

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor Clara Schumann
Cantilène Rachel Laurin
Prelude and Fugue in G Major Felix Mendelssohn

Introit :: “Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah* F. Mendelssohn

*Lift thine eyes to the mountains whence cometh help;
thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said thy foot shall not be moved, thy keeper will never slumber.*

*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: *Seek refuge in God!*

People: Like green olive trees in the house of God,
we dwell in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

Leader: *Seek refuge in God!*

People: We put our trust in God, because of God’s mighty deeds.

Leader: *Seek refuge in God!*

People: In the presence of the faithful, we proclaim God’s holy name.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, we are here on this Sunday,
a day that always signals a new week, a new beginning, a new time.
And we know that our times are in your hands.
But we also confess that we count our times for us.
We count our days and fill them with us.
We count our weeks and fill them with our priorities, without considering yours.
We count our years and fill them with our needs,
rather than remembering the needs of your world.
And then we wonder why we feel empty, or worn out, or far from your hands.
Gracious God, take our times: times of love and times of weariness.
Take them all; bless them, and break them.
And then give them to us again, so that we might give ourselves to you.
Occupy our calendars. Occupy our lives. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem # "The Road Home" Stephen Paulus

*Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost so long ago? All these years
I have wandered; O when will I know there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?
After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
through the air there's a calling from far away; there's a voice I can hear that will lead me
home. Rise up, follow me, come away is the call, with love in your heart as the only song.
There is no such beauty as where you belong; rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 52

Leader: *You mighty, why do you boast of wickedness
against the godly all day long?*

People: **Continually you plot ruin;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor that commits deceit.**

Leader: *You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the truth.*

People: **You love all words that devour, O you deceitful tongue.**

Leader: *O that God would demolish you utterly,
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling
and root you out of the land of the living!*

People: **The righteous shall see and be awestruck, and they shall laugh at you, saying,**

Leader: *“This is the one who did not take God for a refuge
but trusted in great wealth and found strength in destruction.”*

People: **But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God;
I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.**

Leader: *I will thank you forever for what you have done;
in the presence of the faithful I will long for your name,
for it is good. Amen.*

*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 :: Luke 10:38–42 New Testament, page 67

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 444 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

*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.

New Members (11:00)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*) The Hymnal, 35

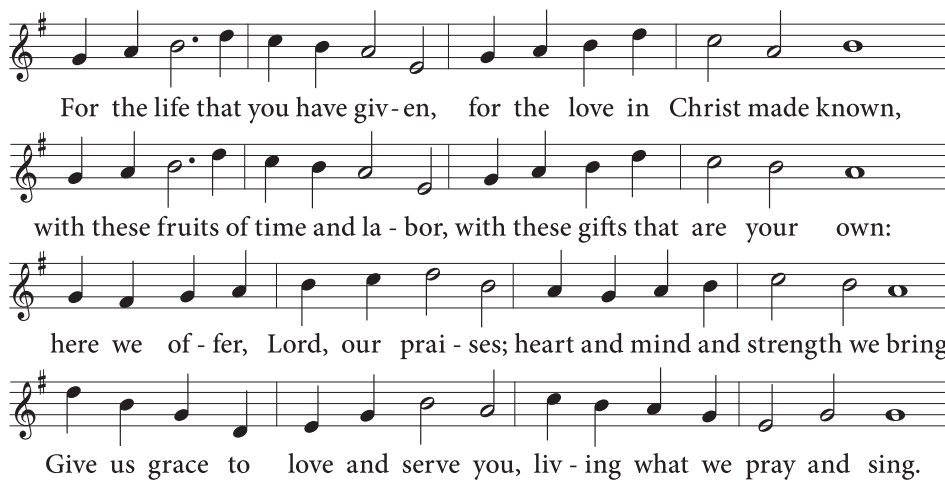
Prayer Response :: “Amen” Morgan Simmons

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “Love Divine” Howard Goodall

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesu, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into
every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our power
of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come,
Almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without
ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us
see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, ’til in heaven we
take our place, ’til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!*

*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, we pray that you will take these gifts of our money,
that you will take the gifts of our time,
and put them to use proclaiming your love and your mercy in this world.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 324 "For All the Faithful Women"

*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude ♯ Prelude in F Major Fanny Mendelssohn

Worship Leaders

9:30 Judith L. Watt, Pamela Spann, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Matt Helms, Nathalie Loma, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Women's Choir

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

Worship Notes

THE WOMEN'S CHOIR will sing in morning worship through September 1. The Chancel Choir and Morning Choir will return on September 8.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME to the 11:00 a.m. service youth from Grace Presbyterian Church in Las Vegas and Green Valley Presbyterian Church in Henderson, Nevada. They are worshipping with us after joining our youth and thousands of others from around the country at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University this past week.

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

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