

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Voluntary in C Major John Stanley
Adagio – Andante

Introit

“What Does the Lord Require of You?” Jim Strathdee

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606

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.

*Call to Worship

Leader: *God is tough-minded enough to transcend the world.*

People: *God is tender-hearted enough to live in the world.*

Leader: *God does not leave us alone in our agonies and struggles.*

People: *God seeks us in dark places and suffers with us and for us.*

Leader: *Let us worship God, giving praise for God’s love.*

*Hymn 69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, you call us to follow you,
but our ears are too stopped up
by distractions to hear you.

You call us to trust the inner stirrings of our hearts,
but we are afraid to move
when the path ahead is not clear.

You call us to use our gifts and passion on behalf of others,
but we doubt ourselves and you.

Forgive us for thwarting what you can and want to do through us
as your instruments in the world.

Use and empower us, we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 139:1–6, 13–18 Old Testament, page 545

Anthem

“Give Me Jesus” African American spiritual
arr. Jerry Johnson

*In that morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.
You may have all this world;
give me Jesus,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus.*

First Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1–10 Old Testament, page 236

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581

**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

John 1:43–49 New Testament, page 87

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

This Call’s for You Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

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

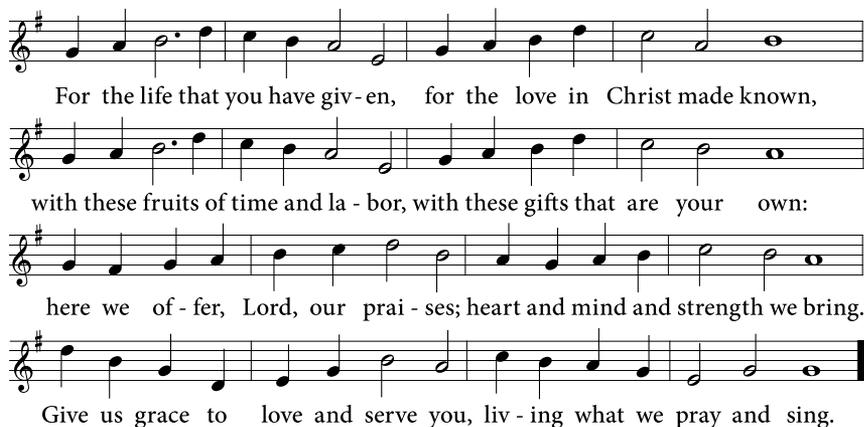
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

Grazioso Georg Philipp Telemann

*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

“Christ, Thou Lamb of God” Ludwig Lenel

Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of love and light, you hold the whole world in your hands.
We thank you for Jesus Christ our Savior,
whose light shines in the darkness.
May his Spirit dwell within all of us,
that we may follow him faithfully
with gratitude and courage.
Use all we have and are for your purpose. Amen.

*Hymn 526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fugue in G Minor. Johann Sebastian Bach

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

“We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be coworkers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. . . .

“If today’s church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. . . .

“But again I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom. . . . They have acted in the faith that right defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment.”

—1963 Letter from the Birmingham Jail, first published in the Christian Century

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Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Ruth Beckman and Cynthia Joho on behalf of the Chicago Lights Gala of Hope.

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.) Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles.

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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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