

*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 in the Style of Handel . . . . . William Wolstenholme  
Introduction—Allegro—Largo—Minuet

### Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” . . . . . George Guest  
*O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.  
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.  
Praise ye the Lord; the Lord’s name be praised.*

\*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 Church is to be the body of Christ,*  
People: living as one, belonging to God and one another.  
Leader: *The Church is to be a community of faith,*  
People: entrusting ourselves to God alone.  
Leader: *The Church is to be a community of hope,*  
People: Rejoicing and resting in the promises of God’s love.  
Leader: *The Church is to be a community of love,*  
People: where sin is forgiven, reconciliation flourishes,  
and walls are torn down.  
Leader: *The Church is to be a community of witness,*  
People: proclaiming through word and work  
that life with God is better than life without.  
Leader: *The Church is to be a community of worship,*  
People: with every breath and bone, praising God without end.

### \*Prayer of Praise

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

\*Hymn ..... “Draw the Welcome Circle Wider”  
(Tune: *The Hymnal*, 490)

*Refrain*

Draw the welcome circle wider. Gather friends and strangers in.  
Formed of holy breath and stardust, born of God, we all are kin.

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1. From the hedgerows and the highways, summon each unlikely guest.  
Bid the hungry eat their fill, and all the wary find their rest. *Refrain*
2. Doors upended serve as tables where the guests prepare to dine.  
Justice is their righteous fare while mercy is their richest wine. *Refrain*
3. All are refugees together; all are wand’rers welcomed home,  
greeted by God’s open arms, with each unique, but none alone. *Refrain*
4. Streaming through the arching gateway in a bright, celestial throng,  
saints from ages gone before us lead the joyous banquet song: *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, we give you thanks that by your power you created us,  
and by your goodness you call us to be your people.  
We confess that we have lived for ourselves and apart from you.  
We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others.  
We have ignored the pain of the world,  
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.  
In your great love, forgive and renew us that we may follow your ways  
to the newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*  
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Commissioning of Youth Mission Participants (9:30)

Commissioning of Urban Youth Mission Leaders (11:00)

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants” ..... Martin How

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15. . . . . Old Testament, page 519

\*Gloria Patri (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup>  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 6:1-7. . . . . New Testament, page 116

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: "A Spirit Revolution"

"Church Getting Organized!" . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 300 . . . . . "We Are One in the Spirit"

\*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.

New Members (11:00)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

<sup>†</sup>Or "to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost."

Prayer Response

“Amen” . . . . . George Frideric Handel

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Praise, O Praise” . . . . . Martin How

\*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Draw your Church together, O God,  
 into one great company of disciples,  
 together following the way of Jesus Christ  
 into every walk of life.  
 Take our gifts of heart and mind,  
 that they may be used to witness to your everlasting love,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 463 . . . . . “How Firm a Foundation”

\*Benediction and Response

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude

O, Had I Jubal’s Lyre . . . . . George Frideric Handel  
arr. Robert J. Powell

## TODAY IS BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Fourth Presbyterian Church recognizes and congratulates the following members  
and Chicago Lights Tutoring students, all of whom are 2018 graduates.

### EIGHTH GRADE

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Kymara Ashford	Brinton D'hondt	Kelvin Kissi	Ford Pape	Anneke Stracks
Lily Bechina	Adeline Daab	Rei Kong	Bennett Patterson	Cassidy Struif
Jamerion Benard	Makyrá Davis	Knox Lingenfelter	Meredith Phelps	Jimmy Thomas
Alicia Berger	Mark Delfs	Tirria Martin	Laura Ye Wen Pilchen	Matea Thomas
Alexander Boyle	Aniyah Eastmond	Malachi Mattox	Anna Rickard-Bugel	Ryan Tran
Janyra Browley	Garrick Elem	Nolan McCoy	Kierson Rickmon	Joshua Van Overmeiren
DeVille Brown Jr.	Jack Fleck	David McDermott	Da'Sean Roberts	Shea VanDerMeid
Kayla Brown	Jada Garmon	Jeremiah Meija	Jamari Ruffin	Henry Wallace
Gabriella Buchanan	Amara German	Claire Mertzluft	Natalie Ruhana	Eric Ward
Jasmin Burke	Lyle Gray	Elena Miers	Antonio Ruiz	Makaylah Webster
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Canutie Collins	Delaney Haas	Regina Monroy	Jane Shapiro	Ryan Williams
Devon Collins	Jari Hackett	Khole Neal	Raphael Singh	Ellen Witwer
Grace Cruise	Darriona Harkins	Sarah Nicholson	Abigail Skouse	Shanya Woods
Alexander Cuadros	Samyra Jackson	Alexa Nied	Dajonte Smith	Taliyah Wright
Caroline Culver	Quincy Johnson	Dayshawn Oaks	Bruce Snipe	Grace Yonan
Robert Cupps	Emily Kim	Kyle Osenberg	Andrew Soman	Miya Yoon
Olivia Cutka	Genevieve Kinner	Molly Paeth	Emily Stomper Garcia	

