

*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

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

### Introit

“Behold, God Is My Salvation” . . . . . Eric H. Thiman  
*Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid.*

\*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, you have brought us to this life and this day.*

People: **You have brought us to this place and to each other.**

Leader: *You have sought us out and found us.*

People: **You have run to us and welcomed us home.**

Leader: *Open our hearts as we worship you this day.*

People: **Help us to be your people in the world.**

\*Hymn 415 . . . . . “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways.  
We have wasted our inheritance.  
You gave us the earth for our home,  
but we squander earth's resources.  
You gave us neighbors to love,  
but we pursue selfish ambitions.  
You gave us the commandments  
that lead to human flourishing,  
but we forsake your law and your love.  
Forgive us. Draw our wandering hearts back to you,  
that we might find freedom in your love. Amen.

Extinguishing the Third 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

Anthem

“This Gift Is Free” . . . . . Fred Gramann  
*Come to the waters all who are thirsty. O come and drink; this gift is free.*  
*Come to the table all who are hungry. O come and feast; this gift is free.*  
*Come to the tree of life laden with fruit for you. O come and taste; this gift is free.*  
*Come to the banquet hall. A place is set for you. O come and sit awhile;*  
*this gift is free. Why do you buy food which cannot feed the soul? Or labor*  
*on for that which will not make you whole? Come unto me and taste the food*  
*I give. Come unto me so that your soul may live.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 32 . . . . . Old Testament, page 479

\*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.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:11–32 . . . . . New Testament, page 73

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Nanette Sawyer

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 771 . . . . . “What Is the World Like”

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

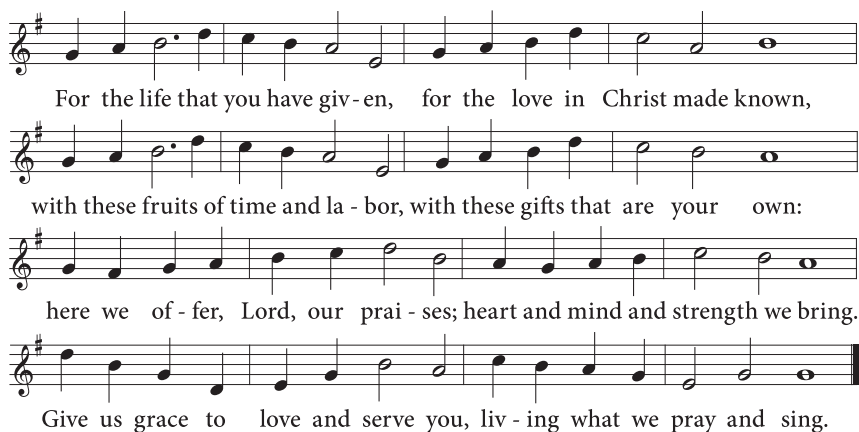
I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again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

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven. . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

## \*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:*

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

“O Saving Victim” . . . . . Roland E. Martin  
*O saving victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to us below,  
our foes press on from every side. Thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.  
All praise and thanks to thee ascend forevermore, blest one in three;  
O grant us life that shall not end in our true native land with thee. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God,  
you have welcomed us home at your table of life again and again.  
May we be changed by the gift of your love,  
and may we be courageous enough to bring that blessing  
to a world hungry for steadfast love. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 22 . . . . . “God of the Sparrow”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

O God, Thou Faithful God . . . . . Johannes Brahms

## Worship Leaders

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Nanette Sawyer

## The Music Today

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

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## Worship Notes

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EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are 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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