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Second 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 "Final from Organ Symphony No. 3" Louis Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

*Call to Worship Psalm 42:1-2,4

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for You, O God.

All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Leader: These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

All: How I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" 35

*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy One, God Most High, grant us faith to confess our sins and seek Your mercy. There are barren places in our lives where we have wandered from You. We have listened to voices who distracted us from Your call. We have submitted to powers competing for our loyalty to You. We have not taken the hand You offer to lead us out of god-forsakenness, and into Your holy ways. God our Savior, forgive us. Quench our thirst for You from the Rock of our salvation, and let Your love well up in us unto eternal life. Speak tenderly to us of Your presence. Feed us with Your Word. Deliver us from ignorance and evil. Let us enter into Your kingdom; then send us out to serve You by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, Your Son.

Silent Confession

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



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Assurance of Pardon

*Response

"Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord"



Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.



Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.



Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia!

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

*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.

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy, Holy, Holy One, Your words feed us, the Word frees us, and the Spirit gives us life. Grant our ears an appetite for hearing, and our spirits strength for loving You, and the neighbor in our midst. AMEN.

*Gospel Reading

Luke 8:26-39 (pg. 82)

Sermon

"Jesus and a Gun"

Rev. Alan Olson

*Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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*Affirmation of Faith

Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8:14

All: As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

Pastoral Prayer

All: ...God in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

2019 Vatican Update

**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

"Méditation"

L. Vierne

*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!

In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

*Hymn "God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" 543

*Benediction

*Amen "Alleluia" 586

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Alleluia". The first staff is in 3/4 time and features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, followed by a sustained chord. The second staff is in 4/4 time and features a similar melody with eighth and quarter notes, also ending with a sustained chord. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

Postlude "Canon" L. Vierne

**Those who can may stand*

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, June 19

Worship (10 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men’s Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, June 20

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Tuesday, June 21

Earth Care Committee (7 pm, Zoom)

Wednesday, June 22

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

Saturday, June 25

AA – Turning Point (5 pm)
NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, June 26

Worship (10 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men’s Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, June 27

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, June 29

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)
Executive Committee (6 pm)

Saturday, July 2

IDG (10 am)
AA – Turning Point (5 pm)
NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, July 3

Worship (10 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men’s Meeting (8 pm)

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

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: While Allegheny County is in the CDC's community level designation of medium or high, masks are mandatory while inside the building. Should you forget a mask, they are available at the entrances to the sanctuary.

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 week 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.

Extended Session: 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.

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.

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

Today’s Service: Rev. Alan Olson (guest preacher); Peter Gilmore (liturgist); Greg Winner (livestreaming); Kirk Howe (organist); Bill Beggs, Carol Beggs, Ray Dittner (ushers)

Next Week’s Readings: Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Next Week’s Message: “Holy Envy”

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.