### TWELFTH GRADE

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Renee Aavik	Claire Calkins	Thomas Hildebrand	Drake Osenberg	Chandler Stearns
Grace Andrews	Elizabeth Canfield	Zari Jones	Hendrik Ottens	John Thomas
Nkiruka Aningo	Ramya Council	Gillian King	Ana Pranger	Grace Turner
Skye Balfour	Peyton Cox	Lane Kizziah	Graham Radtke	Daja Wells
Elijah Blanton	David Dingsen	Jordyn Lando	Anna Rhodes	Nayah Williams
Eliza Bowers-Chen	Andria Ellis	Samuel LaSalle	Anne Satre	Max Wilson
Brenna Bracy	Zarina Foudree	Audrey May	Carolyn Shields	Erik Wilson Viovode
Lavelle Brown	Lauren Freeman	Owen Meyer	Lily Shorney	
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Keato Bubala	John Grissom	Griffin Nuelle	Hafeez Soberu	
Eleanor Buchanan	Ealexis Hester	Daniel Osafo	Mayra Staven	

### COLLEGE

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Cosmo Albrecht, Henry Shorney, Johanna E. Mintz, Djameno W. Ntowe-Fankam, Rebecca Schuessler

### GRADUATE DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

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Samantha Borow, Samuel Donham, Madeline Pantalena, Sophia Schloen, Lindsay Shepherd Cook, Nicole Steinberg

*Today we are commissioning persons active in the 2018 youth mission trips—which will take groups to Cuba, Detroit, and Montreat—as ambassadors from Fourth Church:*

Luke Beasley, Carole Bekken, Allison Berger, Alicia Berger, Marianne Berger, Anna Calkins, Timothy Calkins, Chris Carlton, Chrissy Cerasale, Adeline Cook, Chris Cook, Timothy Cook, Gavin Daniels, Hope Daniels, Charlotte Ericson, Ruby Fairman, Mallory Garfield, Aaric Gray, Emalyn Gray, Peter Grissom, Josh Hoering, Hannah Kershner, Audra Kimbell, Amelia Kittle, Jacob Kozlowski, William Kozlowski, Alessandra Latherow, Brandon Latherow, Audrey May, Taylor McAdams, Luke Meyer, Sally Morgan, Addison Morley, Ned Morley, Mark Nelson, Cole Prater, Andrew Phelps, Josie Phelps, Emmy Prater, Clara Radtke, Emily Reome, Kathleen Reome, Sean Richards, Harrison Stracks, Lisa Stracks, Laura Supinger, Charlie Turner, Gretchen Wahl

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Rocky Supinger, Jennifer Ebie, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Rocky Supinger, Ellen Schaller, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Women's Choir; Kimberly Gunderson, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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**THIS SUMMER'S SERMON SERIES** on the Acts of the Apostles, "A Spirit Revolution" invites us to widen our imaginations about what God might do through us as individuals and as a church.

**THIS MORNING WE COMMISSION** Urban Youth Mission (UYM) leaders for 2018: Megan Barbee, Joy Gregorio, Alejandro Salas, and Ian Whitsitt. They join Katie Patterson as staff for our summer UYM program, which hosts visiting youth groups from across the country for a week of service and learning about urban mission and ministry.

**THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT**, "Unweavings" created by 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).

**THE BULLETIN COVER IMAGE** depicts the Michigan Avenue entrance to the Sanctuary.

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