

*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

Rhosymedre ..... Ralph Vaughan Williams

Introit :: “O Praise God in His Holiness” ..... Eric H. Thiman

*O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.*

\*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.**

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: *We have traveled to this holy place,*

People: **to worship God together.**

Leader: *We have come seeking a word from God,*

People: **a whisper from the One who calls us.**

Leader: *We have come longing for a glimpse of God,*

People: **or a glimpse of the world the way God sees it.**

Leader: *Through our worship, music, learning, and laughter,*

People: **may God focus our sight through the lens of love.**

Leader: *Let us worship God together!*

\*Hymn 28 ..... “You Are Before Me, Lord”

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

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. 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

“Sometimes a Light Surprises” . . . . . Gustav Holst; arr. Mark Hill

*Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings; it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings. When comforts are declining, he grants the soul again a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain. In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme of God’s salvation and find it ever new. Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say, let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may. It can bring with it nothing, but God will bear us through; who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too; beneath the spreading heavens, no creature but is fed; and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread. Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit should bear. Though all the fields should wither, not flocks nor herds be there; yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice, for while in God confiding, I cannot but rejoice; yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice, for while in God confiding, I cannot but rejoice. Amen.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### First Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4–10 . . . . . Old Testament, page 656

#### Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 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:<sup>†</sup>  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

#### Second Lesson

Luke 4:21–30. . . . . New Testament, page 57

Sermon . . . . . Rocky Supinger

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 301 . . . . . “Let Us Build A House (All Are Welcome)”

\*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.

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

## Offering

## Offertory Solo

*Bist du bei mir* . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

*Draw near to me; thee would I follow wherever thou shalt lead me. Lord, my mind and heart are stayed on thee. Though storms arise, thou art beside me; no darkness can dispel thy light. Through thee alone mine eyes shall see. In thee I dwell, my guide and Father; though raging tempest surge around me, my joy and shelter that shalt be. Thy face I see; thy voice is saying "When troubled waters would overcome thee, I am forever at thy side." Then would I die, dying victorious. In death or life I shall not fear; I know my soul shall rest in thee.*

## \*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 :: "God Be in My Head" . . . . . Arlen Clarke

*God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
God be at mine end and at my departing.*

\*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.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 848 . . . . . "Trust in God"

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Carillon de Westminster . . . . . Louis Vierne

## Worship Leaders

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Lucy Forster-Smith, Roberta Dawson, Rocky Supinger

## The Music Today

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Chancel Choir; Laura Perkett, oboist; Sean Stanton, baritone soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Justin Taylor, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

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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.

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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