

Sixth Presbyterian Church
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Sunday, May 31, 2026

Worship in the Park and Church Picnic



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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Graduates

*Call to Worship

O Lord, our Lord, **how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

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*Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

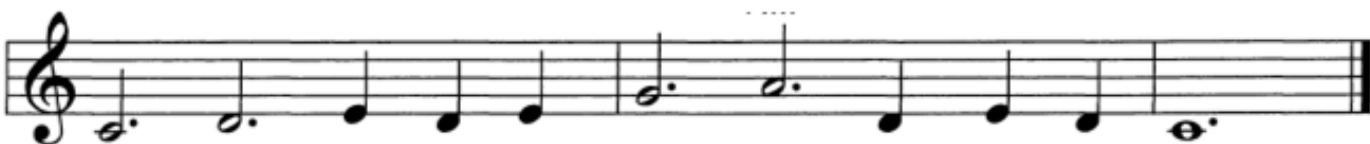
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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

*Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

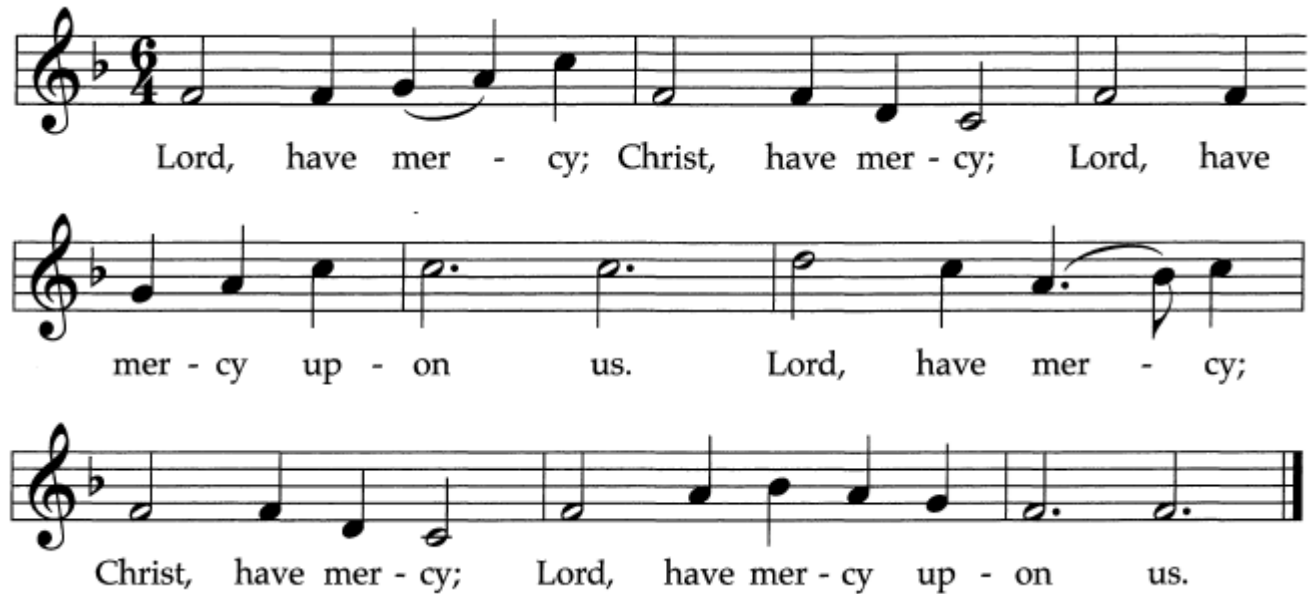
We are created in God's image, and we are called good, but too often our actions distort that image and fail to reflect goodness in this world. Let us return to who we were made to be as we confess.

Prayer of Confession

Majestic God, You have called us to live in peace, but we turn to conflict and hatred. You yearn for us to work together, but we keep finding reasons to dismiss each other. Forgive us and show us a better way to be your people, your body, your church.

Silent Confession

Kyrie, Lord Have Mercy



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

God knows who we were made to be and has been waiting to help restore us to ourselves, to each other, to community. **Thanks be to God! We are forgiven.**

*Gloria



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.

*Exchange of 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. **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1–2:3

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

*Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16–20

The Commissioning of the Disciples

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Charissa Howe

Response: Rubber Ducks

1 I’ve got peace like a riv - er; I’ve got peace like a
 2 I’ve got joy like a foun-tain; I’ve got joy like a
 3 I’ve got love like an o - cean; I’ve got love like an

riv - er; I’ve got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain; I’ve got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean; I’ve got love like an o - cean, in my

soul. I’ve got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I’ve got foun-tain, in my soul.
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Offertory Sentence

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. In grace and gratitude, let us offer up of ourselves and our resources to God in return. *As this is the fifth Sunday of the month, loose plate donations will go to the Lazarus Fund.*

For our electronic giving option, scan QR code:



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Christ, all people here below;
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“We Shall Overcome”

1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;
 2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
 3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;
 4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;
 5 God will see us through; God will see us through;

we shall o - ver - come some - day.
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 we shall live in peace some - day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 God will see us through to - day.

