

Sixth Presbyterian Church

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Sunday, June 7, 2026



We gather as God's people for worship and to share the gifts, strengths, and talents of all who are here while respecting the beliefs, opinions and struggles of others as we strive to love one another as God loves us.

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Sunday, June 7, 2026, 9:30 am
2nd 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 "Poco Allegro" César Franck

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Call to Worship

We, of many backgrounds and identities, personalities, and ideas,
gather collectively in shared pursuit of the Sacred.

Together, we make up the body of Christ.

Wherever one of us is in pain,

our whole body aches.

Whenever one of us is cut off,

the whole body is wounded.

Whoever is kept away by discriminatory policies or practices or prejudices,

Our collective soul suffers the loss of their presence.

We need one another in order to be whole,

God make us the body of Christ as you envisioned.

May we become your presence enfleshed, in service to the world and one another.

*Hymn "Come Sing, O Church, In Joy" 305

*Prayer of the Day

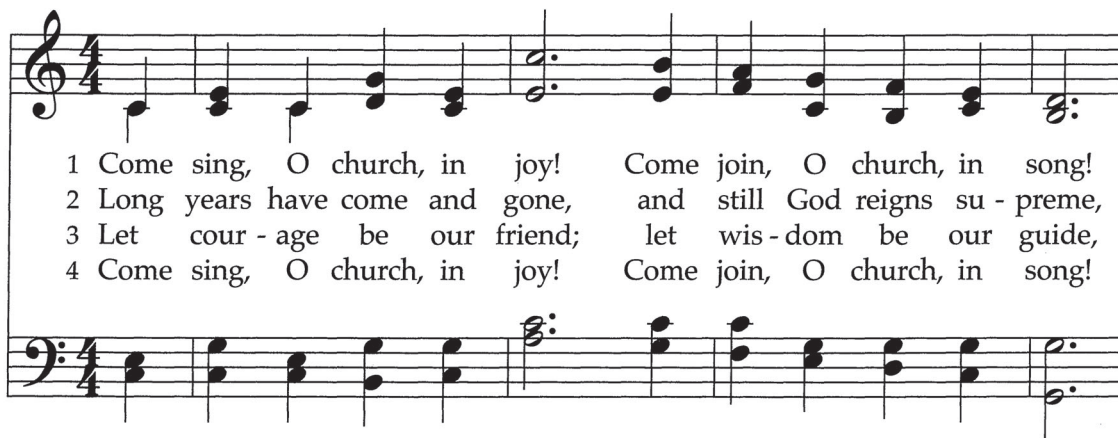
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

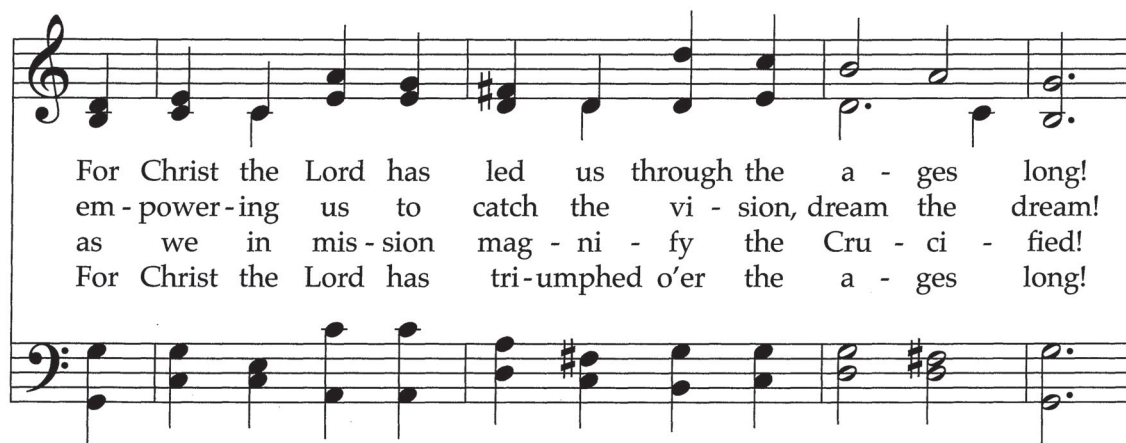
Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness. For we have not offered steadfast love to you or each other. We have not moved forward in faith, but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.

Silent Confession

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

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.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the text, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria

582, vs. 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 12/8 time. The melody is more rhythmic and expressive than the Kyrie. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first three staves contain the main text, and the fourth staff contains the concluding phrase. The piece ends with a double bar line.

*Exchange of Peace

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.

And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Wisdom, come. We long for your truth that sets the captives free.

Bring us your Word that liberates.

Quiet all that turns us against ourselves, one another, or any of your creatures and creations.

Lead us in love that mends and restores. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13–25 , p. 188

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-9 , p. 12

Response to the Scripture Readings

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,
thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Charissa Howe

*Hymn

"Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether"

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*Affirmation of Faith

*Adapted by C. Howe from A Brief Statement of Faith
and The Confession of 1967*

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in God, who in sovereign love makes everyone equally in God's image, to live as one community. We confess that the Holy Spirit creates the church as a place where all people are reconciled to God and to one another. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit sets us free to accept ourselves, binds us together with all believers, and empowers us to hear the voices of peoples long silenced. Therefore, we are sent into the world as God's reconciling community. We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful in every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: ... Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.



