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Sunday, November 13, 2022, 11:00 am Twenty-Third 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	"Fantaisie" from 24 Pièces, op. 6	Jean Langlais
Welcome and Announcements		
Peace Candle		
Introit Sicut cervus desiderat ad for Ita desiderat anima mea ad t	L	Giovanni Pierluigi da Paletrina
Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, So longeth my soul after thee, O God.		
*Call to Worship Psalm 98 Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.		
All: God has made known the divine victory; God has revealed vindication in the sight of the nations.		
Leader: God has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.		
All: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. LET US WORSHIP GOD!		
*Hymn	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	611
*Prayer of the Day		

Prayer of Confession

All: God of peace we confess that we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess that we have ignored Your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in You.

Silent Confession



This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.



Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria

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



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: Remembering that some of our church family is watching the livestream, let us first turn to the cameras and say, "Peace be with you!" (*Turn and offer the peace*.) 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.**

Prayer for Illumination

All: God of earthquake and the silence, quiet in us any voice but Your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for Your new creation.

*Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19 (pg. 103)

Sermon

"Love Will Win"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

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Isabel Inez Shifflet Ruling Elder Kathi Robinson-Dassel

Question to the Parents

Question to the Congregation

Pastor: Do we, the members of Sixth Presbyterian Church, promise to raise Isabel in the faith, to support her and her parents, as they seek to build a home of love, forgiveness, and welcome?

All: We do.

Pastor: Let us stand and affirm some of what we believe.

*Affirmation of Faith

All: We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Ruling Elder: Isabel is now received into the holy Christian church. Through baptism God has made her a member of the household of God, to share in the priesthood of Christ. I charge you, the people of this congregation, to nurture and to love her, and to assist her to be a faithful disciple.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.

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; 2019 Vatican Update



In creating this text (for which she chose this existing tune as its setting), the author wished to emphasize two themes: that God loves us before we know how to love in return, and that through baptism we become part of a worldwide family unbounded by space or time.

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 "Sing Me to Heaven" In my heart's sequestered chambers Lie truths stripped of poet's gloss Words alone are vain and vacant And my heart is mute In response to aching silence Memory summons half-heard voices And my soul finds primal eloquence And wraps me in song

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song. If you would mourn me and bring me to God, Sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure, Touch in me grief and comfort. Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem. Love me, comfort me, bring me to God. Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

*Doxology All: 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

"Let Us Build a House"

Daniel Gawthrop, Jane Griner

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Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.



*Amen



Postlude

"IV. Toccata" from Suite Gothique, op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

*Those who can may stand

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, November 13 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, November 14 NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Tuesday, November 15 Earth Care Committee (7 pm, Zoom)

Wednesday, November 16 Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, November 17 Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom) Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, November 19 AA – Turning Point (5 pm) NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, November 20 Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom) Sunday School (10 am) Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming) Chenoa Stock (12 pm, Chapel) NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm) **Monday, November 21** NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, November 23 Bible Study (10: 30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, November 24 Office Closed

Friday, November 25 Office Closed

Saturday, November 26 AA – Turning Point (5 pm) NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, November 27 Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom) Sunday School (10 am) Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming) NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

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: Lilly Harcar, Charlotte Harcar (acolyte and water pourer); Pam Bower (liturgist); Liam Greenley (livestreaming); Elizabeth Hazlett, Alice Scales, Judy Schryer (ushers)

Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Next Week's Message: "Nobody Deserved It," Rev. Charissa Howe preaching

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.

While the Pastor's Away: Rev. Kolb will be on vacation November 14-20. Rev. Natalie Hall (Church of the Redeemer) will be available in the event of a pastoral emergency. Please contact the Sixth Church office and Amy will connect you with her.

Love Will Win: Today is Dedication Sunday! By now, you should have received your 2023 Stewardship Campaign packet. If you didn't bring your pledge card (found on the last page of the campaign booklet) to worship today, please mail your completed card back to the office as soon as possible. You can also contact Amy Whipple (office@sixthchurch.org / 412-421-2752) with your 2023 pledge amount. If you have not received your Stewardship packet, please reach out to Amy. Thank you! — The Stewardship Committee.

Upcoming Visit from Mission Co-Worker Chenoa Stock, November 20

Chenoa Stock, a Mission Co-Worker of the PC (USA), will soon be visiting Sixth Presbyterian Church!

Chenoa is from Pittsburgh, PA, and is daughter of retired PC (USA) pastors, Revs. Carleton and Elinor Stock. She will be joining us in worship on Sunday, November 20th, and will share a Minute for Mission about her call to ministry. Following worship, she will present in the Chapel at 12:15 pm, to share more deeply about serving in Peru with the accompaniment program, PERUSA. She will present on the country context, past and present, as well as the ongoing ministries of our partners, as they look toward post-pandemic times. Come and join to learn more about Peru and what God is doing through our global partners there. If you'd like to support Chenoa and her accompaniment of this ministry, please consider giving at this website: https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/chenoa-stock/

See you on the 20th!





The Chamber Orchestra of Pittsburgh will host the return of the Joy Ike for two performances: Saturday, December 3, 7:30pm at Rodef Shalom and Sunday, December 4, 3:00pm at Sixth Presbyterian.

A highly gifted pianist as well as a composer, Ike will perform from her repertoire that has been featured on NPR, which celebrated her as "a truly compelling" performer. The program will also include Edvard Grieg's *Holberg Suite* and George Gershwin's *Lullaby for Strings*.

Ike's recent work includes a project to spread the joy of Mr. Rogers's "Won't You Be My Neighbor" as well as the reflective composition "Wearing Love." "Wearing Love is my response to 2020," says Ike. "In the blackhole of identity politics, social media wars, and our country's polarizing responses to racial injustice, this song is a response and a challenge to come up higher and do better, to wear love better than we wear our pride, or our political affiliations."

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students, and are available online at www.copgh.org.These performances have been made possible in part through the generous support of the Small Arts Initiative of the Heinz Endowments and the Hillman Foundation.

For more information:

The Chamber Orchestra of Pittsburgh: http://www.copgh.org/ Joy Ike: https://www.joyike.com/ Joy Ike, "Wearing Love": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_na7ByjxMT8&t=23s Joy Ike, "Won't You Be My Neighbor": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eU9Au3cVTk0