

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Three Liturgical Improvisations *George Oldroyd*

1. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter
the courts of the Lord.

INTROIT

“Blessed Are the Pure in Heart” *H. Walford Davies*

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see our God.
The secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ’s abode.
Grant us your presence, Lord; our spirits now renew.
Give each a pure and lowly heart, a dwelling place for you.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 461

“God Is Here!”

Tune: ABBOT’S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of judgment and of mercy, we admit to you the truth about ourselves. We have trusted our own devices only to find that our trust has betrayed us. We have doubted your care only to find that our doubt has impoverished us. We admit that we have wasted your gifts and abused our freedom. Have mercy upon us and forgive us, not so that we be spared the consequences of our actions, but that in gratitude we may, with your help, transform our lives to reflect your love and do your work of justice and kindness in the world. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERN OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER

Psalm 15 (*responsively*)

(page 469, O.T.)

**Stand as you are able*

ANTHEM

“The Beatitudes” *Vasily Sergeyevich Kalinnikov*

O Lord, remember us when thou comest into thy kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be fulfilled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. O blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:6–8

(page 816, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

(page 156, N.T.)

SERMON

The Folly of Faith or Who’s the Fool? JOHN H. BOYLE

***HYMN 510**

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Tune: QUEBEC

***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 "Serenity"

Charles Ives

O sabbath rest of Galilee! O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease. Take from our souls the strain
and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty
of thy peace.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

For the life that you have giv- en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai-ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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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:

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
he- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san- na in the high- est.

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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 “O Send Thy Light Forth”
Mily Alexeyevich Balakirev

O send thy light forth and thy truth; let them be guides to me
and bring me to thy holy hill, even where thy dwellings be.
My soul shall put its trust in God, for I will yet give him
thanks, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Our Lord and God, from the bread of life
in the body of Christ and from the cup
of his sacrificial life, we have once more
been nourished and strengthened.
Accept our broken sacrifices of thanksgiving
and grant us grace to embody our gratitude
by doing justice, loving kindness,
and walking humbly with you
throughout all our days. Amen.

***HYMN 485**

“To God Be the Glory” *Tune: To GOD BE THE GLORY*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in G Major *Georg Philipp Telemann*

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Calum I. MacLeod, Kerri N. Allen, John H. Boyle

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Erin Bennett on behalf of the Souper Bowl of Caring, which will take place next Sunday, February 6.

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. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) 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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