

*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

A Solemn Melody . . . . . H. Walford Davies  
Elegy . . . . . George Thalben-Ball  
The Joy of the Redeemed . . . . . Clarence Dickinson

### Introit (9:30)

“Praise Ye the Lord” . . . . . Giovanni Biordi  
*Praise ye the Lord. The Lord is high above all nations.*

### Introit (11:00)

“Sing to the Lord” . . . . . Deborah Govenor  
*Sing to the Lord, bless his holy name, hallelujah.*  
*Shout to the Lord, raise your songs of joy, hallelujah.*  
*For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.*  
*For all his works a song of thanksgiving we 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.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: *In the days to come God’s mountain shall tower as the highest of all  
and be raised above the hills.*

People: Nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
their spears into pruning-knives;  
nation shall not lift sword against nation;  
they shall never learn war again.

Leader: *Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss.*

People: Truth will spring from the earth;  
justice will look down from heaven.

Leader: *O people of God, come, let us walk in the peace of the Lord.*

### \*Prayer of Praise

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

\*Hymn 8 . . . . . “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, you are the author of peace and lover of concord;  
you command us to love one another  
and live in peace with our neighbors.  
We confess that sometimes because of our closed minds,  
prejudice, and suspicion of difference, we choose violence and war.  
We confess we can discriminate and marginalize in both big ways and small,  
without fully realizing it, but in ways that contribute to conflict  
around the globe and at home.  
Forgive us, O God. Chase away our apathy. Warm our idle hearts.  
Empower us by your Spirit to embrace one another,  
following the ways of the Prince of Peace,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

“Even When He Is Silent” . . . . . Kim André Arnesen  
*I believe in the sun even when it’s not shining.*  
*I believe in love even when I feel it not.*  
*I believe in God even when he is silent.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 20 . . . . . Old Testament, page 472

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

*Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri.*

\*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.

Sending Forth: Hymn 748 . . . . . “Go with Us, Lord”  
*Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.*

### Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 2:2–4 . . . . . Old Testament, page 594  
Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 342. . . . . “Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor”

\*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;  
on 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” . . . . . Thomas Morley

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Flanders Fields” . . . . . Paul A. Aitken

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the dead. Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie, in Flanders fields. Take up our quarrel with the foe: to you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders fields.*

\*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)

O God, we long for the time  
 when the meek shall inherit the earth  
 and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied,  
 and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil,  
 now is always the time when more good can be done  
 and we can make a difference in building your reign of peace.  
 May it be so, through the offering of these gifts  
 and the offering of our lives in service of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 346 . . . . . “For the Healing of the Nations”

\*Benediction and Response

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

\*Tolling of the Bells

*Today we join with religious communities across the globe in ringing our bells to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice and as an audible prayer for eternal peace.*

Postlude

Grand Chorus . . . . . Théodore Salomé

### **Baptism at Fourth Presbyterian Church**

Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. 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.

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.

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**9:30 Baptisms** Ida Rae Allerton, child of Jesse and Ellen Allerton  
Alexander John Thompson,  
child of Jack and Rachel Thompson

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**11:00 Baptisms** Sean Tae Yun Doyle, child of Bryan and Rebecca Doyle  
Clark Cahan Graham, child of Brad and Justine Graham  
James Callan Kulick, child of Aaron and Megan Kulick  
Evelyn Grace Ochoa, child of John and Christie Ochoa  
Andrew Robert Ascher Reidy,  
child of Conor Reidy and Whitney Stevens

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Emma Skowlund, Matt Helms, Hailey Skowlund, Shawn Fiedler, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Ava Lin, Matt Helms, Avery Bossert, Shawn Fiedler, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Morning Choir; Children's Choir (11:00)

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing Huei Huang, Pianist

## Worship Notes

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THE TEXT of this morning's first anthem was written on a basement wall in Cologne, Germany, by an anonymous Jewish person hiding during World War II.

The text of the Offertory Anthem was written by the Canadian lieutenant John McCrae in 1915 after witnessing the death of a close friend, who was killed at the Second Battle of Ypres. After reading the poem at his friend's funeral McCrae threw the manuscript away, but fellow soldiers retrieved it. It was published later that year and became one of the most famous poems to come out of the Great War, which ended 100 years ago today. The poem is written from the point of view of the dead soldiers, and its opening lines refer to the many poppies that were the first flowers to grow in the churned-up earth of soldiers' graves in Flanders, a region of Belgium. It is because of this poem that poppies are associated with the toll of World War I.

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