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Refrain

O, deep in my heart I do be -
lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

Benediction

May the peace of our Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Amen

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A - men. A - men. A - men.

**Those who can may stand*

Church Announcements

Today's Service:

Beth Hazlett, Judy Schyer (ushers)

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50501 Dignity Fest

Would you like to support our immigrant neighbors? 50501 Pittsburgh is hosting Dignity Fest, benefit concerts with local artists to support the work of Frontline DIGNITY. Frontline DIGNITY is a local, community-rooted organization committed to defending the dignity and safety of every neighbor on the frontlines of federal immigration enforcement.

The main event will be a concert at 222 Ormsby (222 Ormsby Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15210) on Saturday, June 6th starting at 2PM.

General Admission (\$10) and Raffle Tickets (price varies) can be purchased at https://www.50501pgh.com/3102876_dignity-fest or at the door.

All proceeds go directly to Frontline DIGNITY.



Summer Worship Reminder

Worship moves up to **9:30AM** next Sunday, June 7th.

Congregational Meeting 6/14

Directly after worship on June 14th, there will be a congregational meeting to elect officers, welcoming deacons and elders into ministry.

You're Invited to the Wedding of Emma Rupert and Greg Winner

While it's impossible to fit everyone at the reception, Greg and Emma would like their Sixth family to know that they are all welcome at their wedding ceremony on Saturday, June 13th at 2:30 in the afternoon here at Sixth Presbyterian Church.

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

Sunday, May 31 (after worship)

MCC (1:50-3:30pm, Parlor)

MCC Monthly Bday Party (3:30, Chapel & Kitchen)

NA- Keep Coming Back Men's Mtg (8-9pm)

Tuesday, June 2

Staff Meeting (10am, Office)

Food Justice Project (7:30-9pm, Chapel and Zoom)

Wednesday, June 3

Bible Study (10:30am-11:30am, Zoom)

Pgh Bridges OCD Support (7-9pm, Parlor)

Friday, June 5

Tri Lam (2-5pm, Parlor)

Saturday, June 6

AA-Turning Point (5-6pm)

PGH Bridges OCD Support (6-9pm, Parlor)

NA-Squirrel Hill Group (7:30-8:30pm)

Sunday, June 7

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME BEGINS

Worship (9:30am-10:30am, in-person & streaming)

PGH Pride March (12pm, LAMP lineup at Liberty Ave, between 13 & 14 street)

MCC (1:50-3:30pm, Parlor)

NA- Keep Coming Back Men's Mtg (8-9pm)

PITTSBURGH PRIDE MARCH NEXT WEEK— JUNE 7TH

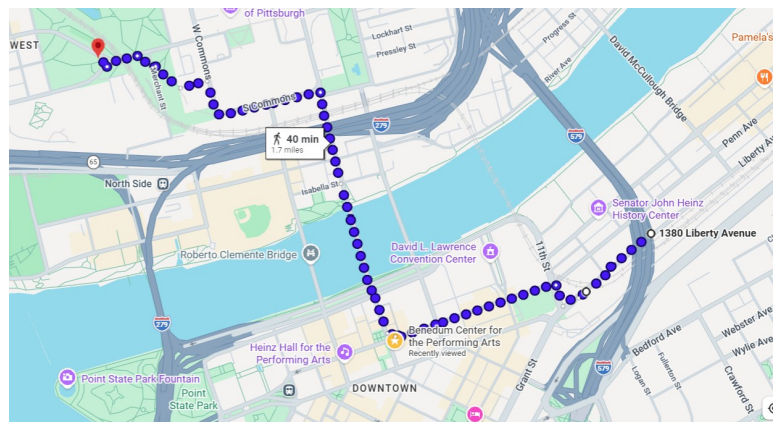


Sixth is a proud participant in LAMP – the LGBTQIA+ Affirming Ministries of Pittsburgh. We are excited to again celebrate Pride in Pittsburgh this summer! While there are many Pride events sponsored by different groups across various neighborhoods, the one Pride event LAMP will participate in this year is the Pittsburgh Pride March and Festival after worship on Sunday, June 7.

There are two ways to participate:

1. Walk with the LAMP contingent in the Pride Parade march!

The march begins at noon on Liberty Avenue and concludes at Allegheny Commons Park West where the Festival takes place. There is no need to sign up for the march! Right after worship service, bus downtown to LAMP's location in the lineup which is on Liberty Ave between 13th St and 14th St. Look for East Liberty Presbyterian's white van (shown in the group photo above).



2. Volunteer at the booth!

We need volunteers to set up, tear down, and staff the booth during the festival on Sunday, June 7.

Please visit this link to sign up :

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D44AFA82BABFE3-63762035-pride#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D44AFA82BABFE3-63762035-pride#/)



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