MORNING WORSHIP

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Prelude Adagio Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit "My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker!" J. S. Bach

My soul, now bless thy maker! Let all within me bless his name, who maketh thee partaker of mercies more

than thou darest claim.

*Doxology and Invocation

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 460 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Tune: Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

It is clear, O Lord,
that we are not always clear
about what our vocation is
and what you call us to be and do.
We are not always clear about whether
you are calling us or someone else.
We confess that when our vocation is clear,
once we hear your call, we are not always willing
to answer that call and report for duty.
Forgive us for our unwillingness to be
inconvenienced for the sake of the welfare of others.
Help us now to listen for your call,
and to be led by it to do your will.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news. People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

"Immortal, Invisible"

Eric H. Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as night, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might.

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small, in all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.

All laud we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 138 (responsively)

(page 545, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSONIsaiah 6:1–13

(page 597, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Who's Calling?

JOHN H. BOYLE

*Hymn 419

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

Tune: Repton

*Apostles' Creed

(unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

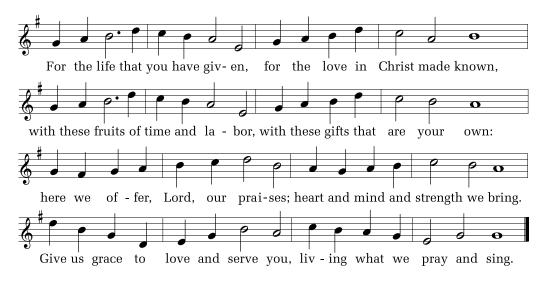
OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

"The Call" from Five Mystical Songs Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my way, my truth, my life. Such a way, as gives us breath. Such a truth, as ends all strife. Such a life, as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength. Such a light, as shows a feast. Such a feast, as mends in length. Such a strength, as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart. Such a joy, as none can move. Such a love, as none can part. Such a heart, as joys in love.

*Offertory Response



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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

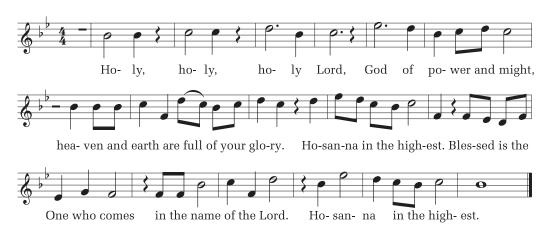
People: **And also with you.**Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy who forever sing to the glory of your name:



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THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Jesu, Lover of My Soul"

Henry Coleman

Jesu, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, till the storm of life is past; safe into the heaven guide, O receive my soul at last. Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee. Leave, ah, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Loving God, you called us to this table to be nourished by these gifts of your love in Jesus Christ.

Help us now to answer your call to go from this table into the world to show others your love and to share with others the blessing of your grace. Amen.

*HYMN 525 "Here I Am, Lord" Tune: Here I Am, Lord

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Postlude Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne

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Sarah A. Johnson, Joann H. Lee, John H. Boyle

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Mark Eldred, tenor soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles. The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

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