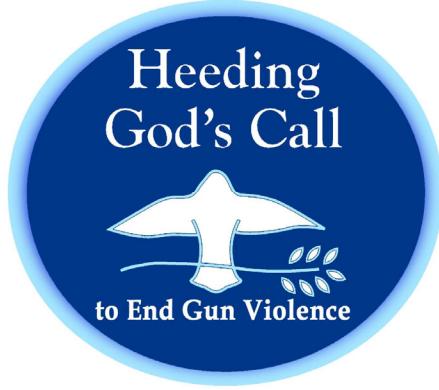


Memorial to the Lost Remembrance Service



**Sixth Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 30, 2022, 2 pm
Memorial to the Lost Remembrance Service**

Prelude	"Herzliebster Jesu, op. 122/3"	Johannes Brahms
Words of Welcome		
Introduction of People of Influence in Gun Violence Prevention		
Memorial to the Lost, A Brief History		Marilyn Mulvihill
Gospel Reading		Matthew 5:3-10
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.		
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.		
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.		
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.		
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.		
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.		
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.		
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.		
Taize Chant	"Live in Charity" (4x)	
Live in charity and steadfast love: Live in charity; God will dwell with you.		
Community Leaders		
A Mother's Experience		Crystal Coates
Necrology		

Musical Meditation

"God We Have Heard It"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, text
Johann Crüger, tune ("Ah, Holy Jesus")
Chelsea Cockburn, soloist

God, we have heard it, sounding in the silence:
News of the children lost to this world's violence.
Children of promise! Then without a warning,
Loved ones are mourning.

O God, you came to bear our human sorrow;
You came to give us hope for each tomorrow.
You are our life, Lord God's own love revealing.
We need your healing!

Heal us from giving weapons any glory;
Help us, O Prince of Peace, to hear your story;
Help us resist the evil all around here;
May love abound here!

By your own Spirit, give your church a clear voice;
In this world's violence, help us make a new choice.
Help us to witness to the joy your peace brings,
Until your world sings!

Written on the day of the shootings in Columbine and used after other school shootings

Litany of Remembrance

Leader: At the rising of the sun and it's going down

P: We remember them.

L: At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter.

P: We remember them.

L: At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of the spring.

P: We remember them.

L: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of the summer

P: We remember them.

L: At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn.

P: We remember them.

L: At the beginning of the year and when it ends.

P: We remember them.

L: As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us.

P: We remember them.

L: When we are weary and in need of strength.

P: We remember them.

L: When we are lost and sick at heart.

P: We remember them.

L: When we have joy we crave to share

P: We remember them.

L: When we have decisions that are difficult to make.

P: We remember them.

L: When we have achievements based on theirs.

P: We remember them.

L: As long as we live, for now they are a part of us.

P: We remember them.

Taize Chant

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (3x)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come, and listen to me.

Litany of Commitment

Leader: In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "The calling to speak is often the vocation of agony, but we must speak."

People: Listen to our voices.

L: We speak for the voiceless of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, Uvalde, Sandy Hook, and all the other wounded cities and towns throughout this nation, for all the beloved communities torn by the ravages of gun violence.

P: Listen to our voices.

L: In the words of Dr. King, "We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late."

P: Now is the time.

L: Now is the time to rid our streets of illegal firearms, to put a stop to the straw purchasing of fire arms.

P: Now is the time.

L: With homage to Dr. King, we say, "Let us begin. Let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter struggle for a new world."

Listen to our voices.

P: Now is the time.

Closing Hymn "If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, text
"Though I May Speak," tune

If we just talk of thoughts and prayers
And don't live out a faith that dares,
And don't take on the ways of death,
Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.

If we just dream of what could be
And do not build community,
And do not seek to change our ways,
Our dreams of change are false displays.

If we just sing of doing good
And don't walk through our neighborhood
To learn its hope, to ease its pain,
Our talk of good is simply vain.

God, may our prayers and dreams and songs
Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs —
That works for peace and justice, too.
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.

Written after the church shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas

A Franciscan Benediction

Postlude

"CHORALE: 'Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan'"

Franz Liszt

from *Variationen über das Motiv von Bach*, S. 180



MEMORIAL TO THE LOST

More than 110 people died by gun violence
in Allegheny County since Oct. 2021