's Message: "Not Our Consolation, Our Opportunity"

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.

Memorial to the Lost / Volunteers Needed: From October 25-November 9, the Gun Safety Committee will be hosting a memorial display on the church grounds. The display is of about 80 t-shirts, each having the name, date, and age when the person was killed by gun violence in Allegheny County in the past year. Our goals are to bring awareness to the magnitude of gun violence in our own community and to seek gun safety legislation. Contact Lori Swensson (lori.swensson@gmail.com) or other members of the committee to sign up to volunteer to help with the memorial display or sign letters to elected officials!

Blessed Be Educators Annual Prayer Breakfast: On Saturday, October 1, at 9:15 am at the Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill, Blessed Be Educators will have their annual prayer breakfast at TK time. The guest speaker will be Orthodox Priest Father Paul Abernathy, Founder & CEO of the Neighborhood Resilience Project in The Hill District. Paper tickets are \$10 and electronic tickets are \$10.73. Contact Mary Ann Hvyzdos (mahvizdos@verizon.net) for tickets and more information.

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

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)

Monday, September 26

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

Youth group (6 pm, zoom)
Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, October 1

IDG (10 am)
AA – Turning Point (5 pm)
NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, October 2

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*

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Harry Kirk, *Building Administrator*

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