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Sunday, May 1, 2022, 11:00 am
Third Sunday of Easter

The Sanctuary is a sacred space. The choral chimes will ring three times to let you know it is time to quiet your hearts, minds, and voices to prepare for worship.

Prelude "Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen"
"Herzliebster Jesu" Helmut Walcha
Johannes Brahms

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "May Day Carol" Traditional Carol, arr. R. Vaughan-Williams
Awake, awake, good people all,
Awake! And you shall hear —
That Christ has died for our sins,
For He loved us so dear.

So dearly, so dearly has Christ loved us,
And for our sins was slain;
Christ bid us leave off our wickedness,
And turn to the Lord again.

A branch of may I have brought to you,
And at your door it stands;
It is but a sprout, but it's well budded out
By the work of our Lord's hands.

Now my song, that is done, and I must be gone,
No longer can I stay;
So God bless you all, both great and small,
And I wish you a joyful May.

*Call to Worship Psalm 30
Leader: By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

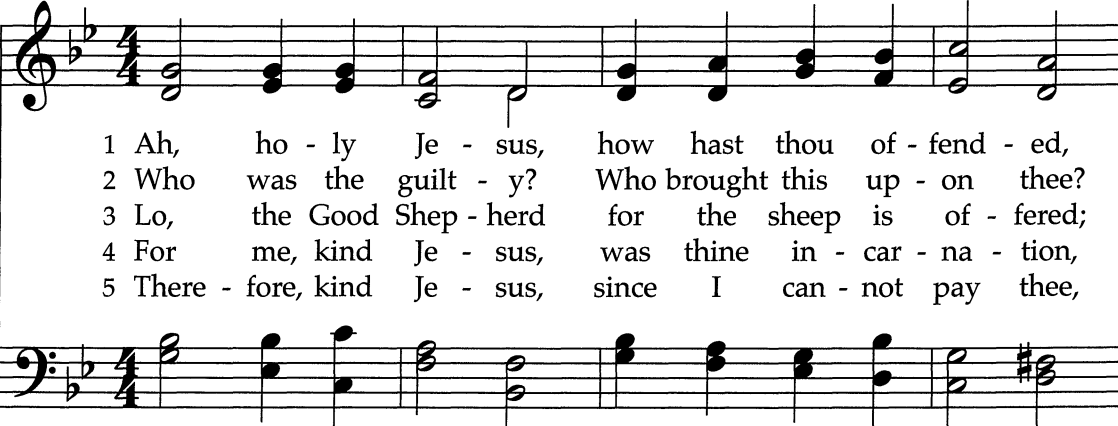
All: To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

Leader: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

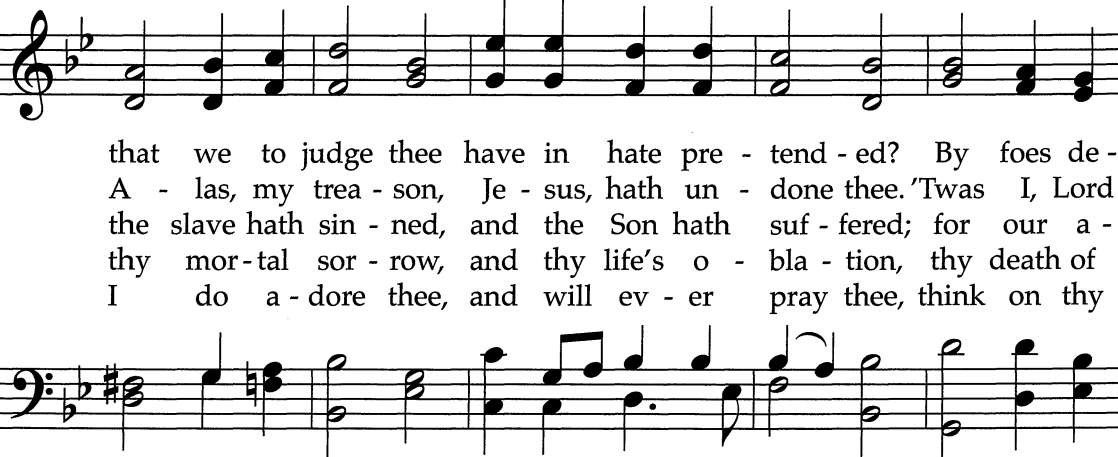
All: Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"
LET US WORSHIP GOD!

