

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 2, 2022, 11:00 am  
World Communion 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 "Adagio in D-flat" Franz Liszt

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "Take, O Take Me As I Am" John L. Bell

Take, O Take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

\*Call to Worship Lamentations 3, Psalm 137

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

**All: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

**All: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

**All: Let us remember the joy of the Lord and sing a new song together!**

**LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*Hymn "God Is Here!" 409

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**All: Almighty God, Mother of mercy, Father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, O God. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and send us from this table as servants of Your righteousness, by the power of Your Son, our Lord. AMEN.**

Silent Confession

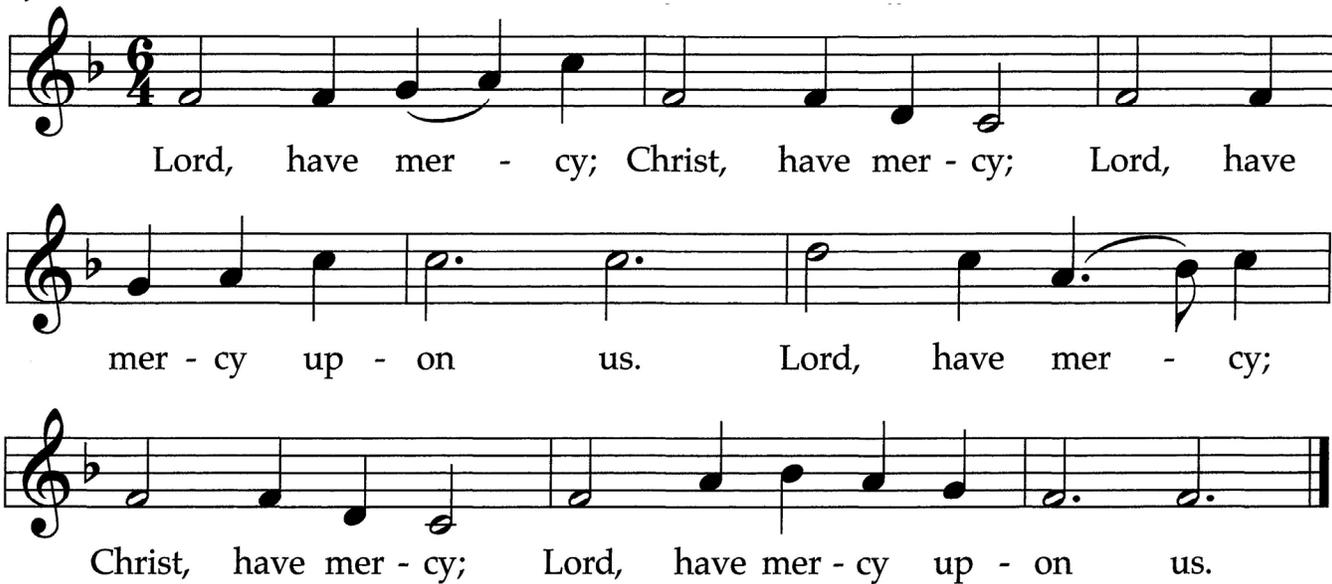
## God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

