

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Andantino in D-flat Major Edwin H. Lemare

Introit

“Blessed Are They” Eric DeLamarter
Blessed are they that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*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: *Come give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart;
come offer yourself and sing God’s praises;
come give thanks to God for steadfast love and faithfulness.*

People: Thanks be to God who preserves us.
Thanks be to God who delivers us.
Thanks be to God who fulfills a purpose for us.

Leader: *Come give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.*

People: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

*Hymn 796 “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

*Stand as you are able. [†]Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

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

“A Chorister’s Prayer”. Bruce Neswick

*Bless, O Lord, all thy servants who minister in thy temple;
grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 138 Old Testament, page 545

*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

Acts 3:1–10 New Testament, page 112

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rocky Supinger

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 800 “Sometimes a Light Surprises”

*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

Grazioso George Phillip Telemann

*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

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer

Leader: *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, God of 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.

Leader: . . . *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

“The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare” Geoffrey Shaw

The Lord my pasture shall prepare, and feed me with a shepherd’s care; his presence shall my wants supply, and guard me with a watchful eye; my noonday walks he shall attend, and all my midnight hours defend. When in the sultry glebe I faint, or on the thirsty mountain pant, to fertile vales and dewy meads my weary wandering steps he leads; where peaceful rivers soft and slow, amid the verdant landscape flow. Though in a bare and rugged way through devious lonely wilds I stray, thy bounty shall my pains beguile; the barren wilderness shall smile with sudden greens and herbage crowned, and streams shall murmur all around. Though in the paths of death I tread, with gloomy horrors overspread, my steadfast heart shall fear no ill, for thou, O Lord, art with me still; thy friendly crook shall give me aid and guide me through the dreadful shade.

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 805 “Come Sing to God”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in G Major Georg Philipp Telemann

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

Matt Helms, Margaret Laing, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

Women of the Morning Choir

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

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Worship Notes

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, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as we do on the fourth Friday of each month.

THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT, “Unweavings,” created by fiber artist Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day.

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