



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 28, 2026 | 10AM

### **Prelude**

Melodie

*Donna Amato, piano*

### **Introit**

Now Listen, You Servants of God

*SPC Summer Choir*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. G. Michael Creamer*

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: O Lord you deliver a humble people,

**People: but the haughty eyes you bring down.**

Leader: The Lord, our God, lights up the darkness.

**People: We will praise you, O Lord, among the nations;**

Leader: and sing praises to your name.

**All: Let us worship God.**

*From Psalm 18*

### **Opening Music**

**Hymn #35** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

*From the Book of Worship for Church and Home*

Almighty God, rich in mercy to all those who call upon you: hear us, we pray, as we confess our sins before you. In the presence of your love and our neighbor's need, we acknowledge our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, our neglect and indifference. We confess that we are not worthy to be called your followers; yet Lord, in your mercy, keep us as your own. Grant us true repentance and forgive us all our sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

### **Confession Response**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now,  
And ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen

### **Children's Time**

\*Children going into preschool through 3rd grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

### **Offering**

*Gifts of thanksgiving can be made physically or digitally. More info at the back of the bulletin.*

### **Offertory**

By Your Word, O God

*SPC Summer Choir*

### **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Special Music**

Liebeslied (Love's Sorrow)

*Donna Amato, piano*

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

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.

### **Responsive Music**

**Hymn #465** What A Friend We Have in Jesus

### **Prayer for Illumination**

## Scripture Reading

### Romans 8:18-28

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope, we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

*One: This is the Word of the Lord.*

***Many: Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

Too Deep for Words

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

## Closing Music

**Hymn #620** Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

*(We will receive the 4th Sunday Hunger Offering during the singing of this hymn. The offering is meant to be sacrificial, above our regular giving. Please come forward as clergy place a basket before the Communion table and place your gift. All proceeds will go to **Center of Hope Food Pantry.**)*

## Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

Liebesfreud (Love's Joy)

*Donna Amato, piano*



Your giving today helps make everything we do at SPC possible. It supports our ministers and staff, our outreach in the community and beyond, and the care of our historic sanctuary, classrooms, and Faith House. Thank you for being part of this work—every gift matters.

## PRAYER NEEDS

*\*You can find a full Prayer List with updated and continued prayer needs in the weekly church email on Thursdays.*

## Worship Participants

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport  
 Assoc. Pastor: Rev. G. Michael Creamer  
 Parish Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Barb Kennedy  
 Director of Music: Dr. Michael Hammer  
 Assistant Music Director: Rosie MacKenzie  
 Assistant Music Director of Choirs: Paul Yeater  
 Donna Amato, piano  
 SPC Summer Choir  
 Ushers: Jan Wendt, Oliver Rea, Ron Charles,  
 Pam Charles  
 Tech Crew: Rici Brockinson, Lexie Merritt,  
 Jenny Valente

## IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE?

Thank you for visiting our church this morning. We'd love to reach out to you. Let us know you were here by putting your name and contact information in one of the pew pads. We welcome you to visit our website to learn more about ways you can take part in groups, classes, and events. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Sharon Barber ([sbarber@sewickleypresby.org/412.741.4550](mailto:sbarber@sewickleypresby.org/412.741.4550)).

## Looking Ahead

**Thursday, July 2**  
Knitting for Mission  
 9:00-11:00 AM

**Friday, July 3**  
SPC Office  
 Closed

## Worship Musical Credits

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 Doxology  
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**Sergei Rachmaninoff**  
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 Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven, **Hymn #620**  
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**Sergei Rachmaninoff**

Today's flowers are given

**In Loving Memory  
 of Our Parents  
 Peter & Carol Standish  
 And Bob & Susie Kopf**

*By  
 Chris & Maggie Standish*

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