

## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Dialogue en trio du Cornet et de la Tierce . . . . . François Couperin

### Introit

“Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded” . . . . Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi  
*Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread! Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead! Sing of the sun from darkness appearing; sing of the seed from barren earth greening; sing of creation, alleluia! Sing of the stream from Jesus’ side flowing; sing of the saints in water made holy; sing of salvation, alleluia!*

\*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: *The Source of all life has called us to be members of one body.*

People: We join with those who in all times and places  
have praised God’s name.

Leader: *With one heart and mind may we show the unity of the church*

People: and witness to the amazingly inclusive grace of God.

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

\*Hymn 37 . . . . . “Let All Things Now Living”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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

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# Listening for the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 98 . . . . . Old Testament, page 521

### Anthem

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again” . . . . . Eric H. Thiman

*Christ the Lord is risen again; Christ hath broken every chain;*

*hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, alleluia.*

*He, who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,*

*is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy and say alleluia.*

*He, who bore our pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,*

*lives in glory now on high, pleads for us and hears our cry, alleluia.*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing unto Christ our heavenly king,*

*who endured the cross and grave, sinners to redeem and save, alleluia. Amen.*

### First Lesson

1 John 5:1–6 . . . . . New Testament, page 227

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

Acts 10:44–48 . . . . . New Testament, page 122

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

“Astounding and Abounding” . . . . . Victoria G. Curtiss

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 749 . . . . . “Come! Live in the Light!”

\*Affirmation of Faith . . . . . from 1 John 5:1–4

Leader: *Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God,  
and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.*

People: **For this is the love of God, that we keep God’s commandments.**

Leader: *By this we know that we love the children of God,  
when we love the Lord and obey God’s commandments.*

People: **For this is the love of God, that we keep God’s commandments.**

Leader: *For whatever is born of God overcomes the world.  
And this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.*

People: **For this is the love of God, that we keep God’s commandments.**

Leader: *Who overcomes the world?  
Those who believe that Jesus is the Christ.*

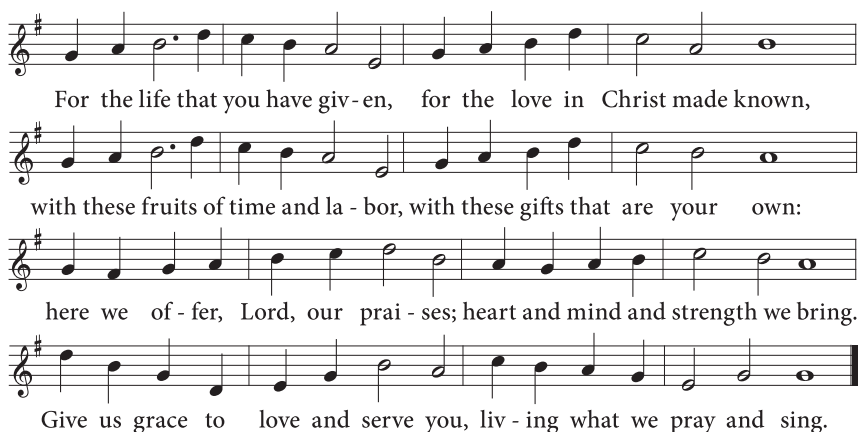
People: **For this is the love of God, that we keep God’s commandments.  
And God’s commandments are not burdensome.**

## Offering

### Offertory Solo

“Récit de Cromhorne” . . . . . François Couperin

## \*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

"A Repeating Alleluia" . . . . . Calvin Hampton

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God, you graciously feed us, who have received these holy mysteries,  
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.

May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service;

we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth;

we who have seen the greatness of your love

see you face-to-face in your realm.

For you have made us your own people

by the death and resurrection of Christ our Lord

and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 761 . . . . . "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Carillon . . . . . Herbert Murrill

## Worship Leaders

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Matt Helms, Peyton Randy Keller, Victoria G. Curtiss

## 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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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.

TODAY IS GRANT NILL'S LAST SUNDAY WITH US as Fourth Church Organ Scholar. We are grateful for Grant's accompanying the Chancel Choir and assisting regularly in 8:00 a.m. worship this past year, and we wish him well as he graduates this spring from Loyola University with a bachelor's degree in music.

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