

*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

- Andante Pastorale . . . . . Fillipo Capocci  
Melodia . . . . . Luigi Bottazzo  
Prayer . . . . . Oreste Ravanello

### Introit

- “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” . . . . . German chorale  
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise. By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.*

- \*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: *In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,  
night covered the face of the deep. God said, “Let there be light,”*

People: **and God’s light shined.**

Leader: *When the Israelites fled from Egypt and came to the edge of wilderness,  
God sent a pillar of fire by night to give them sight,*

People: **and God’s light shined.**

Leader: *When the shadows of sin and death took hold and all seemed lost,  
God brought forth life from the tomb, a new day dawned,*

People: **and God’s light shined.**

Leader: *Now, with our hearts and our voices united,  
we are met in the presence of God,*

People: **and God’s light shines.**

### \*Prayer of Praise

- \*Hymn 265. . . . . “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,  
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.  
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,  
but we are content to live in separation.  
You call us to seek the good of all,  
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.  
You call us to fight injustice, but we sit idly by,  
persecuting others by our silence.  
Forgive us, O Lord.  
Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,  
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Beautiful Savior” . . . . . Silesian folk tune  
arr. F. Melius Christiansen

*Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer; he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.  
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.*

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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 22:6–21 . . . . . New Testament, page 134

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: “A Spirit Revolution” . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 377 . . . . . “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

\*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” . . . . . Max Bruch

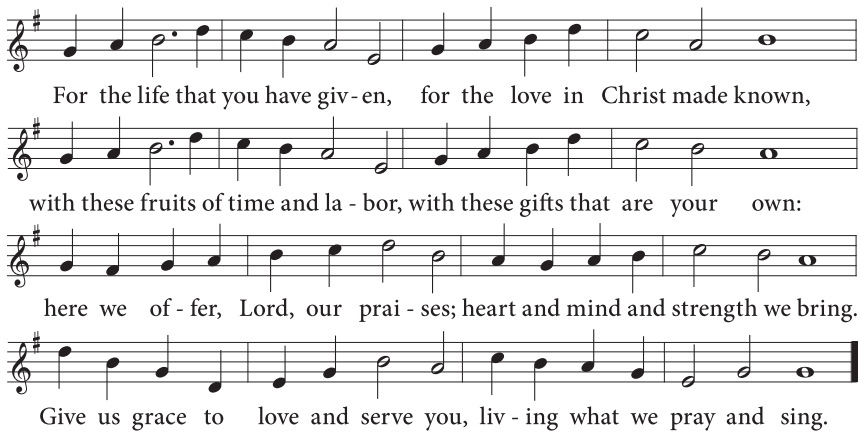
Minute for Mission

Offering

## Offertory Anthem

“Let the Whole Creation Cry” . . . . . Jakob Hintze; arr. John Ferguson  
*Let the whole creation cry, “Glory to the Lord on high!” Heaven and earth, wake and sing, “Praise to our almighty King!” Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love; sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice. Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word; those to whom the arts belong add voices to the song. Powers of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw; all who work and all who wait, singing “God is great!” Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold, and let children’s happy hearts in this worship take their parts; from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll, “Holy, holy, holy one, glory be to God alone!”*

### \*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*)

We offer these gifts to you, O Lord,  
as a sign of our willingness to be changed.  
Renew and restore us with your love, that with new vision  
we may see your work in the world and find our place among it. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 327 . . . . . “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

### \*Benediction and Response

#### Postlude

We Are Marching in the Light of God . . . . . South African freedom song  
arr. John Behnke

## 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 Rocky Supinger, Claudia Winkler, Joseph L. Morrow, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Rocky Supinger, Sara Pfaff, Joseph L. Morrow, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Men's Choir; Sean Stanton, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Devon Collins on behalf of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program.

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. 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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