

*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

- Lied (Song) . . . . . Louis Vierne  
Toccata No. 11 . . . . . Georg Muffat

### Introit

- “Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee” . . . . . German chorale  
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*Jehovah, let me now adore thee, for where is there a God such, Lord, as thou?  
With songs I fain would come before thee; O, let thy Holy Spirit teach me now  
to praise thee in his name through whom alone our songs can please thee,  
through thy blessed Son!*

- \*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: *Let all the earth acclaim God.*

People: **Let us sing to the glory of God’s name.**

Leader: *Come and see what God has done.*

People: **Let the sound of our praise be heard.**

Leader: *Blessed is our God*

People: **who has not withdrawn from us Christ’s love and care.**

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

### \*Prayer of Praise

- \*Hymn 35 . . . . . “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of forgiveness,  
we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.  
We hear your promise that the old passes away  
and that you make all things new,  
but we hear it amid our self-doubt.  
We confess our desire for guarantees  
when what you offer us is even greater—hope.  
When you call us to obedience, we set conditions.  
When you call us to follow, we ask “Where?”  
Forgive our reluctance to leave our false comforts  
in order to walk in your newness of life.  
We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Die Ehre Gottes aus der Natur” . . . . . Ludwig van Beethoven  
arr. Peter W. Dykem

*The heavens resound with God’s praises eternal; in might and glory they combine  
to tell God’s name through the earth and the oceans that all may hear the word divine.  
God holds the sun in the blue vaulted heavens, God plants his foot upon the world;  
the myriad stars bow in willing subjection; the universe God’s hand unfurled.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 67 . . . . . Old Testament, page 500

\*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.

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

Scripture Lesson

Acts of the Apostles 16:6–15 . . . . . New Testament, page 127

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: “A Spirit Revolution”

“When God Presents Roadblocks” . . . . . Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 722 . . . . . “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

\*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” . . . . . Millar Burrows

# Offering

## Offertory Anthem

“Rise Up, Ye Saints of God” . . . . . Kenneth Jennings

*Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things; give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings. Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long; bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong. Rise up, ye saints of God! The church for you doth wait; her strength unequal to her task, rise up, and make her great! Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; as children of the Son of Man, rise up, ye saints of God!*

### \*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*)

With all that we have and all that we are,  
 we give you thanks and praise, most holy God.  
 Make us instruments of your love,  
 and use the gifts we offer to extend your care  
 to all corners of our world, a world which so needs your care;  
 through Christ we pray. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 730 . . . . . “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

### \*Benediction and Response

#### Postlude

Sonata on the First Tone . . . . . José Lidon

## Worship in the Reformed Tradition

As the headings in our bulletin remind us each week, the center of our worship is **the Word**—by which we mean both Scripture and the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. Our Scripture witnesses to God and God's activity. When it is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship.

That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6 (page 597 of the Old Testament): adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. Overwhelmed by God's majesty and glory, we **gather together in praise** offered through song and prayer.

In the face of that great goodness of God, we also see how we fall short of being who we were created to be and so we join in a **prayer of confession**. We then proclaim the **forgiveness** that we know in Jesus Christ. We live our lives in this cycle of realizing where we fall short, being honest to God about that, and then recognizing that God always forgives us, even before the words are on our lips, and lets us start new.

As we listen for the Word of God, **Scripture** is read. The **sermon** is proclaimed. We respond to the Word with thanksgiving, joining in **song** and **affirming our faith**, using words from the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s *Book of Confessions*—whether it be the Apostles' Creed, a Brief Statement of Faith, or one of the other professions of faith—or words taken directly from Scripture.

Following Jesus' instruction to pray, in the **Prayers of the People** we bring human need before God in hope, trust, and thanksgiving for God's faithfulness, concluding with the **Lord's Prayer**. Our response of thanksgiving also includes the giving of our material goods, bringing to God the **offerings** of our work as symbols of our gratitude and our acknowledgment that everything we have comes from God. In prayer we **dedicate** these gifts and our lives to the work of the church and God's mission.

God then **sends** us, like Isaiah, back out into the world in service. Our final **hymn** of grateful praise moves directly into a **charge and blessing** to take what we have heard, to take what we have learned, and to actively live it out in the world, looking for God's work all around us.

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Victoria G. Curtiss, Ned Morley, Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Judith L. Watt

11:00 Victoria G. Curtiss, Ed Miller, Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Judith L. Watt

## The Music Today

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Men's Choir

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.

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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/arts/liturgical.html)

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