

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot. African American spiritual
arr. Calvin Taylor

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” Donald Cashmore
Praise ye the Lord.
Praise, O ye servants of the Lord.
Praise the name of the Lord.

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 592

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

*Invocation

*Hymn 263 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God,
you call us to worship you in spirit and in truth,
but we confess that we often worship
who we wish you to be rather than who you are.
We too often ask you to bless what we do
rather than seeking to do what you bless.
Forgive us for seeking concessions
when we should be seeking guidance.
Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want
instead of shaping us into what you want.
Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love.
Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Commissioning of Musicians

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 103:8–13 Old Testament, page 524

Anthem

“With a Voice of Singing” Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing,
declare ye this and let it be heard, alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia.
O be joyful in God all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of his name;
make his praise to be glorious.*

First Lesson

Romans 14:1–11. New Testament, page 152

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 579

**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.**

Second Lesson

Jonah 4:1–11 Old Testament, page 811

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Facing Nineveh Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 298 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

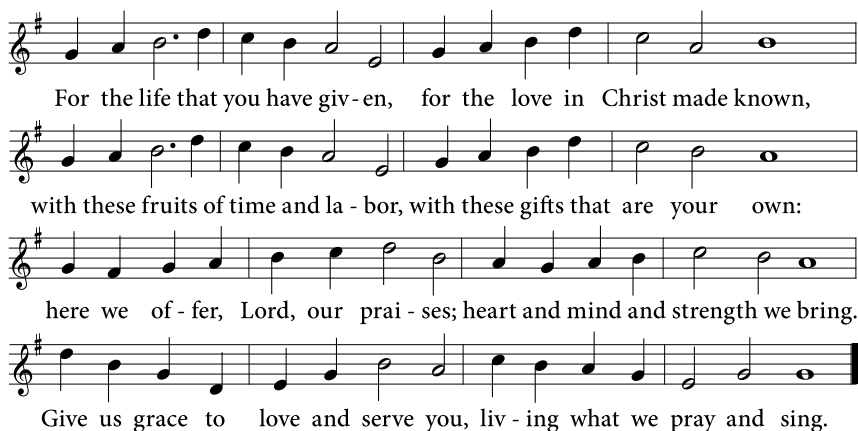
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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

Qui sedes ad dextram Patris Johann Sebastian Bach
from *Mass in B Minor*
You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.

*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.

Sealing the Word

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,
hea- 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.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed by 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

“Beloved, Let Us Love” Austin C. Lovelace
*Beloved, let us love, for love is from God. In God alone hath love its true abode.
 Beloved, let us love, for they who love, they only are God’s own, born from above.
 Beloved, let us love, for love is light, and they who love not dwell in night. Beloved,
 let us love, for only thus shall we behold that God that loveth us. Beloved, let us love.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God,
 we are grateful for what you have given
 and for what you have promised us here.
 You have fed us with the bread of life
 and sustained with the promise of the cup,
 renewing us for your service.
 We ask that our daily living be part of your kingdom—
 that our love may be your love—
 reaching out into a world that needs it. Amen.

*Hymn 522 “Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Allegro Domenico Zipoli

This morning, Communion is served by intinction.

The congregation comes forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.)

Worshippers 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.

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, Mike Ban, Matt Helms

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, alto soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

THE CHANCEL CHOIR, which is being commissioned today, unites us, through their varied repertoire, with the church around the world and throughout the ages, bringing that music to this time and place. With them we lift our voices in singing praise to God.

AS THE BULLETIN HEADINGS REMIND US, the center of our worship is the Word—both Scripture and the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. We listen for the Word of God. We respond in song, affirmation of our faith, prayer, and the giving of our gifts and dedication of our lives, and then God sends us back into the world to live out our faith, looking for God’s work all around us.

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