

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Three Quiet Preludes Gilbert Martin

Introit

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Arthur Henry Messiter
arr. Norman J. Clayton

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks and sing.
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

*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: *We gather to worship the one who crafted creation out of chaos,*

People: *our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.*

Leader: *We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,*

People: *we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.*

Leader: *We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God’s love.*

People: *young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched
lift the new, new songs of faith.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Joy-giving God, we know who we are: people who hear the harmony of your grace and love in our souls, but sing off-key so often. We want to learn new songs, but those haunting tunes of our past mistakes run through our heads. We long to make a joyful noise to you, but the hurts inflicted on us and the pain we have caused others, silence our voices.

Sing to us, conductor of grace: sing of your forgiveness, your hope, your love for us. Strike a chord of humility in our hearts so our eyes could see all you have done for us; and in seeing, we might believe how much you love us; and in believing, we would echo that new song of hope and life composed through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“The Best of Rooms” Charles Wood
*Christ, he requires still, where so ever he comes to feed or lodge,
to have the best of rooms; give him the choice,
grant him the nobler part of all the house, the best of all’s the heart.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 98. Old Testament, page 521

*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.

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

Scripture Lesson

Acts of the Apostles 10:1-17, 34-35. New Testament, page 120
Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: A Spirit Revolution

“Peter and Cornelius” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 317 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

*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.

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.

Prayer Response

“Amen” Anonymous

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Forth in Thy Name” Richard Shepherd

*Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue:
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.
The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all thy works thy presence find, and prove thine acceptable will.
Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.
Give me to bear thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look and hasten to thy glorious day.
For thee delightfully employ whatever thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.*

*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*)

Take our gifts, O God, and weave a song of healing for the broken;
a song of nourishment for the hungry; a song of hope for those who despair;
and a song of peace for those torn by violence. We sing our praises,
as we offer our treasures, as well as our hearts, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 307. “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

God of Grace Paul Manz

“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

Baptism at Fourth Presbyterian Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:

Charlotte Elizabeth McCleary, child of Ryan and Elizabeth McCleary
Adler Alan Yorg, child of Jeffery and Kathryn Yorg

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

Evie Grace Bourdo, child of Skip and Julie Bourdo
Luke William Bourdo, child of Skip and Julie Bourdo
Carter Francis Campbell, child of Jon and Jennifer Campbell
Brooks Sullivan Janulis, child of Jonathan and Claire Janulis

Worship Leaders

9:30 Rocky Supinger, Robin Moncrieff, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Rocky Supinger, Craig Morrison, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Women's Choir

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

Worship Notes

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.

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. A brochure with more information about the banners is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/arts/liturgical.html

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