

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Cantabile Joseph Clokey

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” Donald Cashmore

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of 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: *As a community of faith, and as individual believers,
we address God, our Father and Mother:*

People: **O Sovereign, our Sovereign, you alone we worship and praise.**

Leader: *Every sound tree bears good fruit; we are known by our fruit.*

People: **The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, and patience,**

Leader: *kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

People: **We have no grounds for boasting but are justified by faith.**

Leader: *We seek God’s mercy and are led by God’s Spirit.*

People: **We bow before the throne of grace
and praise God’s Holy Name.**

*Hymn 263 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, we confess that all of us sin and fall short of your glory.
We are idle when we should be active.
We listen to gossip more than we listen to the gospel.
When called to serve we have excuses rather than excitement;
we hesitate rather than hasten to do what you ask.
Time is short, for we know not when you will hold us accountable.
Help us to be mindful of how precious each moment is
and to be quick to fill our lives with deeds of discipleship
in response to your will. 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

Minute for Discipleship

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

“Within Your Shelter, Loving God” (Psalm 91) The Hymnal, 168

Anthem

“Cantate Domino” Hans Leo Hassler

*O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name;
tell of God’s salvaton from day to day.
Declare God’s glory among the nations,
God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.*

First Lesson

Romans 3:21–26 New Testament, page 144

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

Romans 5:1–8 New Testament, page 145

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Transformative Grace” Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 436 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

*Affirmation of Faith. from the Westminster Confession of Faith

All those that are justified, God vouchsafeth,
in and for his only Son Jesus Christ,
to make partakers of the grace of adoption:
by which they are taken into the number,
and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God;
have God’s name put upon them; receive the Spirit of adoption;
have access to the throne of grace with boldness;
are enabled to cry, Abba, Father; are pitied, protected, provided for,
and chastened by him as by a father; yet never cast off,
but sealed to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises,
as heirs of everlasting salvation.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Sonata in C Major Domenico Zipoli

*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

“Jesu, Dulcis Memoria” Tomás Luis de Victoria
Jesu, the very thought of thee fills me with joy, but greater far to see thee face to face.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fantasia in G Minor Johann Pachelbel

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Worship Notes

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AS WE MARK THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION this autumn, we continue our seven-part "Always Reforming" sermon series. Each week we are also affirming our faith by using different creeds and statements of faith from the Reformed tradition. Today's affirmation is from the Westminster Confession of Faith.

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.)

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