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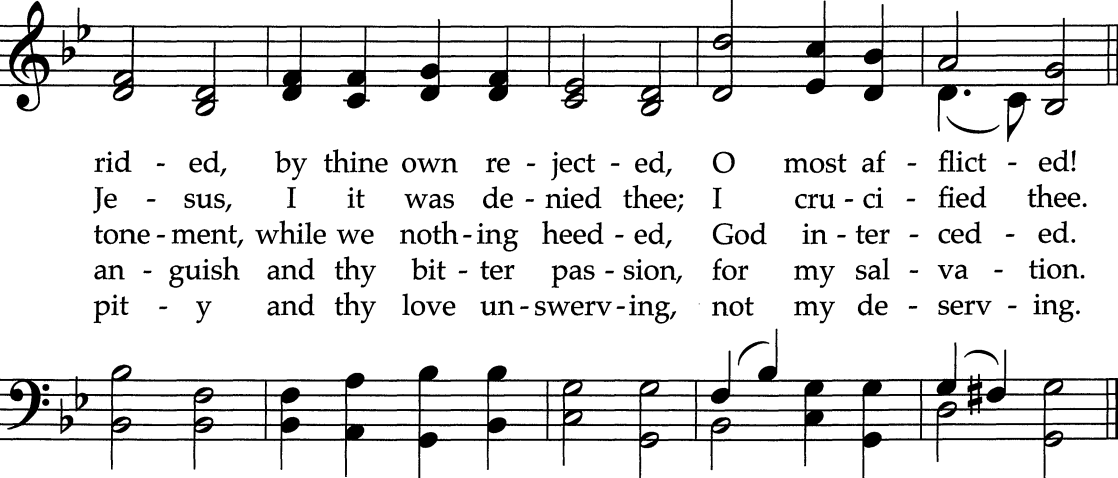
Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

This beautiful English paraphrase of a German meditation on Christ's Passion bears testimony to the unobtrusive poetic skill and musical sensitivity of a future Poet Laureate of England. The associated chorale is no less carefully crafted and rewards singing in parts.

*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: Jesus Christ, we have not trusted you. We deny you and abandon you, and do the same to those you command us to love. We have not loved our neighbors as much as we say we love you. Forgive us, Lord. Have mercy on us. We are undeserving. And so very, very sorry. Right our misguided hearts and pull them into your loving embrace. That we might love the world as much as you do. In your holy Name we pray.

Silent Confession

Response

"Jesus, Remember Me"



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

"Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord"



Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.



Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.



Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia!

***Exchange of Peace**

Leader: Being mindful of the comfort levels and boundaries of those around us, let us pass the peace of Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Moment for LAMP

Erin Angeli

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy Spirit, as you came upon Peter and the other disciples, breathe new breath into us now. Stir the fires of love in our hearts as we listen to these ancient words. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 5:11-14 (pg. 301)

*Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19 (pg. 141)

Sermon

"More Than These"

Ruling Elder Kate Davoli

*Hymn

"Come Down O Love Divine"

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*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967

All: We believe God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of this love.

Pastoral Prayer

All: ...Love so the world.

