Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Baroques Seth Bingham

III. Sarabande

Sing out a joyful song in praise and come to celebrate!

With cheerful heart, give thanks to God for goodness ever great.

Sing new songs of joy, to God lift your voice!

Sing new songs of praise, give thanks and rejoice!

Sing out the hymn, the joyful psalm, the canticle of praise, and with the builders of this house, your alleluias raise!

*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: *It is by grace that we are who we are:*

People: people who are called by Jesus, yet afraid to follow.

Leader: It is by God's grace that we can become followers:

People: people who are fearful, yet gifted with courage beyond wonder.

Leader: It is with God's grace that we become who we might be:

People: people who step out in faith, sharing the good news generously.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

By your grace, Holy God, you step into our lives and an unpredictable journey begins; you challenge us to new thinking with overflowing results; you confront our doubts so that we can cast away our fears. Yet we confess that frequently when we face a challenge we don't trust that we can rely upon your guidance and strength. We withhold ourselves from doing that which you call us to do. Forgive us, we pray, in Jesus' 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

We come to eat the bread of life and drink the cup again. We come to kneel before the one who brings us peace within. We come to greet the living Christ, who feeds our hungry souls. O may we live as ones forgiven; in Christ we are made whole. Alleluia, sing of love and grace; alleluia, Christ is in this place. We go refreshed, with hearts renewed, into the world again. We go with minds and spirits blessed, which gives us strength within. We go to seek the living Christ in everyone we meet. O may we live with love for humankind; in Christ we are complete.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

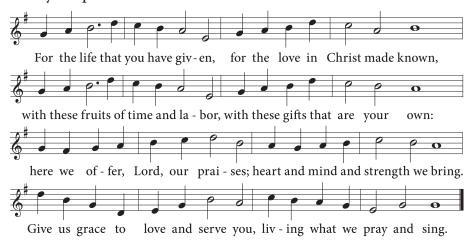
First Lesson :: Luke 5:1-6. New Testament, page 58

Psalter (sung) : "With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring" (Psalm 138) . . . The Hymnal, 334

*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. Second Lesson # Luke 5:7–11...... New Testament, page 58 Responding to the Word *Hymn 751 "From the Nets of Our Labor" *Affirmation of Faith (unison)..... from Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA) We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture. to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Offering Offertory Voluntary : Berceuse Louis Vierne

[†]Or "to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost."

*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:

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*: 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 I love the Lord for he has heard my voice and inclined his ear unto me. I will call upon the Lord God. Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen. *Prayer after Communion (unison) O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Bearing the World into the World *Hymn 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" *Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Prelude and Fugue in C Major Johann Sebastian Bach

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The Music Today

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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 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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