

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

Litany . . . . . Joel Martinson  
Symphony No. 3 in F-sharp Minor . . . . . Louis Vierne  
IV. Adagio

### Introit

“Sing Out a Joyful Song” . . . . . Dale Wood  
*Sing out a joyful song in praise, and come to celebrate!  
With cheerful heart, give thanks to God for goodness ever great.  
Sing new songs of joy, to God lift your voice!  
Sing new songs of praise, give thanks and rejoice!  
Sing out the hymn, the joyful psalm, the canticle of praise,  
and with the builders of this house, your alleluias raise!*

\*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: *Praise God! Praise God in the beauty of this sanctuary.*  
People: Give praise throughout the greatness of the universe.  
Leader: *Praise God for God’s wondrous deeds.*  
People: Give praise for God’s sustaining love.  
Leader: *Praise God with the blast of trumpets;*  
People: give praise with timbrel and dance;  
Leader: *praise God with word and song;*  
People: Give praise with the roar of the organ.  
Leader: *Let everything that draws breath, praise God;*  
People: with gladness we adore and praise 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 everlasting love,  
we confess that we have been unfaithful  
to our covenant with you and with one another.  
We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.  
We have served our own self-interest  
instead of serving only you and your people.  
We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,  
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.  
Forgive us, gracious God,  
and bring us back into the fullness  
of our covenant with you and one another.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains” . . . . . Paul French  
*I lift up my eyes to the mountains, from where shall come my help?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved; your guardian will not slumber.  
See, the guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps.  
The Lord is your guard and your shade and protects you at your right hand.  
The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life.  
The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and  
forevermore. Amen.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 121 . . . . . Old Testament, page 539

\*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

Mark 9:30–37. . . . . New Testament, page 42

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 727. . . . . “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

\*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 (*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.

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

Prayer Response

“Blessed Be the Lord” . . . . . Eric DeLamarter  
*Blessed be the Lord who daily beareth our burden, even the God who is our salvation.  
Amen.*

Minute for Discipleship

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Praise the Name of the Lord” . . . . . Sergei Rachmaninoff  
from the *All Night Vigil*  
*Praise the name of the Lord, alleluia. Praise the Lord, O you God’s servants, alleluia.  
Blessed be the Lord from Zion, who dwells in Jerusalem, alleluia. O give thanks  
unto the Lord, for God is good, alleluia. God’s mercy endures forever, alleluia.  
O give thanks unto the God of heaven for God’s mercy endures forever, alleluia.*

\*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*)

God of every good and perfect gift,  
our gifts are not always good, and they are always imperfect.  
We give, knowing our motives are mixed  
and our mission is unclear.  
Still, we offer these efforts with boldness and trust,  
knowing that your love is stronger  
than our imperfections.  
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 320 . . . . . “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

\*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude

Symphony No. 3 in F-sharp Minor . . . . . Louis Vierne

V. Final

**A Disaster Relief Offering**

is being received today to help meet the emergency needs of those affected by recent disasters such as Hurricane Florence and Super Typhoon Mangkhut. Gifts, which will be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, can be made by using the Disaster Assistance envelopes in the pew racks, by writing “Disaster Assistance” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or online at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org)

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Joseph L. Morrow, Roderick Gedey, Victoria G. Curtiss  
Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Joseph L. Morrow, Melanie Oh Pierce, Victoria G. Curtiss  
Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Morning Choir; Kacey Kurpinsky, 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 DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Don Allerton (9:30) and Rachel Fisher (11:00) on behalf of the Officer Nominating Committee.

LOUIS VIERNE (1870-1937) COMPOSED HIS THIRD SYMPHONY for the organ in 1911 while he was organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. The anguish and pain of several life experiences—a severe leg injury, a brush with death from typhoid fever, a bitter divorce, and depression—are heard in the Adagio and Final offered in today's prelude and postlude, yet each of these movements turns away from those emotions to feelings of hope and even exuberance.

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