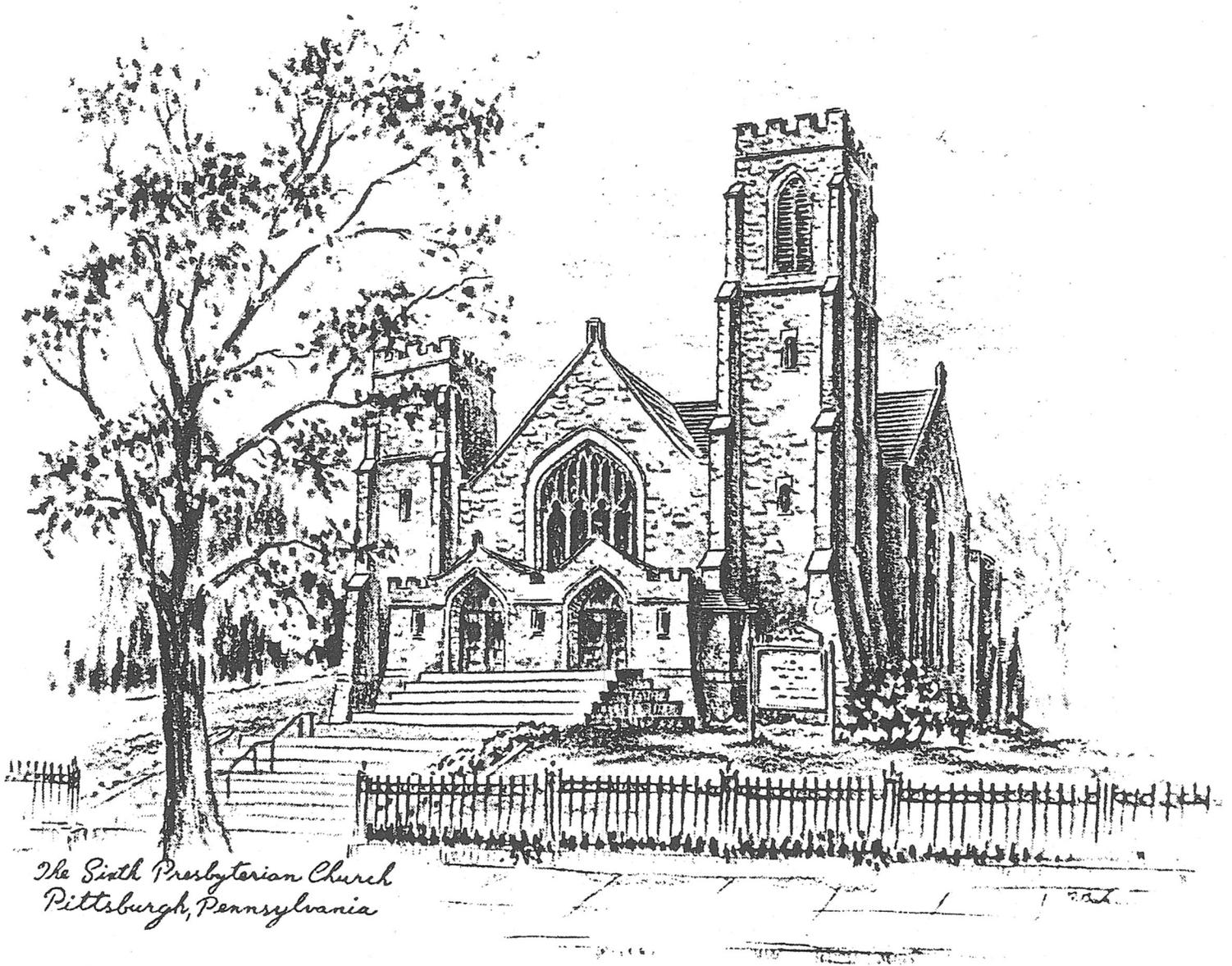


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Sunday, October 16, 2022, 11:00 am
Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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 "Invocation, op. 43/7" Rachel Laurin
"Chorale et Variations, op. 43/9" Rachel Laurin

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes" Scottish Psalter, 1615

I to the hills will lift my eyes;
from whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord alone,
who heaven and earth has made.

