

*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

- Cortège et Litanie . . . . . Marcel Dupré  
Trumpet Tune Fanfare. . . . . Henry Purcell  
arr. Arnold Sherman  
Duo in G Major (9:30) . . . . . Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
Passacaglia (11:00) . . . . . George Frideric Handel, Johan Halvorsen

### Introit

- “O Bless the Lord, My Soul” . . . . . Aaron Williams  
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel  
*O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join and aid my tongue to bless his  
name whose favors are divine.*

- \*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: *Sing to God, all peoples of the world.  
Sing praises to God most high.*  
People: From the sanctuary of heaven  
God gives life and renews the face of the earth.  
Leader: *Let us worship God.*

### \*Prayer of Praise

- \*Hymn 267 . . . . . “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We often rebel against your desire that we love our neighbors as ourselves. We flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by your grace and mercy, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Thou Wilt Keep Them in Perfect Peace” . . . . . C. Lee Williams  
*Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace, whose minds are stayed on thee.  
The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day;  
the darkness and light to thee are both alike. God is light, and in him  
is no darkness at all. O let my soul live and it shall praise thee.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35 . . . . . Old Testament, page 500

\*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 17:1–11 . . . . . New Testament, page 105

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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## Responding to the Word

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Hymn 318 . . . . . “In Christ There Is No East or West”

\*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.

### Prayers of the People

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.

### Prayer Response

“Amen” . . . . . Reed Miller

### Offertory Anthem

“Come Sing to Me of Heaven” . . . . . J. Aaron McDermid

*Come sing to me of heaven when I am called to die;  
sing songs of holy ecstasy to waft my soul on high.  
When the last moment comes, let one sweet song begin.  
Let music cheer me last on earth, to greet me first in heaven.*

\*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*)

Glorious God, everything that is given to us  
 comes from the abundance of your love,  
 even Jesus Christ, our brother and Savior.  
 Bless these gifts and our lives together,  
 that all we are and all we have give glory to you.  
 In the name of Christ, who is our way, our truth, and our life. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 338 . . . . . “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster . . . . . Louis Vierne

## Worship in the Reformed Tradition

As the headings in our bulletin remind us each week, the center of our worship is **the Word**—by which we mean both Scripture and the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. Our Scripture witnesses to God and God's activity. When it is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship.

That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6 (page 597 of the Old Testament): adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. Overwhelmed by God's majesty and glory, we **gather** together in **praise** offered through song and prayer.

In the face of that great goodness of God, we also see how we fall short of being who we were created to be and so we join in a **prayer of confession**. We then proclaim the **forgiveness** that we know in Jesus Christ. We live our lives in this cycle of realizing where we fall short, being honest to God about that, and then recognizing that God always forgives us, even before the words are on our lips, and lets us start new.

As we listen for the Word of God, **Scripture** is read. The **sermon** is proclaimed. We respond to the Word with thanksgiving, joining in **song** and **affirming our faith**, using words from the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s *Book of Confessions*—whether it be the Apostles' Creed, a Brief Statement of Faith, or one of the other professions of faith—or words taken directly from Scripture.

Following Jesus' instruction to pray, in the **Prayers of the People** we bring human need before God in hope, trust, and thanksgiving for God's faithfulness, concluding with the **Lord's Prayer**. Our response of thanksgiving also includes the giving of our material goods, bringing to God the **offerings** of our work as symbols of our gratitude and our acknowledgment that everything we have comes from God. In prayer we **dedicate** these gifts and our lives to the work of the church and God's mission.

God then **sends** us, like Isaiah, back out into the world in service. Our final **hymn** of grateful praise moves directly into a **charge and blessing** to take what we have heard, to take what we have learned, and to actively live it out in the world, looking for God's work all around us.

## Worship Leaders

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Nanette Sawyer, Lesley Conzelman, Rocky Supinger, and Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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The Handbell Choir; The Men's Choir

Laura Chen, violin, and Beatrice Chen, viola (9:30)

Robert Chen, violin, and Noah Chen, cello (11:00)

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

## Worship Notes

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FOURTH CHURCH IS GRATEFUL to the Chen family—Robert, who is concertmaster of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Laura, who is a member of the Lyric Opera Orchestra and the Grant Park Symphony Orchestra; and their children, Beatrice and Noah—for sharing their musical gifts in worship today.

THE FOURTH CHURCH MEN'S CHOIR will be singing in worship through July 16; the Women's Choir will be singing from July 23 through September 3.

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