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Sunday, September 19, 2021, 11:00 am
Seventeenth Sunday after 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

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" Carolyn Jennings

*Call to Worship Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are the people

All: Who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that they follow, or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.

Leader: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

All: And they meditate on God's law day and night.

Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

All: But the way of the wicked will perish.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" 643

*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession


All: God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us Your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray.

Silent Confession

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1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

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 and Commitment To Pass the Peace

*Gloria

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Moment for East End CROP Walk

Pamela Twiss

Prayer for Illumination

All: Your Word is our wisdom, O God. It gives us insight, strength, and courage. Open our hearts and minds on this day, that we might receive what You want to give. Speak Lord! Your people are listening. AMEN.

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

Hebrew Reading

Proverbs 31:10-31 (pg. 753)

Epistle Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (pg. 279)

*Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37 (pg. 55)

Sermon

"Last of All"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

*Hymn

"These Treasured Children"

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*Affirmation of Faith

All: Jesus lived a truly human life. Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of rejection. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. Jesus was what we should be. He served God with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him. Jesus was what we are. Jesus was what we should be. Jesus-like is what we can become!

Pastoral Prayer

...God of mercy, hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

2019 Vatican Update

**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

"Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"

Jean Sibelius

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

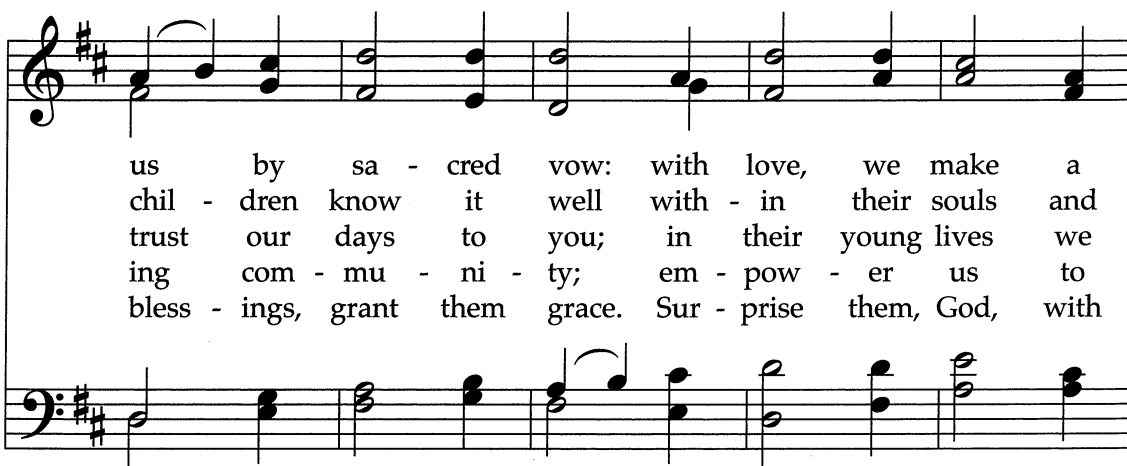
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These Treasured Children


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1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with



heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

This text emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism, most obvious in the baptism of children (though also present in the baptism of adults), including the worshiping community's commitment to acquaint children with salvation history and to learn from their humble trust.

Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Praise God, in Jesus fully known,
Creator, Word and Spirit One. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks, for God is good and God's Love is everlasting!

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**

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

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***Benediction**

***Amen**

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Postlude

***Those who can may stand**

Church Information and Announcements

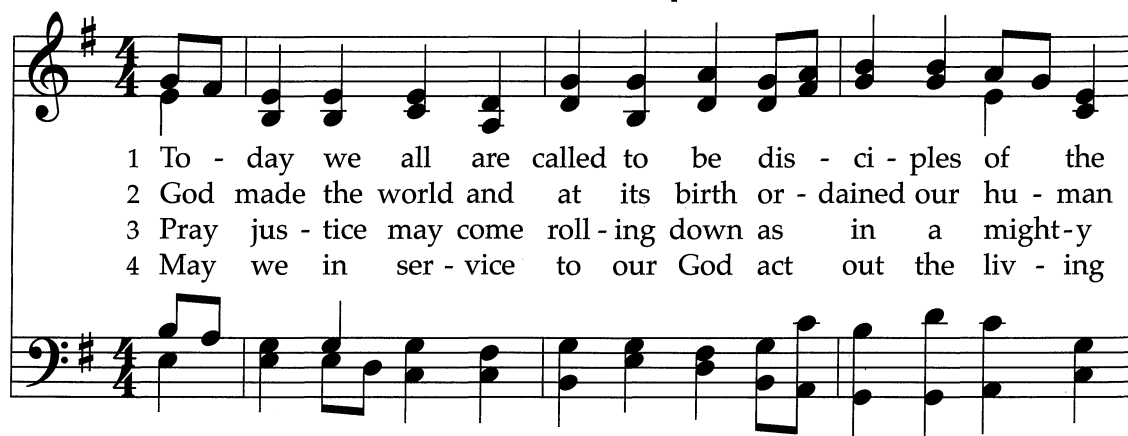
We are an open and affirming community of faith in Jesus Christ. At home in an urban neighborhood of many faiths, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. In worship, study, and fellowship, we celebrate our Presbyterian roots and find joy in our diversity. We strive for 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).

