

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Elegy George Thalben-Ball
Litany Joel Martinson
Sonata No. 1 Johann Sebastian Bach
Adagio–Presto

Introit

“Kyrie” (9:30) Matthew Armstrong
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

“A Canon of Praise” (11:00) Natalie Sleeth
*Praise him, O praise him; O come ye people, praise the Lord forever, sing praises
to his holy name. To the God of glory, loudest praise now bring, source of our
salvation, our eternal king. Praise him, praise him, praise the Lord forever.
Come and praise him, come and praise the Lord.*

*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: *The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.*

People: **The Lord is good to all,
and God’s compassion is over all that God has made.**

Leader: *Let us worship our good and gracious God.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 264 “At the Name of Jesus”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

O Lord, if you held our sin against us,
who could live, who could stand?
We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life.
We seek peace through war and find security in weapons.
We look away from the hungry, sick, and dying and pretend not to care.
And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you.
Therefore we worship you, for you alone, O Lord,
can save us from death and make us whole again. Amen.

Extinguishing the Fourth Lenten Candle

Kyrie. Franz Schubert

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news:*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 145:8–21 Old Testament, page 549

*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

John 18:28–40. New Testament, page 106

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus in the Gospel of John

“Jesus and Pilate” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Hymn 274 “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

*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.

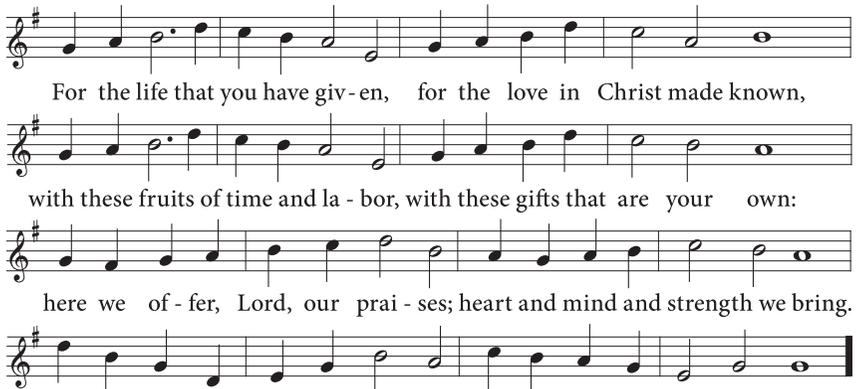
Commissioning of Mission Trip Participants (11:00)

Offertory Anthem

“I See His Blood upon the Rose”. Arthur Benjamin

*I see his blood upon the rose and, in the stars, the glory of his eyes.
His body gleams amid the eternal snows; his tears fall from the skies.
I see his face in every flower; the thunder and the singing of the birds
are but his voice, and carven by his power rocks are his written words.
All pathways by his feet are worn; his strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea;
his crown of thorns is twined with every thorn; his cross is every tree.*

*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, 572

**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, 573

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

"Cantique de Jean Racine" Gabriel Fauré

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" Howard Goodall

Psalm 23 (recited in unison after all have received the cup)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Prayer and Dedication of Our Homebound Elements (unison)

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. As the bread and cup go out from this time of worship into times of worship at bedsides and in homes, we pray for those who will receive these elements of grace. May they also feel the way you tie us all together in you. May all of our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 269 “Lead On, O King Eternal!”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fanfare Richard Proulx

The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Church

Today Fourth Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Communion is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering, are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper, in which we are assured of God’s love and grace.

This morning the congregation is served in the pews by Fourth Church elders and deacons. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread (which is gluten-free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side.

Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Hardy H. Kim, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; The Youth Choir (9:30); The Children's Choir (11:00)

Sarah van der Ploeg, Marshall Rollings, and Laura Perkett, soloists

Irina Casasnovas Jilobokov, violinist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, pianist

Worship Notes

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 supports Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and 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.

PLAYING THE PRELUDE IS VIOLINIST IRINA CASASNOVAS JILOBOKOV, a student of the Music Institute of Chicago, which offers lessons each weekend in the Gratz Center.

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