



Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church

900 Country Club Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15228
shupchurch.org

10:15 am WORSHIP
November 8, 2020
Stewardship Sunday

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Learn to do good; seek justice; correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless and plead the widow's cause.

- Isaiah 1:17

The moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice.

- The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., American Minister

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Preparation

Call to Worship (from Abigail Ammapoo)

Liturgist: Debbie Edwards

Leader: Prepare your hearts for worship by hearing these words from 18th century theologian, Abigail Ammapoo - *A glorious Christ, who is the eternal Son of God, incarnate and enthroned in our Blessed Jesus, is the Redeemer of humankind.*

Hymn: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* (please hum along)

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.
2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, thy children go,
Protect them by thy guarding hand
From every peril on the land.
3. O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by thy might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by thy watchful care
From every peril in the air.
4. O Trinity of love and power,
thy children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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*Call to confession (from Abigail Ammapoo)

Hear again these words from Abigail Ammapoo - *Unto Jesus Christ's sacrifice we must repair for acceptance with God. And under Christ's conduct, we are to expect a complete happiness for our immortal souls, to which Jesus will restore our bodies when he shall come to judge the world.* Let us pray the prayer of confession. I will pray aloud and you are invited to join in silently.

*Unison Prayer of Confession (based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Loving God, we confess that we do not rejoice in all circumstances. We are far from praying continually. And you know that we do not give thanks in every circumstance. Though this is your will for us, we have failed and continue to live in broken habits. Forgive us, for the sake of your children and for the sake of your world.

(Silent Confession)

In Christ we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Siblings, rejoice and be glad! The Triune God comes to forgive, restore and strengthen us eternally in Christ Jesus. Amen!

*Response: *The Gloria* (please hum along)

Now let our voices raise; Alleluia! Amen!
To give to God our praise; Alleluia! Amen!
Mercy and grace abound! In God our lives are found!
Long may our joy resound; Alleluia! Amen

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light; ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned with his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰ Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹ "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them, and the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon. ²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

Sermon: *Let Justice Roll...*

Rev. Laura Strauss

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Reception of New Member: Lisa Ursitz Loncharich

Joys, Concerns & Testimonies

The Lord's Prayer (please read along silently)

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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

*Prayer of Dedication

*Response: *Give Thanks* (please hum along)

By: Don Moen

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks, give thanks
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DEPARTING TO SERVE

Hymn: *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* (please hum along)

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| <p>1. Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the Cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed;
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift that you impart.</p> <p>2. Still Your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.</p> | <p>3. As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light,
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.</p> <p>4. Called from worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.</p> |
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*Benediction

*Response: From *America the Beautiful* (please hum along)

America, America, God shed His grace on thee.
And crown Thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

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*Postlude

**If you are able to do so, please stand.*

Who Was Abigail Ammapoo?

Abigail Ammapoo belonged to the Pawkunnawkutt federation, a branch of the Wampanoag tribe located on Martha's Vineyard. She lived in the 17--'s, read the Bible in her native language, and was a recognized teacher in her Native American Church.

The flowers this morning have been given by the Ney family in memory of Vincent Oddo.

Happy Birthday to Jessica Brumfield (8th), Eric Stuart (9th) & Diane Van Houtte (10th)!

Stephen Ministers offer caring, Christian friendship and concerned listening to people when they need it the most. SHUP has five (5) trained Stephen Ministers; Evelyn Lape, Karen Heim, Carole McCullough, Laura Flaus & Ginny Bowman. If you would like to talk to a Stephen Minister, please contact Evelyn Lape at 412-531-9856.

Hospital visits by Pastor Laura can be scheduled through the church office. If you or someone you know is having surgery or is in the hospital, please let us know so that Pastor Laura can be there to visit and pray with you and your loved ones.

PRAYER LIST

Prayer Circle - The Daniels Family; Sean, Karin, Anna, & Allison and The Dawson Family; Terry, Lisa, Ryan & Kelly

November - the family of Mona Odendahl

October - Patrick, Amy Riley, Cara, Tom's Dad, Linda McKean, Cary Jones, Carl Moeller

Ongoing - Nancy Brumfield, Eneless Frank, Mya Kelly, Joanna, Becca, our Mission Co-Workers: Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar and their children; Cindy Anna Flor & Nathan who serve at the U.S.-Mexico Border, our sister church, Litchenza CCAP in Malawi, Africa, Pabatso Makhalanyane



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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun, Nov. 8

8:00 am Adult Sunday School - Zoom
9:30 am Special Session Meeting
10:15 am Worship - Sanctuary/New Member
11:30 am Finance Meeting - Findley Hall
11:45 am Deacon Meeting - Zoom
6:30 pm Youth Group - Findley Hall

Mon, Nov. 9

8:30 am Monday Morning Marvels
1:00 pm Findley Hall Bible Study - Zoom

Tues, Nov. 10

1:00 pm Wilson Hall Bible Study
6:30 pm Pack #65 - Crystal Hall
7:00 pm Campanile Bell Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wed, Nov. 11

4:30 pm Kid's Club - Findley Hall
6:30 pm Session Meeting - Zoom

Thurs, Nov. 12

6:30 pm Troop #65 - Crystal Hall

Sun, Nov. 15

8:15 am Adult Sunday School - Zoom
10:15 am Worship - Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Sunday Worship:** Please remember to contact the church office at sunsethillschurch@gmail.com or (412)561-6261 to make reservations for Sunday Worship.
- ❖ **Adult Sunday School:** Pastor Laura will Finish the study of *One Thousand Gifts* by Ann Voskamp next Sunday. This class meets via Zoom.
- ❖ **Findley Hall Bible Study:** The group will begin the study of *The Mission of Jesus* with Ray Vander Laan this week. If you would like more information about this study, please contact Evelyn Lape at (412) 531-9856.
- ❖ **Wilson Hall Bible Study:** This class will meet in Wilson Hall. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Carole McCullough at seamus1219@hotmail.com.
- ❖ **Kid's Club:** Kid's in K-5th are welcome to join Pastor Laura in Findley Hall on Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to learn more, please contact Pastor Laura at revlaurastrauss@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Greeters Needed:** We are in need of volunteers to be greeters for our Sunday Service. If you would like to help, please contact Maralee Williams at maraleend9094@gmail.com.