The Lord's Prayer

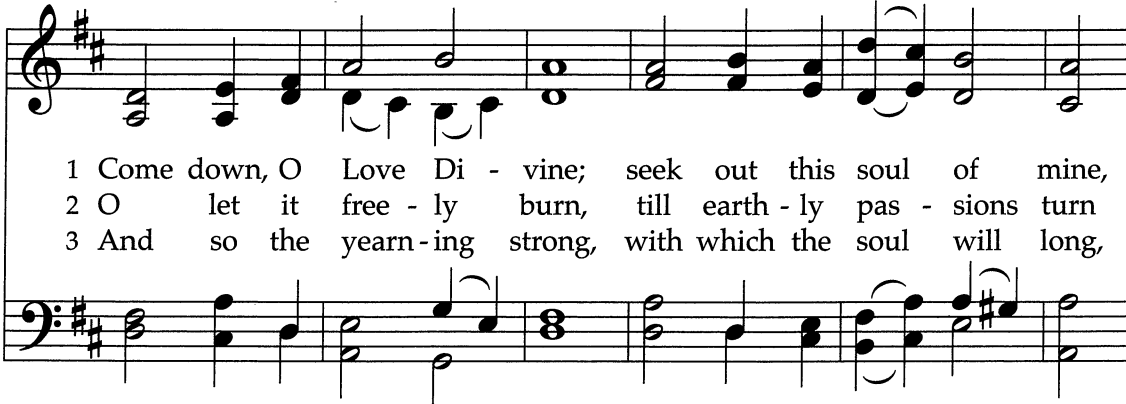
2019 Vatican Update

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

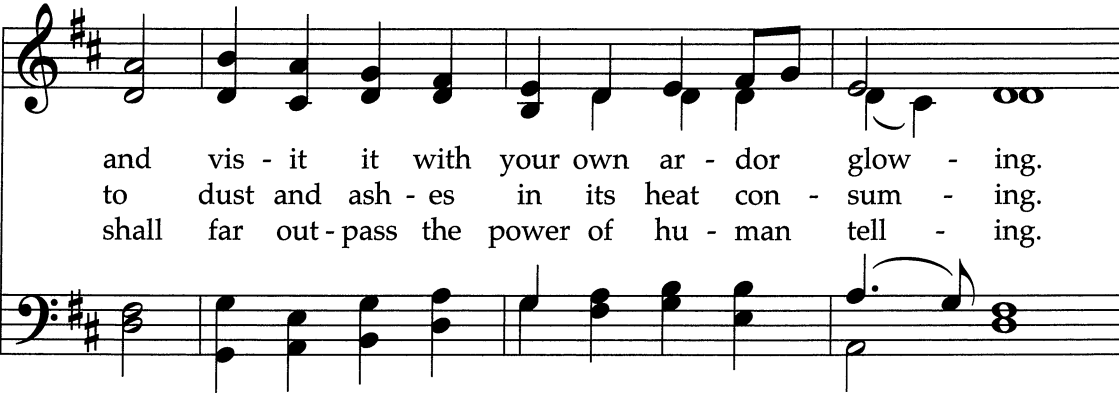
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
do not let us fall into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

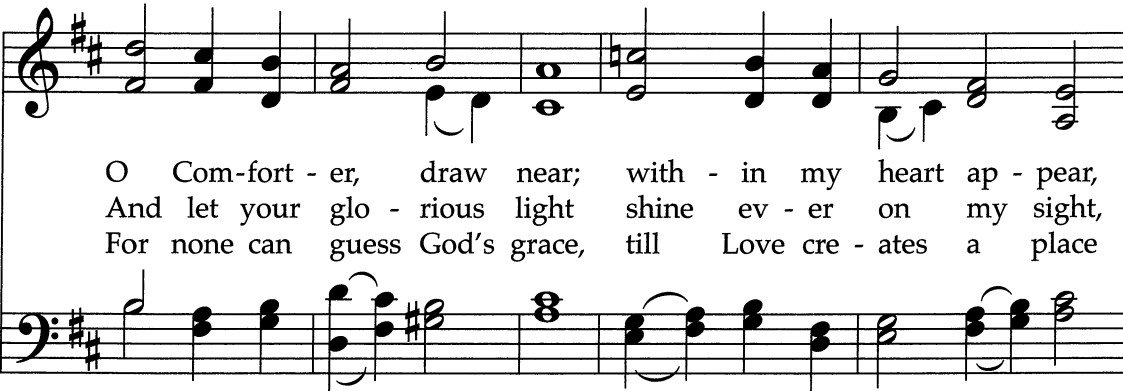
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1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place



and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

"Love One Another"

Anne Krentz Organ

All Holy, holy, holy God source of all love,
on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment:
"Love one another as I have loved you."

Holy, holy, holy God, by the Holy Spirit,
write this commandment in our hearts:
"Love one another as I have loved you."

Holy, holy, holy God, we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

*Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Praise God, in Jesus fully known,
Creator, Word and Spirit One. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks, for God is good and God's Love is everlasting!
**All: Thanks be to God - whose love creates us!
Thanks be to God - whose mercy redeems us!
Thanks be to God - whose grace leads us into the future!**

*Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

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*Benediction

*Amen

"Alleluia"

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Alleluia. The first staff is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final phrase of three notes (G4, A4, B4) held over. The second staff is identical to the first, providing a second line of the melody.

Postlude

"Sortie, op. 29/5"

Léon Boëllmann

**Those who can may stand*

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

to Refrain

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, May 1

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, in-person and Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, May 2

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, May 4

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, May 5

Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom)
Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, May 7

IDG (10 am)
NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, May 8

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, in-person and Zoom)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, May 9

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, May 11

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, May 12

Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom)
Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, May 14

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, May 15

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, in-person and Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Church Information and Announcements

We are an open and affirming community of faith in Jesus Christ. At home in an urban neighborhood of many faiths, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. In worship, study, and fellowship, we celebrate our Presbyterian roots and find joy in our diversity. We strive for the grace to love one another as we seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit, working for justice and serving as stewards of God's wondrous creation.