God will not let your foot be moved;
your guardian never sleeps;
God's watchful and unslumbering care
protects and safely keeps.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord,
your shelter and your shade.
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night,
you shall not be afraid.

From evil God will keep you safe,
provide for all you need.
Your going out, your coming in,
God will forever lead.

*Call to Worship Jeremiah 31; II Timothy 3; Luke 18

Leader: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart;

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart.

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart.

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I

hear their cries day and night.
LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

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*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on Your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep Your Word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from Your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than Yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following You; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in Your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of Your justice. Turn our hearts to Your commandments and Word of grace. Do not remember our sin but remember Your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

Sung twice

SM1

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria

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Sung once in unison and twice in canon: Lectern side leads in round; Pulpit side joins after two measures.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan - der-ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

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 "Love Will Win" Stewardship Campaign

Marnie Bertolet

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, the words of Scripture are God-breathed words-inspired by You and given life through the power of Your Holy Spirit. By Your Spirit breathe Your Word into us, so that we become proficient in the language of faith and equipped to proclaim the message we receive, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. AMEN.

Hebrew Reading

Genesis 32:22-31 (pg. 37)

Epistle Reading

II Timothy 3:14-4:5 (pg. 260)

*Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8 (pg. 99)

Sermon

"So We Do Not Lose Heart"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

*Hymn

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

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*Affirmation of Faith

All: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls people to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Pastoral Prayer

All: ...God of mercy, hear our prayer.

470 There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain

Dm All *Gm* *C* *F*

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for

Bb *Gm7* *A* *A7*

you to re - veal your - self to us.

Dm *Gm* *C* *F*

There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we

Bb *Gm7* *A7* *Dm* (*hold last time*) *Fine*

on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All

Dm *Gm* *C7* *F* *Bb* *Gm*

1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole-ness,	for new life:
4 Lord save us,	take pit - y,	Light in our

A *A7* *Dm* *Gm7* *C7* *F*

hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
dark - ness.	We call you;	we wait:

Bb *Gm7* *A* *Dm* *to Refrain*

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

The refrain that frames this sung prayer describes why we pray, and the stanzas indicate what we pray for. These requests are not for possessions but for qualities and conditions we hope for in the world around us, and they emerge from the changing circumstances of our lives.

**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 "Hide Not Thou Thy Face From Us"

Richard Farrant

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee
and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake,
deliver us from all our sins.

*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

"I the Lord of Sea and Sky"

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*Benediction

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.



Postlude

"Toccata in E minor, P. 462"

Johann Pachelbel

**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).

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

Today's Service: Surprise!, Charlotte Harcar (acolyte and water pourer); Kathi Robinson-Dassel (liturgist); Kirk Howe (livestreaming); Bill Beggs, Carol Beggs, Tom Twiss (ushers)

Next Week's Readings: Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65; Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 and Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Next Week's Message: "Wow. Thanks. Help."

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, October 16

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

NA – Men's Meeting

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, October 17

Lazarus Fund (7 pm, Zoom)

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Monday, October 24

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Tuesday, October 18

Earth Care Committee (7 pm, Zoom)

Wednesday, October 26

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Session (7 pm)

Wednesday, October 19

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, October 27

Tree of Life Remembrance (4 pm, Prospect Dr, Schenley Park)

Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Thursday, October 20

Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Friday, October 28

Youth Halloween gathering (6:30 pm)

Friday, October 21

Awaken Pittsburgh (9 am, Chapel)

Saturday, October 29

AA – Turning Point (5 pm)

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Saturday, October 22

AA – Turning Point (5 pm)

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, October 30

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

Memorial to the Lost (2 pm)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Sunday, October 23

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am)

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*

MEMORIAL TO THE LOST



T-SHIRT DISPLAY AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2 PM
SIXTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We come together as one community of faith to honor those lost to gun murders and to demand stronger and effective gun laws and regulations.

This Gun Violence Awareness Day is working to end gun violence, support sensible gun laws, and eliminate illegal handguns from our community

