

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 24, 2021, 11:00 am  
Twenty-Second 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 "Behold the Lamb of God" Paul Bouman

\*Call to Worship Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times,

**All: God's praise will continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

**All: Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

**All: Let us exalt God's name together!**

**LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" 451

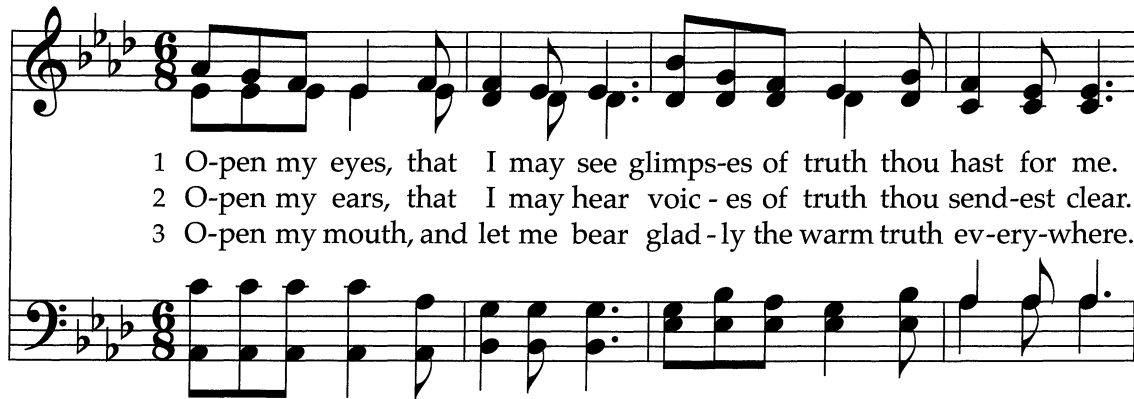
\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

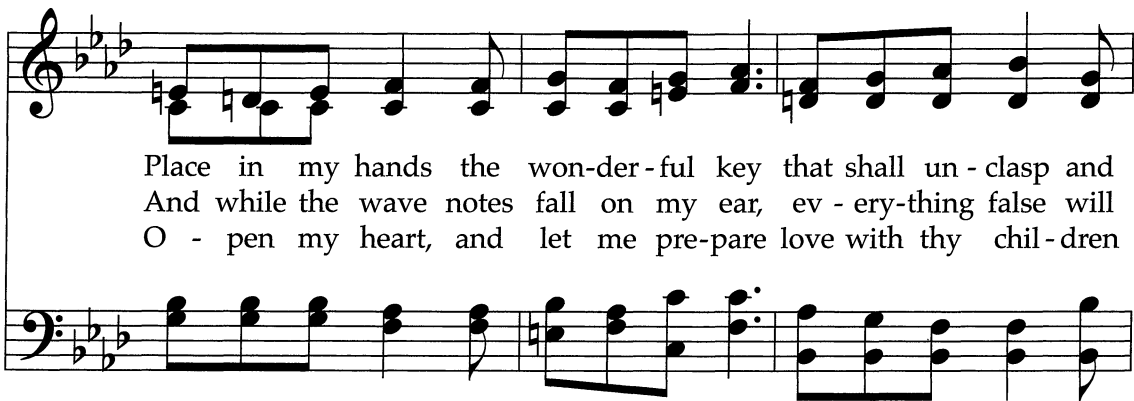
**All: Holy God, You know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be Yours. In Your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to Your earth. Forgive us for turning away from Your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Let our faults fall from Your eyes as You open ours. Hear this and answer, in Jesus' holy name we pray.**

Silent Confession

# Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.  
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

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

Assurance of Pardon and Commitment To Pass the Peace

\*Gloria

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(Cantor sings a phrase, congregation repeats)

1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!  
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!  
Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!

Moment for Stewardship

Mary Radcliffe and John Tantalo

Prayer for Illumination

**All: God of light, let Your Holy Spirit come into our darkness and open our hearts, that Your Word may show us the blessings You intend for all creation. AMEN.**

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

Hebrew Reading

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (pg. 600)

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28 (pg. 269)

\*Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52 (pg. 57)

Sermon

"Blind Spots"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

## \*Affirmation of Faith

## Declaration of Faith

**All: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept God's promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for our present struggles.**

## 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 Anthem

"The Blessed Son"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

## \*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!**

## 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).



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

### Sunday, October 24

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)  
 Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)  
 Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)  
 Worship/Reopening Task Force (12:15 pm,  
 Parlor and Zoom)  
 NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

### Monday, October 25

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### Wednesday, October 27

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

### Thursday, October 28

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

### Saturday, October 30

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### Sunday, October 31

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, November 1

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### Wednesday, November 3

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### Thursday, November 4

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

### Saturday, November 6


NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### Sunday, November 7

Stewardship Dedication Sunday  
 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)

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.



Introit

"Behold the Lamb of God"

Paul Bouman

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.

*John 1:29*

Offertory Anthem

"The Blessed Son"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The blessed son of God only

In a crib full poor did lie;

With our poor flesh and our poor blood

Was clothed that everlasting good.

Kyrie eleison. (Lord have mercy).

The Lord Christ Jesu, God's Son dear,

Was a guest and a stranger here;

Us for to bring from misery,

That we might live eternally.

Kyrie eleison.

All this did he for us freely,

For to declare his great mercy;

All Christendom be merry therefore,

And give him thanks for evermore,

Kyrie eleison.

*Miles Coverdale after Martin Luther*

## 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, vaccinated or not, is asked to wear a mask while inside the building.

**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

**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.

**COVID Exposure:** If you test positive for COVID and you have been in the building within the two weeks prior, please contact the office immediately so that we can conduct contact tracing

**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 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:** Peter Watt-Morse (liturgist); Greg Winner (livestreaming); Barb Parees, Pamela Twiss, Tom Twiss (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.

**Next Week's Readings:** Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

**Next Week's Message:** "Not Far"

**On This Road Together:** By now, you should have received your 2022 Stewardship Campaign packet. Please bring your Stewardship Pledge Card to worship on November 7 for Stewardship Dedication Sunday. If you are not able to join us in person for worship that Sunday, please mail your card back before November 7. You can also contact Amy Whipple (office@sixthchurch.org / 412-421-2752) with your 2022 pledge amount. If you have not received your Stewardship packet, please reach out to Amy. Thank you, the Stewardship Committee.

## **Session Members**

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