Sixth is a More Light Church: A network of people seeking and affirming the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Inclusive Language: Words matter. Jesus Christ, the living Word, reached out to all people to bring them into God's fold. The kingdom of God includes all people; therefore our language should reflect the inclusivity and equality among the people of God. To that end, when possible, we seek to eliminate the inherent bias of the English language toward the masculine gender without altering passages that reflect the historical situation of ancient patriarchal culture, out of which the Bible originated.

Masks: Masks are welcome and recommended for worship, but not required. Should you forget a mask and want to wear one, masks will still be made available at the entrances to the sanctuary. Sunday School classrooms upstairs will continue to require masks.

Prayer Cards: If you would like to have a person named and prayed for during the pastoral prayer, please fill out one of the white cards by the bulletins/ushers and give it to Vincent prior to the service.

Recording Notice: This service is being livestreamed and is available online in perpetuity

Seating: While distancing is not required, we do encourage people to leave space as attendance allows and to be mindful of people's continued need for distance

Registration: We are glad for all who have come! Please fill out the friendship pad and leave it in the pew. We will use that information for contact tracing as needed.

COVID Exposure: If you test positive for COVID and you have been in the building within the week prior, please contact the office immediately so that we can conduct contact tracing

Church Nursery: Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available during the worship service. Our childcare staff are required to be vaccinated and masked.

Sunday School and Extended Session: Sunday school is held upstairs at 10 am for children in preschool through high school. Extended Session for children in preschool through third grade is held upstairs during worship following the Time for Children. Masks are required for all participants and our teachers and staff are vaccinated.

Virtual Sunday School: Children of all ages are invited to join Jenny Newman on Zoom to explore our weekly Sunday school lessons on Sundays at 10:15 am. Links to the Zoom sessions will be sent weekly via email.

Adult Sunday School: Bill Guy's class meets Sundays at 9:30 am over Zoom. Contact Bill or the church office to receive the Zoom link and to be added to his email list.

Water of Baptism: Each Sunday we pour water into our baptismal font to reaffirm the covenant that God makes through this community of faith

Candles for Peace, Justice and Personal Prayers: You are welcome to come forward to light a candle anytime during worship when words are not being spoken. Please maintain physical distance while waiting your turn.

Children and Candles: We love having children participate in the service, and we ask that—in order to maintain everyone's safety—you accompany your child while lighting candles.

Fellowship: We are not providing coffee or other refreshments after worship at this time

Today's Service: Peter Gilmore (liturgist); Kirk Howe (livestreaming); Ruling Elder Kate Davoli (preaching); Sara Berg, Mary Lang, Barb Pares (ushers)

Next Week's Readings: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Next Week's Message: "Gazelle"

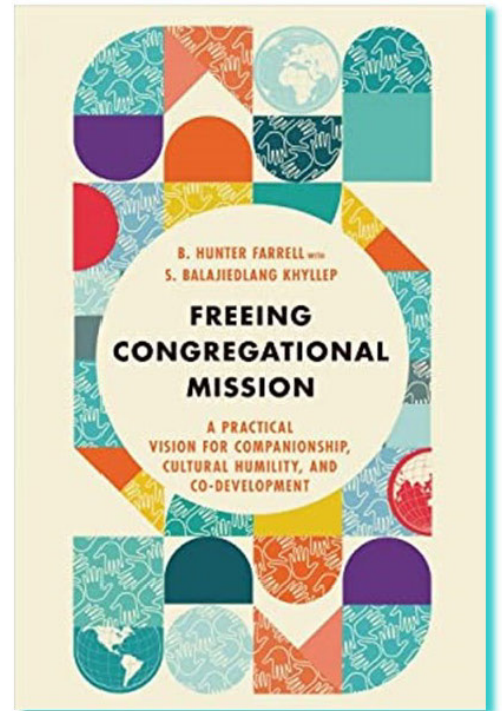
Bible Study: Pastor Vincent's weekly Bible study of the lectionary texts meets Wednesdays at 10:30 am over Zoom. Contact the office to be added to the email update list.

Freeing Congregational Mission

A book discussion with Hunter Farrell and Bala Khyllep

“This book rejects ‘selfie mission’ and affirms that God is calling North American Christians to walk alongside others as companions in Christ...It is refreshing and accessible. Most important, it is full of faithful wisdom.”

—Dana L. Robert, Boston University School of Theology, author of *Faithful Friendships, Embracing Diversity in Christian Community*



Tuesday, May 24
7 PM EDT

Register for this Zoom discussion:
<https://tinyurl.com/e3nnwmv5>



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