

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing Jean-Francois Dandrieu
We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight James Biery
A Paschal Fanfare Malcolm Archer

Introit

“Alleluia! The Lord Is Risen Indeed” Iain Quinn
*Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed; come let us adore him, alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*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: *Glory be to you,*
All: God, our strength and our redeemer.
Leader: *The vacant cross and the empty tomb vindicate your claim*
All: that the love which suffers is the love that saves.
Leader: *So fill your people with joy and your church with celebration,*
All: that by our praise and our actions the world may know
that your Son Jesus is not a dead hero we commemorate,
but the living Lord we worship.

*Hymn 393 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.
We hear your promise that the old life passes away and that you make
all things new, but we hear it amid our self-doubt. We confess our
desire for guarantees when what you offer us is even greater: hope.
When you call us to obedience, we set conditions. When you call
us to follow, we ask “Where?” Forgive our reluctance to leave our
false comforts in order to walk in your newness of life. Amen.

*Stand as you are able.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Anthem

“Stars” Ēriks Ešēnvalds

*Alone, alone in the night on a dark hill with pines around me spicy and still,
and heaven, a heaven full of stars over my head, white and topaz and misty red;
myriads with beating hearts of fire. O, the eaons cannot vex or tire;
the dome of heaven like a great hill and myriads with beating hearts of fire;
heaven full of stars, I know I am honored to be witness of so much majesty.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19 Old Testament, page 533

*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 24:13–35 New Testament, page 84

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 257 “The Risen Christ”

*The 11:00 service continues on the facing page;
the 9:30 service continues at the top of page 6.*

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION (11:00)

Presentation of the Confirmation Class

The Rite of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Baptism and Profession of Faith

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.

Commitment of the Congregation

*Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

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.

Welcome of the Confirmation Class

The 11:00 service continues with the Offering at the middle of page 6.

*Affirmation of Faith (9:30) Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People (9:30)

The Lord's Prayer (9:30) (words on page 5)

Prayer Response (9:30)

"Alleluia, Amen" Morgan Simmons

The 11:00 service resumes here from page 5.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

"The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God" Franz Joseph Haydn
from *The Creation*

The heavens are telling the glory of God; the wonder of his works displays the firmament. Today that is coming, speaks it the day; the night that is gone, to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Great God, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us. This day we pray that by your power and by these gifts we offer, you would bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are the prisoners of ourselves. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 238 “Thine Is the Glory”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

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Confirmation Participants
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| Devon Kelly | Clara Wahlfeldt |
| Edward Kening | Will Wasielewski |
| Clayton Kies | Graham Waterstraat |
| Quin Kies | Janey Winiecki |
| Dawson Kimbell | |

Worship Leaders

9:30 Victoria G. Curtiss, Joan Hall, Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Judith L. Watt

11:00 Rocky Supinger, Grace Turner, Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Judith L. Watt

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; The Handbell Choir

Micah Dingler, Laura Perkett, and Daniel Richardson, soloists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Tom Schemper, Director of the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

TODAY THE 2017 CLASS OF EIGHTH-GRADE CONFIRMANDS will be confirmed and welcomed into membership during 11:00 a.m. worship. Please keep these youth in prayer as they continue with us on their faith journey.

Please also join us in giving thanks for the faith-filled dedication of the confirmation leaders, who accompanied the youth on their journey this past year: Luke Beasley, Carole Bekken, Regan Burke, Andrea Page, Kathleen Rodak, and Michael Tax.

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