

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday)

October 27, 2024

10:30 a.m.

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

[John 14:6-7]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Liturgist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, your salvation according to your promise.

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*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

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"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Affirmation from 1st Timothy

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*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 86:8-13 & John 18:33-38

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Dr. McGuire

HYMN

"God Will Take Care of You"

130

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

Dr. McGuire

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

Ephesians 4:17-24

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Steve McGuire

"The Truth is in Jesus"

*CLOSING HYMN

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"More Love to Thee"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

Dr. McGuire

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Sunday, October 27, 2024

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

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

Saturday, November 2, 2024

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

CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER 2024

Birthdays

Anniversaries

31 Dan & Diane Cochran

CELEBRATIONS IN NOVEMBER 2024

Birthdays

6 Richard Sanders
7 Thomas Eblin
8 Anthony Wallis
9 Barbara Peters
9 Sarah Witham
11 Billie Stebelton
12 Cindy Smith
16 Keith Kern
19 Ken Disbennet
24 Nancy Strosnider
25 Sue Griffin
29 Paula Boetcher

Anniversaries

10 Lloyd & Diann Helber
12 Jeff & Sharon Byerly

MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation
Media Team: Daniel Onabanjo & Paul Jassogne
Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer
Custodian: Jeff Byerly
Pianist: Jackie Howard
Liturgist: Greg Howard
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Steve McGuire
Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



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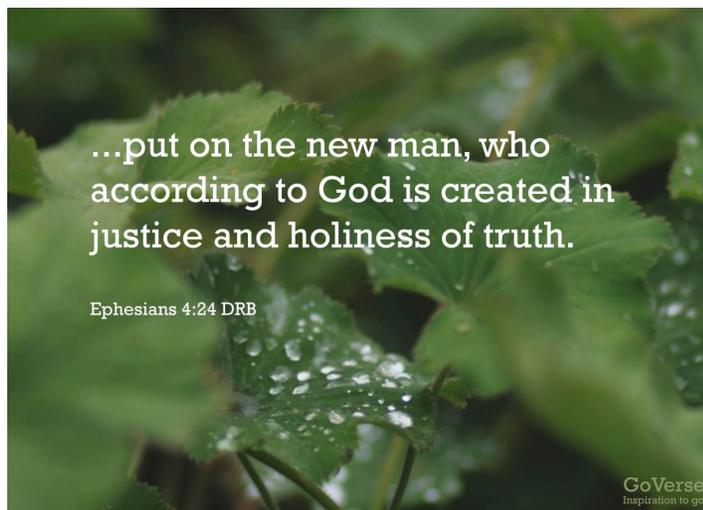
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Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

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

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (October 27, 2024 – November 3, 2024):

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

Sunday October 27

Scripture Reading Psalm 119:41-48; Reflection Verse: Psalm 119:43

“Do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your ordinances.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What do you understand by the “word of truth” mentioned by the Psalmist?

Monday October 28

Scripture Reading: Psalm 86:8-13; Reflection Verse: Psalm 86:11

“Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How are you learning to walk in the truth of God’s Word?

Tuesday October 29

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-14; Reflection Verse: John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How are you daily growing in your knowledge of Jesus as the Son of God full of GRACE and TRUTH?

Wednesday October 30

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14; Reflection Verses: John 14:6-7

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Do you know Jesus as the WAY and the TRUTH and the LIFE?

Thursday October 31

Scripture Reading: John 18:33-38; Reflection Verses: John 18:37-38

“Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Do you belong to the truth? How are you listening to the voice of Jesus?

Friday November 1

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:17-24; Reflection Verse: Ephesians 4:21

“For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus,…”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What have you been taught about Jesus who is the embodiment of truth?

Saturday November 2

Scripture Reading: John 8:31-38; Reflection Verses: John 8:31-32

“Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: I will continue in the Word of Jesus and know the truth that sets me free.

Psalm 86:8-13

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.

⁹ All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.

¹⁰ For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.

¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.

¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.

John 18:33-38

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him,
"Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴ "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

³⁵ "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed
you over to me. What is it you have done?"

³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would
fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is
from another place."

³⁷ "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

³⁸ "What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

Ephesians 4:17-24

Instructions for Christian Living

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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Leader:

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
Who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

People:

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:

**That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,
and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.**

Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. 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.