

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

The Aeolian Sonata Dan Locklair
2. Shalom (Peace)

Introit

“Siyahamba” South African melody
We are marching in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God.

*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 396 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, we say that you are the Lord
but then we live our lives as though you have no power.
We too easily bow before the powers and authorities of this world.
We lack the imagination to envision a world governed by your love.
Deliver us, O God, from our limited perception.
Capture the imaginations of our hearts and the work of our hands.
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

Anthem

“Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee” Eric H. Thiman

Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast,

but sweeter far thy face to see and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,

nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than thy blest name,

O savior of mankind. Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be.

Jesu, be thou our glory now and through eternity. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 96 Old Testament, page 520

*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 22:15–22, 24–40. New Testament, page 23

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Gratitude and Responsibility” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 697 "Take My Life"

*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.

Installation of Officers

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Simple Gifts. Shaker melody
arr. Virgil Fox

*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: *Holy and honest God . . .*

. . . who forever sing your praises:

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

“Amazing Grace” American folk tune
arr. Richard Proulx

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Today, O Lord, we have tasted your goodness and breathed in your mercy. We have been united with people all over your creation and reminded of the great fellowship you have given us. May these gifts of bread, cup, grace, and presence fuel us to seek justice, do mercy, and walk humbly with you today and in all our days to come. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Phoenix Dan Locklair

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Roger Wilson, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Amy Anderson, violin

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

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Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Roger Wilson on behalf of Stephen Ministry.

TODAY WE ARE INSTALLING Linden Moot, Jane P. Nerison, and Sally Scott as officers of Fourth Presbyterian Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this important ministry.

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 A Brief Statement 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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