

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Carillon Leo Sowerby

Introit

“Search Me, O God” Eric DeLamarter

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thought;
and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me into the life everlasting. 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: *O sing to the Lord a new song;*

People: **sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: *Sing, and give praise to God’s name;*

People: **tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

Leader: *God reigns supreme over all the earth.*

People: **We humbly worship God of all nations.**

*Hymn 339 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Litany of Confession

Leader: *Great God, who governs all nations upon the earth,*

People: **be merciful to us.**

Leader: *From blindness of heart, from love of ease, from contentment
with the second best, from failure to do the good that was in
the heart of our forebears and for which they prepared the way—*

People: **forgive us, gracious God.**

Leader: *From presumptuous sins, from pride of possession,
from vainglorious boastings, from national hypocrisies—*

People: **save your people, gracious God.**

Leader: *From the covetousness which is idolatry, from hard bargaining and ruthless competition, from the self-centered service of mammon and the worship of wealth—*

People: **forgive us, gracious God.**

Leader: *From class warfare and class hatred, from racial antagonisms, from the spirit of party, from the seeking of sectional advantage and forgetfulness of the general good—*

People: **save your people, gracious God.**

Leader: *From failure to take account of the needs of other nations, from living unto ourselves alone, and from putting our trust in our own strength when our trust should be in you—*

People: **forgive us, gracious God.**

Leader: *That we may be mindful of the poor and oppressed; that we may welcome and receive those who in good faith come from other lands to our country; that our legislators may with a godly spirit enact always things just, things wise, and things merciful—*

People: **we beseech you to guide us, gracious God. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

*Exchange of Peace

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*sung*)

“How Long, O God, Will My Prayers Be in Vain?” The Hymnal, 779

Anthem

“Shall We Gather at the River?” Robert Lowry; arr. Heather Graves

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:20–25 Old Testament, page 158

Leader: *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

Matthew 10:40–42 New Testament, page 10

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 340 “This Is My Song”

*Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith

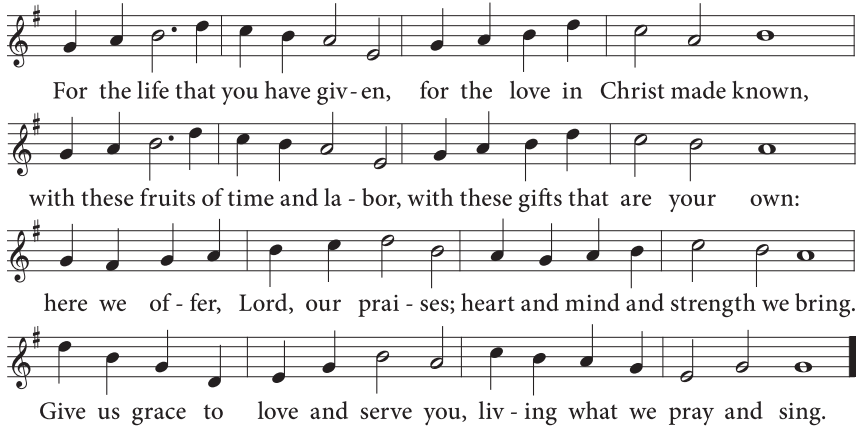
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“A Simple Song” from *Mass* Leonard Bernstein

*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 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, 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.

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

"Simple Gifts" Shaker melody; arr. Aaron Copland

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

American Hymn. Richard Keys Biggs

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.

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Garnie Head, Nanette Sawyer

The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, we will experience the Exchange of Peace as an experiment for engaging more deeply worship in the Reformed Tradition. The Exchange of Peace follows the Declaration of Pardon and is a response to God's forgiveness. This exchange of signs and words of unity and of Christ's peace is an ancient greeting of siblings in Christ. This is a time when we extend to one another what we ourselves have received from God in Christ. You may shake hands and say "The peace of Christ be with you" or simply "Peace be with you," the greeting of Jesus Christ to his disciples after his resurrection. By exchanging the Peace of Christ to one another, we witness to God's reconciling love.

THE BANNERS DISPLAYED IN THE SANCTUARY are based on seven statements attributed to Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to John in which Jesus declares "I am . . . the Resurrection and the Life; the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Gate; the Good Shepherd; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and the Vine." The banners were designed and created by Associate Pastor Victoria G. Curtiss. In the literature racks is a brochure explaining them, with accompanying prayers.

SOURCES AND CREDITS: Hymn tune names—as well as composers of the music and authors of the text—are listed in the hymnal with each hymn. The Prayer of Confession is from "A Litany: Our Country," *The Book of Common Worship*, 1946. 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. All rights reserved.

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