

*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

Baroques. . . . . Seth Bingham  
    Overture  
    Rondo ostinato  
    Sarabande  
    Rhythmic Trumpet  
    Voluntary

### Introit

“Give the Lord the Honor Due” . . . . . George Thalben-Ball  
*Give the Lord the honor due unto his name; worship the Lord with holy worship.  
Amen.*

\*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: *In Christ, we are made new*

People: and filled with hope.

Leader: *In God, we belong to a new community,*

People: discovering we are family in Christ.

Leader: *Through the Spirit, we have received a new name and a new call:*

People: we are God’s beloved sent into the world.

Leader: *Let us worship God!*

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

\*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 265 . . . . . “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe this good news:*  
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Love of Love and Light of Light” . . . . . William H. Harris  
*Love of love and Light of light, heavenly Father; all maintaining, wisdom hid in highest height, to thy creature fondly deigning. Maker, wonderful and just, thou hast called my heart to trust. What are life’s unnumbered cares, sorrow, torment, passing measure? O’er my short-lived pains and fears surely ruleth thy good pleasure. Boundless is thy love for me, boundless then my trust shall be. Every burden weigheth light, since in thee my hope abideth; sweetly bright my darkest night, while on thee my mind confideth. Give thy gift I thee implore, thee to trust forevermore.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 71:1-6 . . . . . Old Testament, page 503

\*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

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 . . . . . New Testament, page 164

Minister: *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 693 ..... “Though I May Speak”

\*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.

### Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

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” ..... Franz Schubert

# Offertory Anthem

“Te Deum Laudamus” . . . . . Charles Villiers Stanford

*We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry, holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee; the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee; the noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee: the Father of an infinite majesty; thine honorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the virgin’s womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day, we magnify thee; and we worship thy name, ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.*

## \*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,  
 bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love  
 for you and our neighbors,  
 that they may bring closer to fulfillment  
 your reign of peace and love;  
 through Jesus Christ, our brother and our Savior. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 65 . . . . . “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Tune. . . . . Michael McCabe

**Join us** as we answer the Lenten call to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross.

### Lent and Luke

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*Sunday, February 7*

12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room

Shannon Kershner will lead us in conversation, over a light lunch, about how we prepare ourselves to journey through the Gospel of Luke this Lent. Our daily Lenten devotions will also take us through the entire book of Luke: [www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)

### Ash Wednesday

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*Wednesday, February 10*

Two services to begin our Lenten journey, both with Communion and the opportunity for the imposition of ashes

12:10 p.m. — *Shannon J. Kershner preaching*

7:30 p.m. — *Judith L. Watt preaching*

### “What Language Shall I Borrow?”

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The Music of Lent

*Sunday, February 21*

12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room

WFMT’s Carl Grapentine will lead us in exploring music for the season of repentance—from chant to Bach chorales to spirituals.

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## Worship Leaders

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Nanette Sawyer, Mike Hurtubise, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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