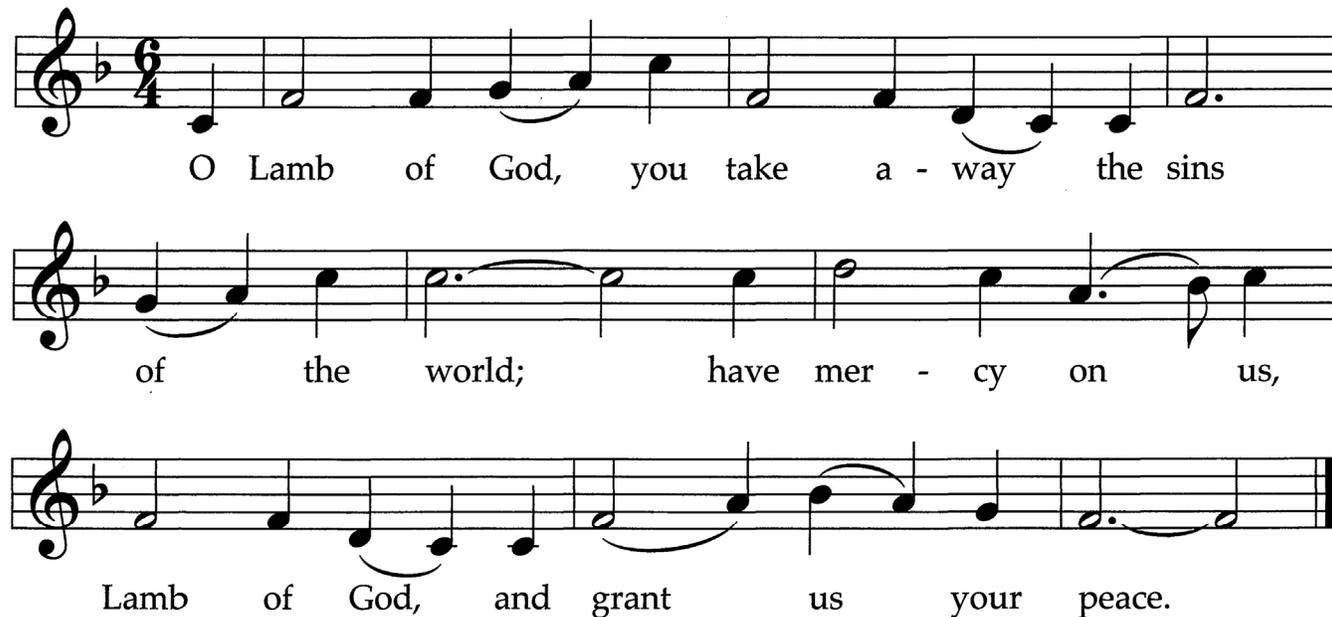
Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.



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

## Assurance of Pardon

## \*Gloria "O Lamb of God" 555



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins  
of the world; have mer - cy on us,  
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

## 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.**



# O for a World

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef, also with a key signature of one sharp and a 3/4 time signature, providing a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,  
where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; 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 "O Taste and See"  
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
blest is the one that trusteth in God.

R. Vaughan Williams

## Offertory Sentence

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

## Offertory Anthem

"In Love You Summon"

John L. Bell

In love you summon, in love I follow,  
living today for your tomorrow.

Christ to release me, Christ to enfold me,  
Christ to restrain me, Christ to uphold me.

## \*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

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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## \*Benediction

## \*Amen

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A - men, a - men, a - men.

## Postlude

"Caprice sur les grands jeux"

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

*\*Those who can may stand*

## For the Fruit of All Creation 36

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

## 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.

**Coffee Hour:** We will be having Coffee Hour after worship on the first Sunday of each month

**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:** Surprise!, Malakai Whipple (acolyte and water pourer); Kate Davoli (liturgist); Kirk Howe (livestreaming); Sara Berg, Mary Lang, Amy Whipple (ushers)

**Next Week's Readings:** Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

**Next Week's Message:** "Gratitude: An Improvisation"

**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.

**Plastics Recycling Carshare:** Do you have plastics that aren't recyclable curbside building up in your home? Did you know that Michael's Brothers takes all plastic numbers 1-7? Kathi Robinson-Dassel has volunteered to bring a load of plastics from our church on Sunday, October 16th. If you would like your plastics to be included, please bring them on the 16th or arrange with Kathi by email at bobkat81@comcast.net. Please message Kathi ahead of time so that she knows how much plastic you have for her. Separate your plastics as follows: Plastics number One and Two need to be separated from each other and everything else. All other plastics, 3-7, can be combined in the same container. Please put your plastics in paper bags or cardboard boxes and clearly label them with your name and what kind of plastic it

is. If you'd like to take a turn hauling plastics to Michael's Brothers, talk to anyone in Earth Care or email Cosy at [cosyknitsliterally@gmail.com](mailto:cosyknitsliterally@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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!

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

### **Sunday, October 2**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

More Light (12 pm, Parlor)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

CROP Walk (2 pm)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

### **Monday, October 3**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Monday, October 10**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, October 5**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### **Wednesday, October 12**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Deacons (7 pm)

### **Thursday, October 6**

Youth Group (6 pm)

Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

### **Thursday, October 13**

Youth Group (6 pm)

Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

### **Saturday, October 8**

AA – Turning Point (5 pm)

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Saturday, October 15**

AA – Turning Point (5 pm)

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, October 9**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am)

### **Sunday, October 16**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

## **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*