

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Andante Pastorale Fillipo Capocci

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.

*Invocation

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful and gracious God, we come to you as those who have strayed from your way. We confess to you that we live in a broken world and we, in some part, hinder your holy intent for this world. We have not cared for your children, for creation, for the whole wide world. We own our responsibility and pray, O God, for your pardon. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

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

*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

Minute for Mission

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.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 84 Old Testament, page 513

*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 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”

“Paul’s Signature” Lucy Forster-Smith

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

Responding to the Word

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

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). from A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Air from *Suite No. 2* Jean Joseph Mouret

*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

“O Christ, Thou Lamb of God” German chorale
arr. T. Hoelty-Nickel

*O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give thanks, most gracious God. Take us out to live as changed people in this world, nourished with the bread of life and thirst quenched by the cup of salvation. May we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of the earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

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

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fanfare from *Suite No. 1* J. Joseph Mouret

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.

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The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir; Sean Stanton, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

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