

*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

Prelude on a Melody by Sowerby . . . . . Morgan Simmons

### Introit

“Let the Words of My Mouth” . . . . . Eric H. Thiman

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*

\*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 301 . . . . . “Let Us Build a House”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.  
We confess that it is still all too easy for us  
to sacrifice our convictions for convenience,  
your standards for status, your principles for promotion,  
and our souls for shallow success.  
We have served our own self-interest  
instead of serving only you and your people.  
We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,  
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.  
Forgive us, gracious God,  
and bring us back into the fullness  
of our covenant with you and one another.  
Through Christ, our Lord. 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

Psalm 84. . . . . Old Testament, page 513

Anthem

“Lord, Thy Servants Praise Thee” . . . . . Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
*Lord, thy servants praise thee and sing the glory of thy wondrous name  
and of thy love and mercy. Alleluia.*

First Lesson

Joel 2:19–29. . . . . Old Testament, page 799

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

Isaiah 40:1–11. . . . . Old Testament, page 627

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“They Shall Dream Dreams” . . . . . Matt Helms

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 307 . . . . . “God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*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 Ushers

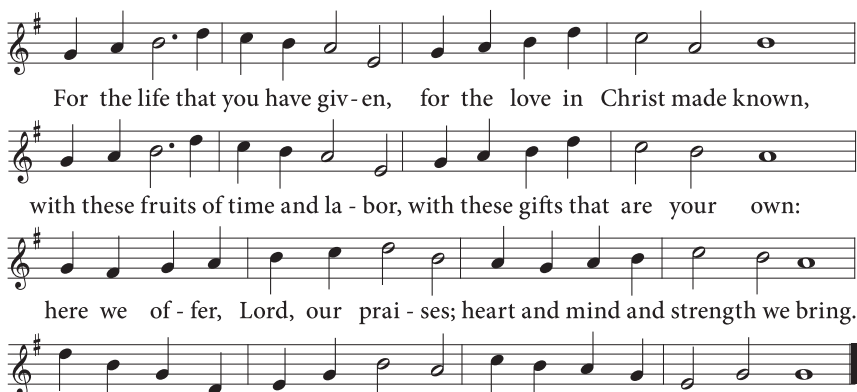
Offering

Offertory Solo

“At the River” . . . . . Robert Lowry

*Shall we gather at the river where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?*

\*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 up 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 . . .*

*. . . 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

“God Be in My Head” . . . . . H. Walford Davies

*God be in my head and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end and at my departing.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Lord God, in deep gratitude  
for this moment, this meal, and these people,  
we give ourselves to you.  
Take us out to live as changed people  
because we have shared in this sacred meal  
and cannot remain the same.  
Ask much of us, expect much from us,  
enable much by us, encourage many through us.  
We pray all of this in Christ’s name. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 541 . . . . . “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Let All Together Praise Our God . . . . . Nikolaus Vetter

**USHER COMMISSIONING**  
*Today’s commissioning of Fourth Church ushers  
is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church,  
its members, and those who are among us as visitors.*  
Barb Blue, Greg Geuther, Debbie Johnson,  
Michael Kazanijan, Jim Kendzel,  
Dennis Porick, and Julia Roberts

## Worship Leaders

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Victoria G. Curtiss, Roberta Dawson, Matt Helms

## The Music Today

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The Chancel Choir; Sean Stanton, soloist  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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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 Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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.

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