

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
(World Communion Sunday)

October 6, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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P: *Lord, remind us that the union of a man and a woman points us to the union of Christ and His Church.*

L: On this World Communion Sunday, we celebrate the profound mystery of Christ and the Church.

P: *Lord, as a man and a woman becomes one flesh in marriage, we celebrate our union with you and one another.*

*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

159

"Lift High the Cross"

*The Nicene Creed

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880

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:21-33

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

620

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:2-16

MESSAGE

Pastor 'Debo

"A Profound Mystery – Christ & The Church"

HOLY COMMUNION (see liturgy on screen)

Prayer after Communion: Heavenly Father, thank you for this holy mystery in which you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses in the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

559

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Sunday, October 6, 2024

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

11:00 a.m. SPPRC Meeting (Parlor)

5:30 a.m. Administrative Council Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)

Saturday, October 12, 2024

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024

Birthdays

1 Jan Cox

8 Mary Ann Polliard

14 John Reef, Sr.

15 Alton Currence

20 Colton Thress

Anniversaries

8 Bruce & Lura Goff

16 Jerry & Heidi Raymond

31 Dan & Diane Cochran



MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation

Media Team: Phyllis Flowers & Paul Jassogne

Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer

Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer

Custodian: Jeff Byerly

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Greg Howard

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



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Allegheny West

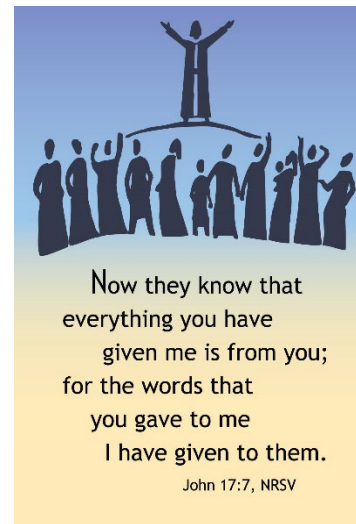
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Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo

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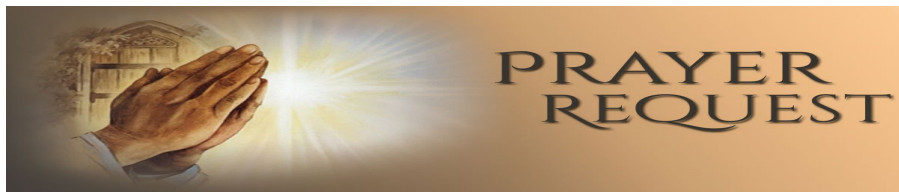
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(Scripture passages are from the New International Version (NIV) Bible unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday October 6

Scripture Reading Genesis 2:4-7, 15-25; Reflection Verse: Genesis 2:18

“The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why did God decide to give the man a suitable helper? What does this tell us?

Monday October 7

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 4:7-12; Reflection Verses: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What is the advantage in having a partner or companion according to our focus text? In what ways have you been blessed with the support of someone else? How can you show appreciation to your helper?

Tuesday October 8

Scripture Reading Matthew 19:1-12; Reflection Verses: Matthew 19:4-6

“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What was God’s original plan for marriage according to Jesus Christ?

Wednesday October 9

Scripture Reading Mark 10:2-16; Reflection Verses: Mark 10:11-12

“He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why do you think Jesus affirmed God’s original plan for marriage?

Thursday October 10

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:21-22; Reflection Verses: Ephesians 5:32-33

“This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What do understand about the profound mystery of Christ and the Church and how this relates to the marriage union? What insight can you gain from this understanding?

Friday October 11

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:18-4:1; Reflection Verses: Colossians 3:18-19

“Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What do you understand by the Bible’s instruction for wives to submit to their husbands as is fitting in the Lord? (see Ephesians 5:22-24 for more insight) How are husbands to treat their wives?

Saturday October 12

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:21-3:7; Reflection Verse: 1 Peter 2:21

“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How are we as believers called to emulate the example of Christ in all things?

Ephesians 5:21-33

Instructions for Christian Households

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing^[a] her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."^[b] ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Mark 10:2-16

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³ "What did Moses command you?" he replied.

⁴ They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

⁵ "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. ⁶ "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'^[a] ⁷ 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,^[b] ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.'^[c] So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹ He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

The Little Children and Jesus

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

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***The Nicene Creed**

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We believe in one God,

**The Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**He came down from heaven,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
And became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again

In accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son,**

**Is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in the one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
For the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Breakthrough Prayer

Amazing God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit your preferred future for Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church will be made known to us. We ask that you use us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and community. Give us the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit wherever that may take us. Open our eyes so that we may see the new things you are already doing among us. AMEN.