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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Ferriera

Call to Worship

In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began
God was.

Here and now among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of the earth for the purposes of heaven

God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment
God will be.

Let us worship God.

Hymn # 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord,
bring new life where we are worn and tired,
new love where we have turned hard-hearted,
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded,
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit
where we are the prisoners of ourselves.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response # 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

SERVICE MUSIC

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Moment with the Children

Anthem

You Are God Alone (Not a God)
Wendi Arms, solo

B. Foote/C. Foote

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Acts 17: 16-34

Sermon

“It Was a Dud”

Dr. Pete Peery

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Offering

Congregational Response # 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

SERVICE MUSIC

606

Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow

Doxology

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.'

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 686

God of Our Life

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CELEBRATING TIME

God of Our Life 686

1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

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 MUSIC: Charles Henry Purday, 1860; harm. John Weaver, 1986
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Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
McNeill Lister

GREEN TYLER

Postlude

Toccata in F

Buxtehude

Welcome to worship on this sixth Sunday of Easter. We invite you to indicate your presence by emailing Maggie Wentzky at maggiew@fpcgreer.org.

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Thank you to Wendi Arms, Lisa Dillard, Pam Turnage and Jules Ryan for sharing their musical offerings in worship.

We offer sincere appreciation to Mike Senn, JD Burch, Eddie Burch and Bob Greene for their faithful work in producing our online worship services.

As you are "being church at a distance" (worshipping, participating in service ministries, studying, in fellowship) take pictures of yourself and your family and send them to Maggie Wentzky (maggiew@fpcgreer.org) to include in worship slideshows. We love seeing you all "in worship".

Children are invited to video themselves singing the 1st verse of "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me." Please send the video to Maggie or Lisa Dillard and we will use it in worship.

Please note that we now have the capability to accept your offering via text message. Please text GIVE to 18649993612. You may also give on our website or by mailing a check to the church office.

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