

*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

Concerto in B Minor . . . . . Johann Gottfried Walther  
Adagio

Introit :: “Know That God Loves You” . . . . . Carson P. Cooman  
*Know that God loves you. God’s command is this: “Love one another as I have loved you.”*

\*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.

### \*Invocation

\*Hymn 401 . . . . . “Here in This Place”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, we confess this morning that  
we have given more weight to our happiness  
than to following your will.  
We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.  
We have spoken without an effort to understand others.  
We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.  
We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are judge.  
Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors.  
In the world we have not been your faithful servants.  
Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ,  
your Son, our Savior. Amen.

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

## Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## \*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

Anthem :: “This Gift Is Free” . . . . . Fred Gramann

*Come to the waters all who are thirsty. O come and drink. This gift is free.*

*Come to the table all who are hungry. O come and feast. This gift is free.*

*Come to the tree of life laden with fruit for you. O come and taste. This gift is free.*

*Come to the banquet hall. A place is set for you. O come and sit awhile. This gift is free.*

*Why do you buy food which cannot feed the soul?*

*Or labor on for that which will not make you whole?*

*Come unto me and taste the food I give. Come unto me so that your soul may live.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson :: Luke 6:27–36. . . . . New Testament, page 60

Psalter (*sung*) :: “Commit Your Way to God the Lord” (Psalm 37) . . . . . The Hymnal, 706

\*Gloria Patri (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 581

**Glorify 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.**

Second Lesson :: Luke 6:37–45 . . . . . New Testament, page 60

Sermon :: “To You That Listen” . . . . . Matt Helms

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

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 738 ..... “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) ..... Apostles’ Creed

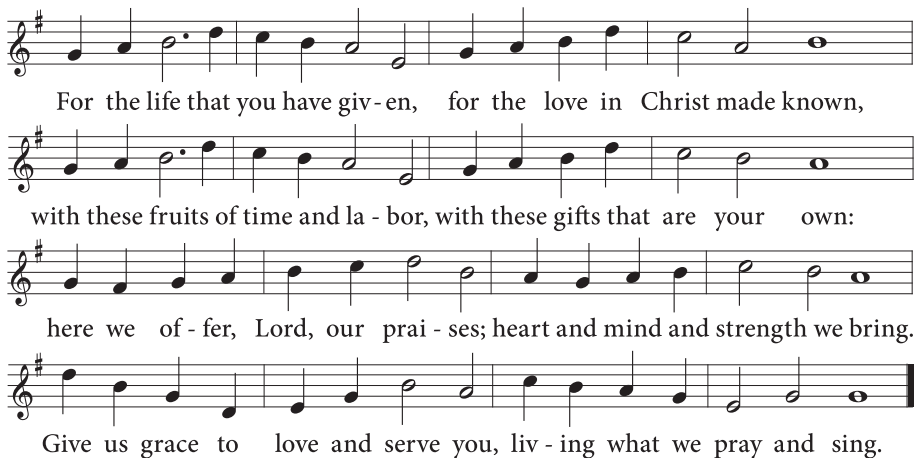
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the 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.

Minute for Discipleship

Offering

Offertory Voluntary ♯ Duo ..... Jean François Dandrieu

\*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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### 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, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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, 553

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*) . . . . . The Hymnal, page 35

#### The Communion

Communion Anthem :: "Peace I Leave with You" . . . . . William Dichmont

arr. Jerry Johnson

*Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you.*

*Let not your heart be troubled. Neither be afraid.*

\*Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Lord God, in deep gratitude  
for this moment, this meal, and these people,  
we give ourselves to you.  
Take us out to live as changed people,  
because we have shared this bread and cup  
and cannot remain the same.  
Ask much of us, expect much from us,  
enable much by us, encourage many through us.  
We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 312 ..... “Take Us As We Are, O God”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Processional ..... William Mathias

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 Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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.

## Worship Leaders

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## The Music Today

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## Worship Notes

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TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Kat Evans and Sam Evans on behalf of Stephen Ministry.

THIS MORNING'S COMMUNION ANTHEM was arranged by Jerry Johnson, a longtime member of Fourth Church and a member of the Chancel Choir.

THE BANNERS DISPLAYED IN THE SANCTUARY are based on seven statements attributed to Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to John in which Jesus declares "I am . . . the Resurrection and the Life; the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Gate; the Good Shepherd; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and the Vine." The banners were designed and created by Associate Pastor Victoria G. Curtiss.

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