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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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

The Communion of the People

Communion Interlude

"Bread of Heaven"

Henry Coleman

Prayer After Communion

Offertory Sentence

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you, brothers, sisters, siblings, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord. *As this is the first Sunday of the month, loose plate offerings will go to the Deacons fund.*



For our electronic giving option, scan QR code:

Offertory

"The Feast of Love"

Eugene Englert

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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**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

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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Benediction *All are welcome to join in singing:*

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

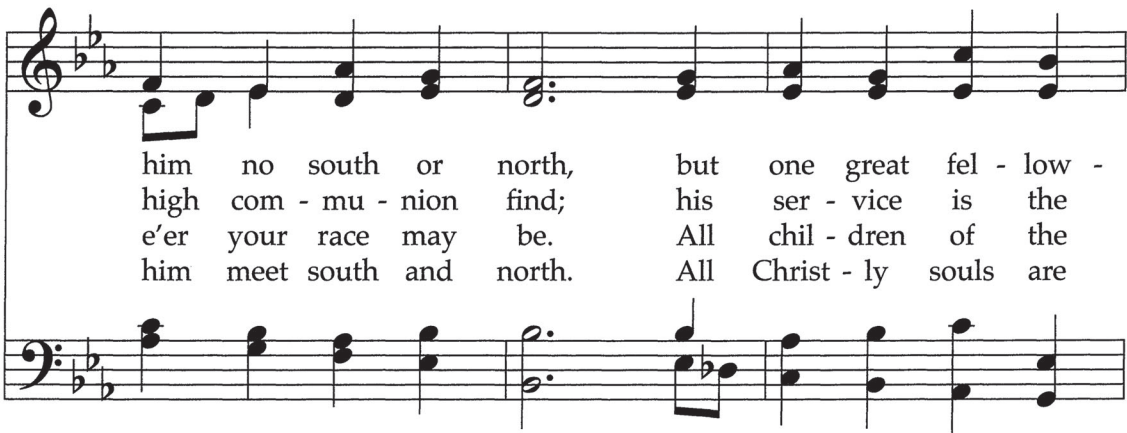


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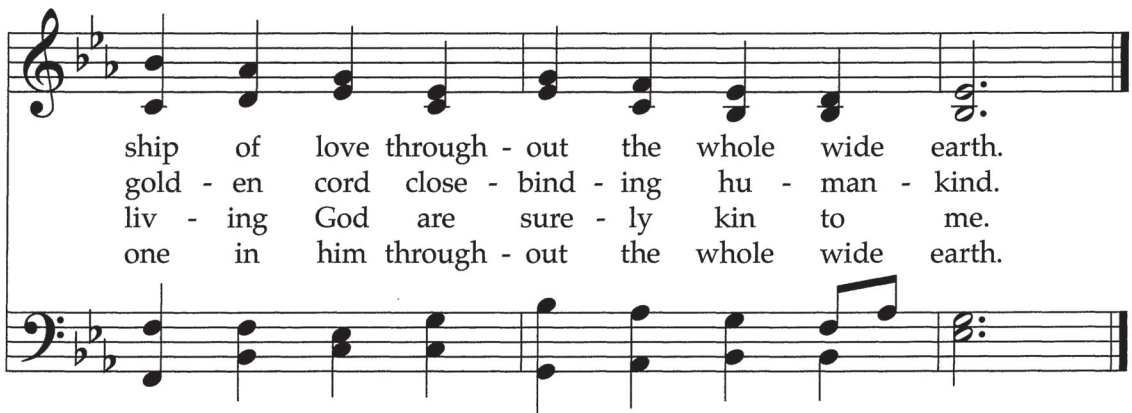
In Christ There Is No East or West 318



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.

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

Sunday, June 7 (after worship)

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)

Tuesday, June 9

Staff Meeting (10am, Office)

Wednesday, June 10

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

Deacons (7-8:30pm, Zoom)

Friday, June 12

Tri Lam (2-5pm, Parlor)

Saturday, June 13

Wedding Ceremony of Emma Rupert and Greg
Winner (2:30pm, Sixth Sanctuary)

AA-Turning Point (5-6pm)

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

Sunday, June 14

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

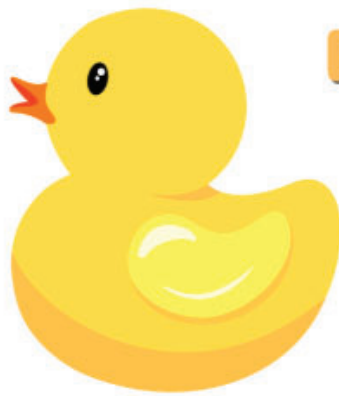
Congregational Meeting (10:30am, Sanctuary)

Coffee Hour (11am, Chapel)

Engagement Committee Mtg (11am, Parlor)

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

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



RUBBER DUCK CHALLENGE

WEEK 2: JUNE 7

**Take a prayer walk
through your
neighborhood**

Take your rubber duck on a neighborhood prayer walk to pray for your immediate community.

As you walk, observe your surroundings and pray for the health, peace, and spiritual well-being of your neighbors.

Rev. Dr. Charissa Howe, *Pastor*

Jenny Newman, *Director of Christian Education*

Shay Carter McGraw, *Music Director*

Harry Kirk, *Building Administrator*

Kelly Johnson, *Office Administrator*

John S. McCall, *Pastor Emeritus*

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