

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Lied (Song) Louis Vierne

Introit

“Bless God, O My Soul” Amos Albee

*Bless God, O my soul; rejoice in his name, and let my glad voice thy greatness
proclaim. Surpassing in honor, dominion, and might, thy throne is heaven,
thy robe is the light.*

*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.

*Invocation

*Hymn 475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

All-seeing God, you know the condition of our hearts.
You know the words we never should have said
and the words that might have helped but remained unspoken.
You know the ways we spend our time.
You know the things we leave undone
and the things we did but wish we hadn't.
You know the reasons our lives spin apart.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Forgive us, and make us a new creation. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“The Morning Trumpet” American folk melody
arr. Mack Wilberg

*O when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above
and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning
and from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love
and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?
O shout with glory! I shall mount above the skies
when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
But now I am a soldier, my captain’s gone before,
and I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
He’s given me my orders, and he bids me never give over,
'til I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin,
and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning,
and with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in?*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 82 Old Testament, page 512

*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 12:49–56 New Testament, page 71

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 725 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*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

“Sicilienne” André Fleury

*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: *Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe . . .
. . . forever singing 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 Christ, Thou Lamb of God” German chorale
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nichol

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

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Today, O Lord, we have tasted your goodness and breathed in your mercy. We have been united with people all over your creation and reminded of the great fellowship you have given us. May these gifts of bread, cup, grace, and presence fuel us to seek justice, do mercy, and walk humbly with you today and in all our days to come. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Postlude in C Major A. Fleury

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner, Jim Kendzel

The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

THE MEN'S CHOIR is providing musical leadership during worship through September 4. The Men's Choir consists of men from the three adult choirs at Fourth Church: the Chancel Choir, Morning Choir, and Choral Society.

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 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.

THE BULLETIN COVER IMAGE, which evokes a globe, depicts the upper portion of the Great East Window at the rear of the Sanctuary.

SOURCES AND CREDITS: Hymn tune names—as well as composers of the music and authors of the text—are listed in the hymnal with each hymn. The Prayer of Confession is written by Martha Spong, www.liturgylink.net. The words to "For the Life that You Have Given" are by Carl P. Daw Jr. © 1987; music is by Morgan Simmons © 1990, 1992 Hope Publishing Co.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Victoria G. Curtiss Associate Pastor for Mission

Matt Helms Associate Pastor
for Children and Family Ministry

Hardy H. Kim Associate Pastor for Evangelism

Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

Judith L. Watt Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Nanette Sawyer Minister for Congregational Life

Jeffrey Doane Parish Associate for Older Adults

Abbi Heimach-Snipes Pastoral Resident

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

This worship bulletin is printed on recyclable paper that contains recycled post-consumer waste and is acid free. All bulletins and inserts left in the baskets by the doors are recycled.

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO
Church office: 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014
www.fourthchurch.org | www.facebook.com/fourthchurch
312.787.4570 | Voicemail 312.787.2729 | Fax: 312.787.4584