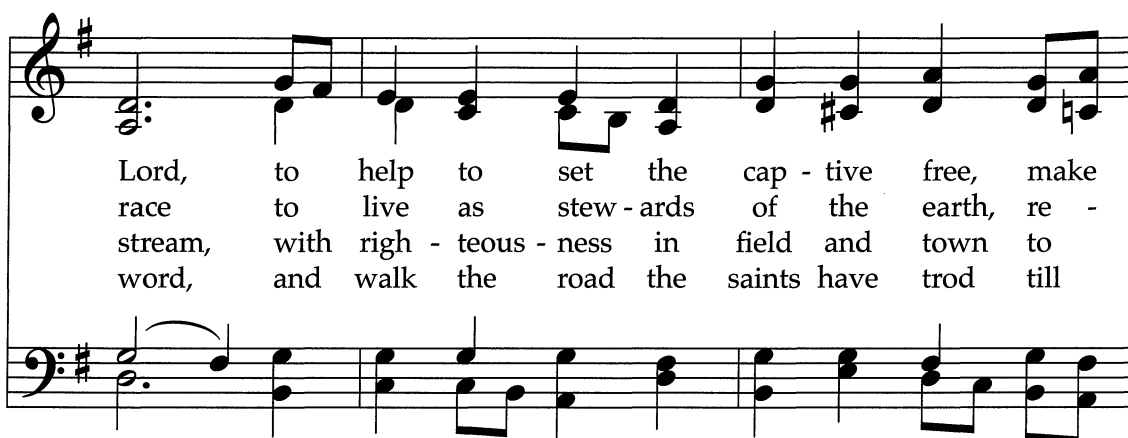
Inclusive Language: Words matter. Jesus Christ, the living Word, reached out to all people to bring them into God's fold. The kingdom of God includes all people; therefore our language should reflect the inclusivity and equality among the people of God. To that end, when possible, we seek to eliminate 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: EVERYONE is asked to wear a mask while inside the building, whether vaccinated or not.

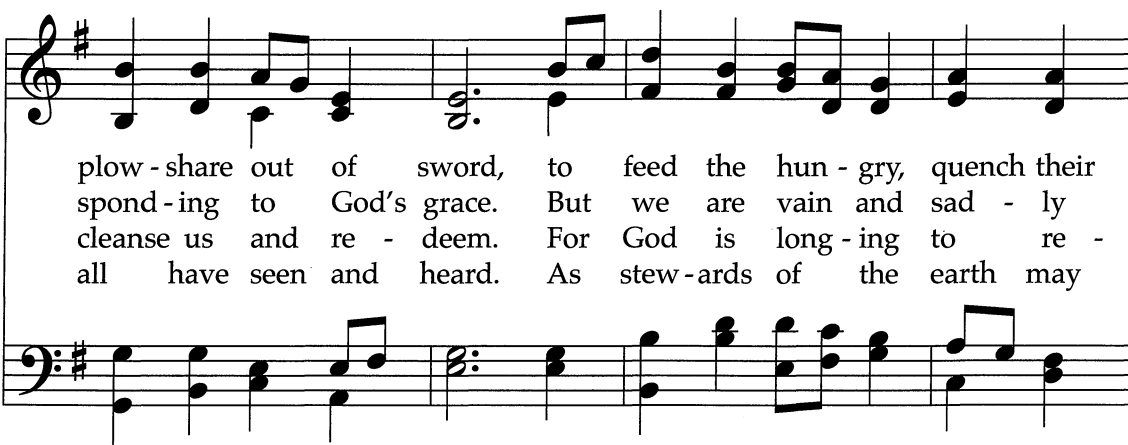
757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

