

*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

Sonata V in D Major . . . . . Felix Mendelssohn  
Andante—Andante con moto

### Introit

“I Will Fill This House with Glory” . . . . . Eric H. Thiman  
*I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.*

\*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: *Don't you know? Haven't you heard?*

People: God created all things and summons everyone by name.

Leader: *Don't you know? Haven't you heard?*

People: No one—nothing—can compare to God's glory.

Leader: *Don't you know? Haven't you heard?*

People: The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the creator of the ends of the earth.  
God never grows tired or weary.

Leader: *Don't you know? Haven't you heard?*

People: Those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength forever and ever.

\*Hymn 744 . . . . . “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Faithful Shepherd, in seasons of struggle and distress  
we forget your steadfast love.  
We complain that you have not met our needs.  
We question your care for us.  
We rush to other saviors rather than waiting for your strength.  
In your tender mercy, forgive us for charging you with neglect.  
Forgive us for acting like we cannot trust your promises  
of goodness, mercy, and justice.  
Help us, by your Spirit, to hold fast to your promises of restoration.  
We pray in Jesus' name. 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

"Nada De Turba" . . . . . John Warren  
*Let nothing disturb you, nothing affright you;  
all things are passing, God never changes.  
Patient endurance attains unto all things,  
who God possesses in nothing is wanting, alone God suffices.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 147:1-11 . . . . . Old Testament, page 549

\*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

Isaiah 40:21-31 . . . . . Old Testament, page 628

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 43 . . . . . "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

\*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.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Andante tranquillo from *Sonata No. 3* . . . . . F. Mendelssohn

\*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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### 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, 565

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, hosanna in the highest.

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 566

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.  
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

“Know That God Loves You” . . . . . Carson P. Cooman  
*Know that God loves you. God’s command is this: “Love one another as I have loved you.” For neither death, nor life, nor present, nor future, shall separate us from the love of God.*

## Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Like the Israelites as they glanced up to the stars,  
like the shepherds in Bethlehem’s field,  
like the leper healed who returned to Jesus,  
like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church,  
we praise and glorify your name, O God.  
You have given us more than we could have imagined.  
For tidings of joy, for this nourishment for our faith,  
for wholeness received, we thank you.  
May we be living signs of your power to reconcile and to redeem.  
We ask all things in the name of Christ. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 529 . . . . . “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

\*Benediction and Response

## Postlude

Con Moto Maestoso from *Sonata No. 3* . . . . . F. Mendelssohn

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.

The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” 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.

## Worship Leaders

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Rocky Supinger, Peyton Randy Keller, Lucy Forster-Smith

## The Music Today

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Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Grant Nill, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

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FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including this 8:00 a.m. Communion service, worship at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We will also offer a service in the style of Taizé on Friday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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