

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes Ralph Vaughan Williams
Rhosymedre

Introit :: “Praise the Lord” Giovanni Biordi
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord is high above all nations.
Praise the Lord, O ye servants of the Lord.

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Bearing witness to our faith,*
knowing that we are called to lives
of courage, love, and reconciliation
in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of each day,

People: **may we be courageous today;**
may we learn today;
may we love today.

*Hymn 409 “God Is Here!”

Litany of Confession

Leader: *God of mystery, you are far beyond our telling and the tales of our imagining,
far beyond the doctrines and the dogmas of our believing.
When we try to trap you inside,*

People: you are outside.

Leader: *When we claim you as our own,*

People: you are another's.

Leader: *When in fear we shut you out,*

People: you are found within.

Leader: *When in anger we blame, accuse, and judge our neighbor,*

People: we only condemn ourselves and blaspheme your name.

Leader: *Help us to understand that your love embraces all and loses no one.*

People: Help us to remember that your care extends to every person and all things.

Leader: *Forgive us and guide us into your ways of love and peace.*

People: Amen.

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 :: "Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love" Ned Rorem

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace.*

*Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show so much love to us below?*

*God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood
and, to make our safety sure, guides us by his spirit pure.*

Sing, my soul, adore his name; let his glory be thy theme.

Praise him 'til he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 66:1–12



*Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 583



Scripture Lesson :: John 14:1–7 New Testament, page 102

Sermon Series: Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

“The Way, the Truth, the Life” Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

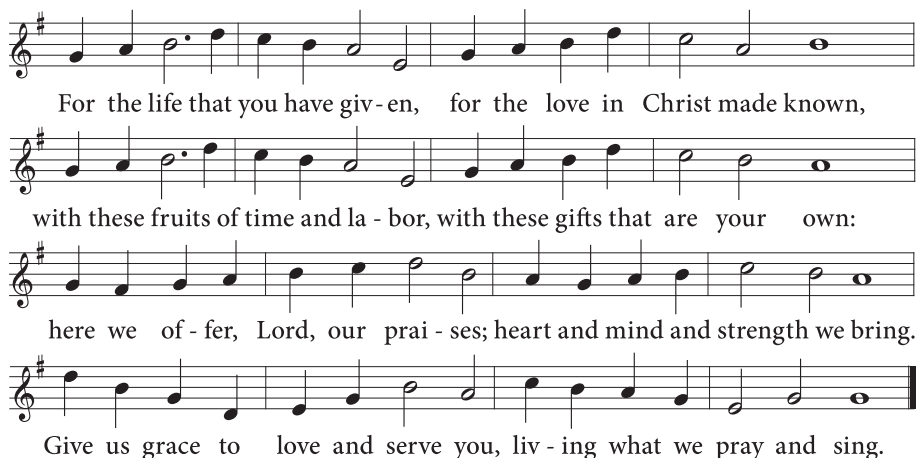
*Hymn 727 “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) :: Apostles’ Creed The Hymnal, page 35

Offering

Offertory Voluntary :: Adagio from *Toccata No. 11* Georg Muffat

*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.

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:*

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 :: "O Taste and See" Heinrich Isaac

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blessed are the ones who trust in him.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love

and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Improvisation on the "Te Deum" Charles Tournemire

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 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.

Worship Leaders

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The Music Today

Chancel Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Laura Bottei, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

TODAY WE CONTINUE OUR SIX-WEEK SERMON SERIES, “Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future.” Each week we are exploring defining moments in the story of Fourth Presbyterian Church that continue to influence our ongoing commitment to participate in God’s redemptive work.

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