Gathering around the Word

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision Paul Manz

Introit "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Arthur Henry Messiter; arr. Norman J. Clayton
Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

*Doxology (sung) The Hymnal, 609
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

*Call to Worship
Leader: Come, O God, and fill this space.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, and lead the way.

People: Teach us to worship the living God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,

we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.

We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.

We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world

and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,

that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

^{*}Stand as you are able.

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 " "A Whispered Prayer"..... Ennis Fruhauf

A whispered prayer that rises up, a grain that finds the furrow; the healing of a gentle touch to warm a heart with kindness; the gathering clouds with promises of rain to nourish all below; how rare these gifts of Spirit's love; they hint of life eternal. The morning sun that lights our world and stars to dot the heavens; a voice that speaks in soothing tones to calm a troubled spirit; how tears of grief can overflow with pain but cleanse an anguished soul; these are the seasons of the earth that offer life eternal. The inner glow when eye meets eye, a breeze that stirs the leaves; a fleeting glance that limns a face with beams of God's kind graces; how cares and toils can mount a thousandfold, then melt before a smile. What wondrous blessings from above, sweet songs of life eternal. A lifting hymn that tells of love, a flower's fragile blossom; the nearness of a kindred soul to join a timeless voyage, with dawning days and twilight hours to frame our orb's celestial skies; these marvels are the bread of life, the feast of life eternal.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 85:1–13





Responding to the Word

*Hymn 175 "Seek Ye First"

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;

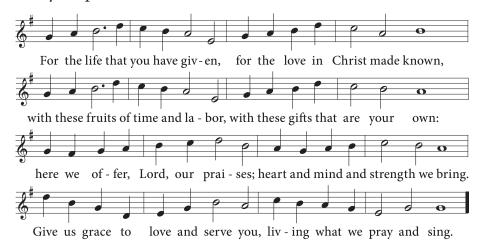
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary : Love Divine, All Loves Excelling...... P. Manz

*Offertory Response



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:

..... 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 Communion Communion Anthem " "How Blest Are They" Richard Proulx How happy those who love the Lord and walk along his ways; their life of love they shall enjoy with blessings all their days. The Lord looks down and blesses you from Sion's holy place; your children's children you shall see grow strong in health and grace. The beauty of Jerusalem in this life you shall see; thus live all those who love the Lord; behold, how blest are they! Prayer after Communion (unison) Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Bearing the Word into the World *Benediction and Response Postlude # God of Grace P. Manz

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Annette Bacon, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

Women of the Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, flutist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

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.

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