

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Récits from *Suite I* Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Introit

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” South African song

Hallelujah! We sing your praises. All our hearts are filled with gladness.

Christ the Lord to us said, “I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.”

*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: *We meet in the name of God,
creator of the universe,
source of true humanity,
mother and father of all.*

People: **We meet in the name of Jesus,
Word made flesh,
savior of fallen humanity,
lover of all.**

Leader: *We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,
Lord and giver of life,
midwife of new humanity,
inspirer of all.*

People: **Amen.**

Leader: *Come, then, eternal God.*

All: Be present here, befriend us here, renew us here.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with people around the world. We have closed our ears to voices of pain and of wisdom, especially when those voices are different from ours or when we are overwhelmed by problems that seem out of our control. Forgive our limited vision. Forgive our closed hearts. Forgive our racing and rushing. Forgive our self-preoccupation. Forgive us, dear God, and have mercy upon us. Amen.

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 (*unison*)

Psalm 133 Old Testament, page 543

Anthem

“How Firm a Foundation” American folk tune
arr. Paul Louis Anderson

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word. What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled? “Fear not, I am with thee. O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid. I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine. The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never forsake.”

First Lesson

2 Timothy 1:1-14 New Testament, page 199

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 17:5–6 New Testament, page 75

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 525 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

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

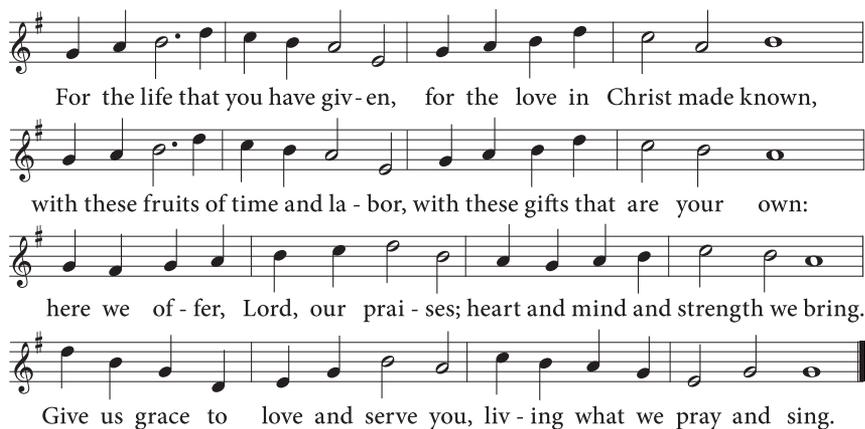
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

Trio from *Suite I* Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

*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

"Come My Way, My Truth, My Life" Richard DeLong

Come, my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength; such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart; such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 515 "I Come with Joy"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Carillon-Sortie Henri Mulet

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Sue Thompson, Judith L. Watt

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper, enacting the words of the hymn "Come, Risen Lord": "One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break." Reminding us of the unity in that global family, the colorful cloth on the Communion Table and the stoles being worn by the pastors are from Guatemala, the destination of previous Fourth Church mission trips as well as a trip planned for July 2017.

TODAY'S PEACEMAKING AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING supports efforts towards peacemaking by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as the local efforts of CureViolence to reduce violence in Chicago. Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes available in the pew racks or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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.

SOURCES AND CREDITS: The Call to Worship and Prayer after Communion are from *A Wee Worship Book*, Wild Good Worship Group. Hymn tune names—as well as composers of the music and authors of the text—are listed in the hymnal with each hymn. 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