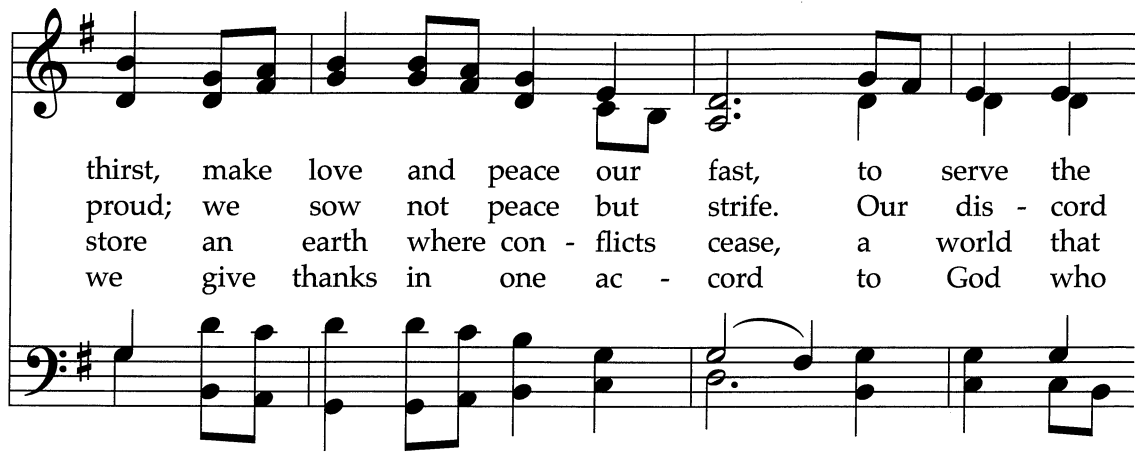


Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

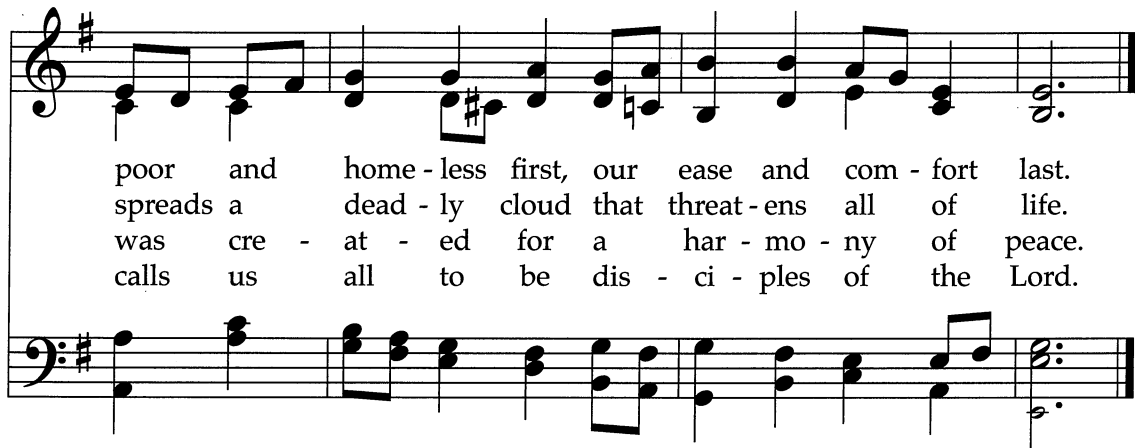


plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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.

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

Registration: We are glad for all who have come! Please fill out the friendship pad and leave it in the pew. We will use that information for contact tracing as needed.

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 for children in preschool through third grade is held during Extended Session each week during worship. Masks are required for all participants and our teachers and staff are vaccinated.

Virtual Sunday School: There are two options for virtual Sunday School. Students of all ages are invited to join Jenny Newman on Zoom to explore our weekly Sunday school lessons on Sundays at 10 am and Thursdays at 6 pm. Lessons will last about 30 minutes and links to the Zoom sessions will be sent weekly via email.

Adult Sunday School: Bill Guy's class meets Sundays at 9:30 am over Zoom. Contact Bill (whveguy46@gmail.com) 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 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, but we ask that — in order to maintain everyone's safety — children not go forward to light candles at this time.

Fellowship: We are not providing coffee or other refreshments after worship at this time

Today's Service: Phyllis Rupert (liturgist); Kirk Howe (livestreaming); Bill Beggs, Carol Beggs, Ray Dittner (ushers)

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 and to receive the Zoom link.

Next Week's Readings: Proverbs 31:10-31 and Psalm 1; Jeremiah 11:18-20 and Psalm 54; James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Next Week's Message: "Shock Therapy"

Request from the Personnel Committee: The Personnel Committee of the Session is looking for a church member with human resource, social/human service, and/or benefits expertise. Please contact our Personnel chair, Phyllis Rupert (sixthchurchpersonnel@gmail.com).

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, September 19

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

Monday, September 20

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Tuesday, September 21

Earth Care Committee (7 pm, Zoom)

Wednesday, September 22

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, September 23

Sunday School (6 pm, Zoom)
Youth Group (6:30 pm, Zoom)
Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, September 25

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, September 26

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
Worship Committee (12 pm, Parlor)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, September 27

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, September 29

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

Thursday, September 30

Sunday School (6 pm, Zoom)
Youth Group (6:30 pm, Zoom)
Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, October 2

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, October 3

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
Gun Safety Committee (12 pm, Parlor)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Introit "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" Carolyn Jennings

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.

Jean Janzen

Offertory Anthem "Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"

Jean Sibelius

Eternal God, whose power upholds both flower and flaming star,
To whom there is no here nor there, No time, no near no far.
No alien race, no foreign shore, No child unsought unknown;
O send us forth, thy prophet true, To make all lands Thine own!

O God of truth, whom science seeks And reverent souls adore,
Who lightest every earnest mind of every clime and shore;
Dispel the gloom of error's night, of ignorance and fear,
until true wisdom from above shall make life's pathway clear!

O God of righteousness and grace, Seen in the Christ thy Son,
Whose life and death reveal Thy face, By whom Thy will was done;
Inspire Thy heralds of good news To live Thy life divine
Till Christ is formed in every heart, And every land is Thine.

Henry Hallam Tweedy