

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Steal Away . . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. Philip Keveren

### Introit

“Come, Let Us Journey Now” . . . . . Shaker Song  
arr. Susan Matsui

*Come, let us journey now as children of light in the Lord’s righteousness;  
shadows fall away, virtue is bright, justice, truth before us.  
All illumined, when the light shines, makes the darkness fade unknowing;  
wake now, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, for Christ, his light, is showing.*

\*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

Minister: *God is the life of all that lives, energy that fills the earth.*

People: **God is the vitality that brings to birth;  
the impetus toward making whole what is bruised or broken.**

Minister: *In God we grow to know the truth that sets all creation free.*

People: **God is the song the whole earth sings,  
the promise liberation brings, now and forever.**

Minister: *Blessed are the people whose God makes all things new.*

*Let us worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.*

\*Hymn 276. . . . . “Sing a New Song unto the Lord”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we admit that we are thwarted by habits,  
crippled by addictions, and stuck in mindsets that do not bring life.  
We engage in activities or causes that once held meaning but no longer do.  
We hang onto hurts that block relationships  
from healing and moving forward.  
We fear moving beyond the old and familiar  
even when that no longer meets the demands of a new day.  
Forgive us for clinging to the past.  
Free us to let go and sing the new song you compose in our hearts.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 126 . . . . . Old Testament, page 541

Anthem

“A Chorister’s Prayer” . . . . . Bruce Neswick

*Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple; grant that what we sing  
with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we  
may show forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:16–21 . . . . . Old Testament, page 632

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

\*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 8:1-11 . . . . . New Testament, page 94

Sermon

You Can Stop Now . . . . . Victoria Curtiss

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 445 . . . . . “God, How Can We Forgive”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) . . . . . Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,  
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,  
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering

Offertory Solo

“Prière” (“Prayer”) . . . . . Jean Langlais

\*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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# Sealing the Word

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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,  
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

“The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare” . . . . . Geoffrey Shaw

*The Lord my pasture shall prepare and feed me with a shepherd’s care; his presence shall my wants supply and guard me with a watchful eye. My noonday walks he shall attend and all my midnight hours defend. When in the sultry glebe I faint, or on the thirsty mountain pant, to fertile vales and dewy meads my weary wandering steps he leads, where peaceful rivers soft and slow amid the verdant landscape flow. Though in a bare and rugged way through devious lonely wilds I stray, thy bounty shall my pains beguile; the barren wilderness shall smile with sudden greens and herbage crowned, and streams shall murmur all around. Though in the paths of death I tread, with gloomy horrors overspread, my steadfast heart shall fear no ill, for thou, O Lord, art with me still; thy friendly crook shall give me aid and guide me through the dreadful shade.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,  
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste  
of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 74 . . . . . “When God Restored Our Common Life”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Cebell . . . . . Henry Purcell

## Worship Leaders

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## The Music Today

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Women of the Morning Choir

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Chelsie Coren, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

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THE WOMEN OF THE CHANCEL AND MORNING CHOIRS are providing musical leadership during worship through September 6. The Chancel Choir—which welcomes all singers—will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft.

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