

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Meditation on “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” . . . Christopher Pardini

Introit

“The Best of Rooms” Gerald Near

*Christ, he requires still, wheresoe’er he comes
to feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:
give him the choice; grant him the nobler part
of all the house: the best of all’s the heart.*

*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: *Here we gather as God’s servants,
hand we link with hand,*

People: looking toward our Savior’s cross,
joined in love we stand.

Leader: *As we seek the realm of God,
we unite to pray:*

People: Jesus Savior, guide our steps,
for you are the Way.

*Hymn 757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

God of compassion, we confess before you that we have sinned.
We have passed by our neighbors and ignored opportunities to show
them compassion and work for their justice. We have mocked their
suffering by making excuses to avoid their plight. We who have
been taught the law of love practice instead the law of self-interest.
Forgive us, we pray. Enlarge our hearts to the expanse of your mercy.
We pray in the name of Christ, who came to bind up the wounds
of all who are broken. Amen.

Extinguishing the First Lenten Candle

Kyrie (*sung*) The Hymnal, 576
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)
Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16 Old Testament, page 518

Anthem

“Bread of Heaven” David Ashley White
*Bread of heaven, on thee we feed;
for thy Flesh is meat indeed:
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living Bread;
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.*
*Vine of heaven, thy Blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give;
to thy cross we look and live:
Jesu, may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built in thee.*

First Lesson

Micah 6:6–8 Old Testament, page 816

Minister: *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

Luke 10:25–37 New Testament, page 67

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Not Who but How. Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 727 “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

*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;

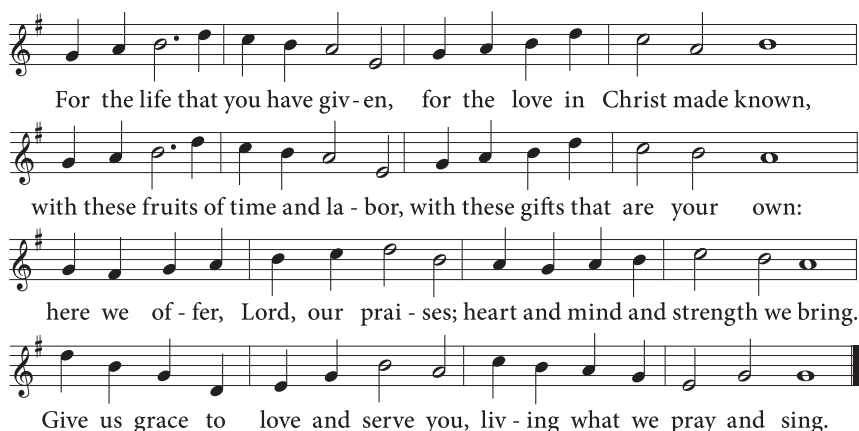
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

“Adagio” from *Toccata Undecima*. Georg Muffat

*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:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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

“The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus” Francis Jackson
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength
of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 749 “Come! Live in the Light!”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

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Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we will be extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to darkness as we make our way to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs.To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

THE SEASON OF LENT calls Christians to embrace the faith journey by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross.

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