

Sixth Presbyterian Church

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Sunday, August 9, 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, August 9, 2026, 9:30 am
11th 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

"Italian Concerto BWV 971 - Presto"

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Call to Worship

With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

God has shown us what is good.

What does the Holy One require of us,

but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

*Hymn

"Come! Live in the Light!"

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*Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts.

Silent Confession

Kyrie, Lord Have Mercy

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Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

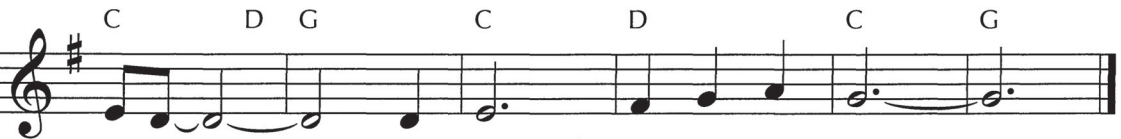
Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

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.

*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, Holy, 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

Galatians 5:22-26 , p. 233

*Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:18-22 , p. 28

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.

*Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us"

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*Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Prayers of the People

As led between petitions, all are invited to respond: God, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

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

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.

For our electronic giving option, scan QR code:



Offertory

"Rigaudon"

Elizabeth Jacquet de la Guerre

*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. Amen.

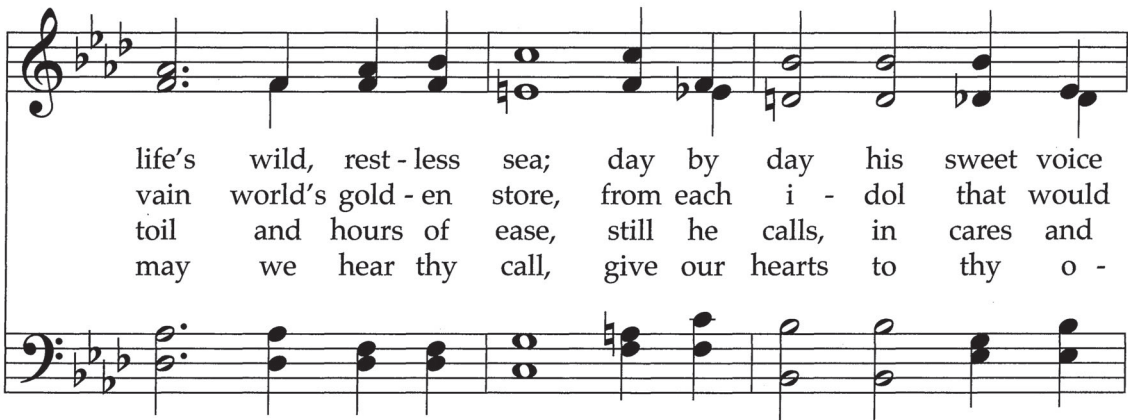
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jesus Calls Us

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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

*Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

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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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Postlude

"Rondeau"

Elizabeth Jacquet de la Guerre

Feel free to sit and enjoy the Postlude or quietly leave as you wish.

**Those who can may stand*

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



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^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



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^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



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^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



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.

Church Announcements

Today's Service:

Kirk Howe (guest organist); Pam Bower (liturgist); Eve Guyette (pastoral prayer); Liam Greenley (livestream); Alice Scales, Judy Schryer, Amy Whipple (ushers)

Liturgy resources:

- *Call to Worship*, August 9, 2026. Used by permission. © PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship, calltoworshipjournal.org
- *The Book of Common Worship*, ©2018 Westminster John Knox Press.

Coffee Hour Today

After service, join for refreshments in the chapel.

Gun Safety Action Group Meeting Today

Meet them in the parlor after worship.

Pub Theology- RESCHEDULED DATE: Tuesday, August 8

Due to illness, our first Pub Theology meet up was rescheduled for Tuesday, August 11. Join us at 7:30pm at the Squirrel Hill Café!

Matcha Monday, 8/17

Next Monday, swing by Kyo Matcha (5864 Fobes Ave) from 4-6 pm.

Volunteer Request

Short term volunteer request: looking for assistance with digitizing some old church files. Only basic computer skills are needed. Please contact the church office if available. Thank you!

Crop Walk 2026

Pittsburgh East CROP Hunger Walk: Sunday, October 11, 2pm

TO JOIN THE WALK OR DONATE:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/sixth-presbyterian-church-3>



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

Sunday, August 9 (after worship)

Coffee Hour (10:30-11:30am, Chapel)
Gun Safety Action Grp (10:30-11:30am, Parlor)
MCC (1:50-3:30pm, Parlor)
FiberArts (2-5pm, Parlor)
NA- Keep Coming Back Men's Mtg (8-9pm)

Tuesday, August 11

Weekly Staff Meeting (10am, Office)
Pub Theology (7:30-9:30pm, Squirrel Hill Cafe)

Wednesday, August 12

Deacons Mtg (7:30-9pm, Chapel)

Saturday, August 15

AA-Turning Point (5-6pm)
Pgh Bridges OCD Support (6-9pm, Parlor)
NA-Squirrel Hill Group (7:30-8:30pm)

Sunday, August 16

Worship (9:30-10:30am, in-person & streaming)
Coffee Hour (10:30-11:30am, Chapel)
MCC (1:50-3:30pm, Parlor)
NA- Keep Coming Back Men's Mtg (8-9pm)



RUBBER DUCK CHALLENGE

WEEK 11: AUGUST 9

**Reach out to
someone who might
be feeling alone**

Make a phone call, send a thoughtful text, or invite them out for a walk just to let them know you are thinking of them. Approach the conversation with empathy and a listening ear, offering a simple reminder that they are a valued friend and not alone.

**Keep Sending Us
Your Duckie Photos!**

Welcome Sunday



Attention! Attention! Mark your calendars, folks.

We return to our usual 11AM service starting August 23rd.

That day will be Sixth Church's **Welcome Sunday** where we will give a special welcome to any newly arriving college students and other visitors from the community. There will be no committee meetings or special events that day so that we're all free to socialize in the chapel after worship. You don't have to bring anything but your smile.

To be added to the church newsletter email list, request pastoral care, or for any other questions or concerns, please contact us here:



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