

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Air Gerre Hancock

Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” Richard Ayleward
*O Lord, open thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.
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. Praise ye the Lord; the Lord’s name be praised.*

*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 619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving and merciful God, we confess that we are people who hold onto hurts and grudges. We dismiss our feelings of anger or resentment. We admit our reticence to speak honestly to those who have offended us or our community because we fear being thought of as weak or sensitive or self-righteous. Sometimes we are tolerant and passive when we should be honest and forthcoming. We need you, O God, to show us the way toward honesty and unity and forgiveness. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us, O God, and hear our prayers. 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

Anthem

“Praise, All You People” Bradley Ellingboe

*Praise, all you people, the name so holy of him who does such marvelous things!
All that has being, to praise him solely, with happy heart its amen sings!
Blessed, O blessed are they forever whose help is from the Lord most high,
whom from salvation naught can sever, and who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
Trust not in rulers for they are but mortal; earth born are they and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life’s portal, vain is their help on judgment day.
Praise, all you people, praise the almighty, my soul adore him! Yes, I will laud
him all my days; with song and anthem I come before him singing the Lord
a song of praise! Hallelujah!*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 149 Old Testament, page 550

*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

Matthew 18:15–20. New Testament, page 19

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Protecting Community” Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

*Affirmation of Faith 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.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Song of Peace Jean Langlais

*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

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them, alleluia. Touch we now thy garment’s hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, alleluia. So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be, alleluia. We will serve thee faithfully.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 515 “I Come with Joy”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Allegro from *Trio Sonata in E-flat Major*. Johann Sebastian Bach

CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER

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.

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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The Music Today

The Chancel Choir

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

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Worship Notes

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE, which follows the Declaration of Pardon, 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 with one another, we witness to God's reconciling love.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR returns to music leadership this morning. Both the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir welcome new members to join them this season in making music. The Chancel Choir provides music leadership at the 8:00 a.m. service from September through May and rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft. The Handbell Choir, a multigenerational ensemble that does not require prior handbell experience, rings periodically for 9:30 and 11:00 worship between October and May and rehearses on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

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