

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Adagio in A Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee” German chorale
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*Jehovah, let me now adore thee, for where is there a God such, Lord, as thou?
With songs I fain would come before thee; O, let thy Holy Spirit teach me now
to praise thee in his name through whom alone our songs can please thee,
through thy blessed Son!*

*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 401 “Gather Us In”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you who demonstrated your deep love
by sitting at table with outcasts and sinners,
we confess that too often our words and actions
are not consistent with our beliefs.
Often we ignore the needy,
show indifference to the lonely,
and reject those who seem different than us.
Forgive us, we pray.
Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance
through your name. 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*)

Psalm 112 Old Testament, page 532

Anthem

“Steal Away” African American spiritual
arr. Michael Richardson

*Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home; I ain’t got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me in the thunder. The trumpet sounds within my soul.
I ain’t got long to stay here.*

First Lesson

Hebrews 13:1–8. New Testament, page 213

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

Luke 14:1, 7–14 New Testament, page 72

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Humble Feast” Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 762 “When the Poor Ones”

*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.

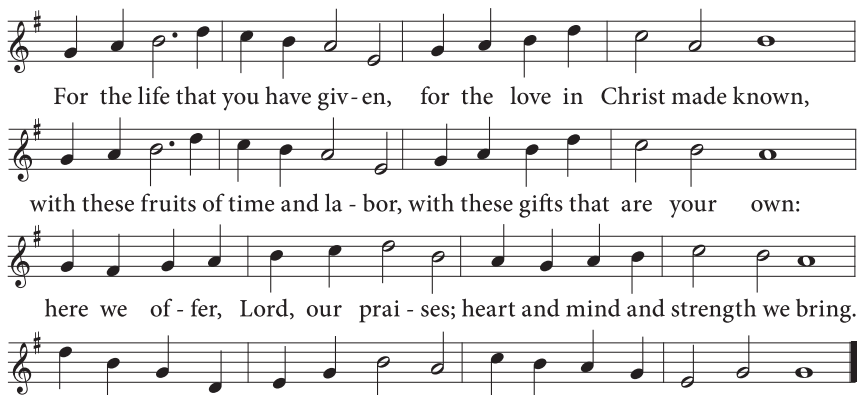
Commissioning of Pastoral Resident

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

“God’s Time Is Best” J. S. 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.

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

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” Plainsong

*Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.
Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good; to them that find thee, all in all.
We taste thee, O thou living Bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the Fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
Our restless spirits yearn for thee wherever our changeful lot is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
O chase the night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Holy God, we thank you that you have fed us with this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal kingdom.
Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit,
that we might give ourselves completely to your service
and walk with joy in the footsteps
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 503 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Toccata in G Major Théodore Dubois

Worship Leader

Matt Helms, Larry Thomas

The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir

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

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. The Chancel Choir—which welcomes all singers—will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft.

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Alex Cornwell, Director of Chicago Lights Tutoring and Summer Day. Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church—provides hope and opportunity to our city's children, youth, and adults who face the challenges of poverty.

FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES **ABBI HEIMACH-SNIPES**, our new Pastoral Resident. Abbi will be with us for the next two years, participating in the Pastoral Residency program, which began in 2000. This program provides recent seminary graduates with the opportunity to work in a congregational setting and as a member of a pastoral staff while being mentored—by staff and congregation—in the skills and disciplines of parish leadership. As her second year in the program draws to a close, Abbi will pursue a call to ministry elsewhere, sharing her gifts and leadership with others in the Presbyterian church.

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