

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Wayne Wold

Jesus Bids Us Shine Kenneth Leighton

Be Thou My Vision Zsolt Gárdonyi

Introit

“The Gift of Love” (9:30) English folk song; arr. Hal H. Hopson

“Eternal Light” (11:00) Leo Sowerby

*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: *Happy are they who acknowledge the Lord,
and who follow in God’s ways!*

**People: You shall eat the fruit of your labor;
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**

Leader: *You shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,
your children like olive shoots around our table.*

People: The one who acknowledges the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed.

Leader: *The Lord bless you from Zion,
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.*

**People: May you live to see your children’s children;
may peace be upon God’s people.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 193 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, you have always been honest with us,
and now we should be honest with you, telling the truth even when it's painful.
You have called us to love you with our everything: our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
Yet we often lack love for your world, ignore the oppressed, and fail to see everyone,
no matter their race, sex, gender, or religion, as children of God.
You have asked us to trust in you, knowing that you stand ready to catch us.
Yet we become cautious and fearful, trusting in the what-ifs rather than in you.
You have shown nothing but patience for us.
Yet we are so often impatient with others. Make room for us, O God.
Find enough space for all of us to live our lives, boldly trusting,
fearlessly failing, endlessly loving—all for your sake. 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

“God Is Seen” American folk hymn; arr. Alice Parker

*Through all the world below God is seen all around;
search hill and valleys through, there he's found.*

*The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn, the pleasant and forlorn
all declare God is there; in meadows dressed in green, God is seen.*

See springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run; the mist that veils the sky hides the sun.

*Then down the rain doth pour; the ocean, it doth roar and beat upon the shore;
and all praise, in their ways, the God who never declines his designs.*

The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies; the comet in her blaze “God” she cries;

*the shining of the stars, the moon, when she appears, God's awful name declares;
see them fly through the sky, and join the solemn sound all around.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*sung*)

“Tremble, O Tremble” (Psalm 99) The Hymnal, 57

*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

Luke 9:28–36 New Testament, page 65

Reflections

Confirmation Youth (9:30)

Senior High Youth (11:00)

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 749 “Come! Live in the Light!”

*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.

†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

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” Anonymous

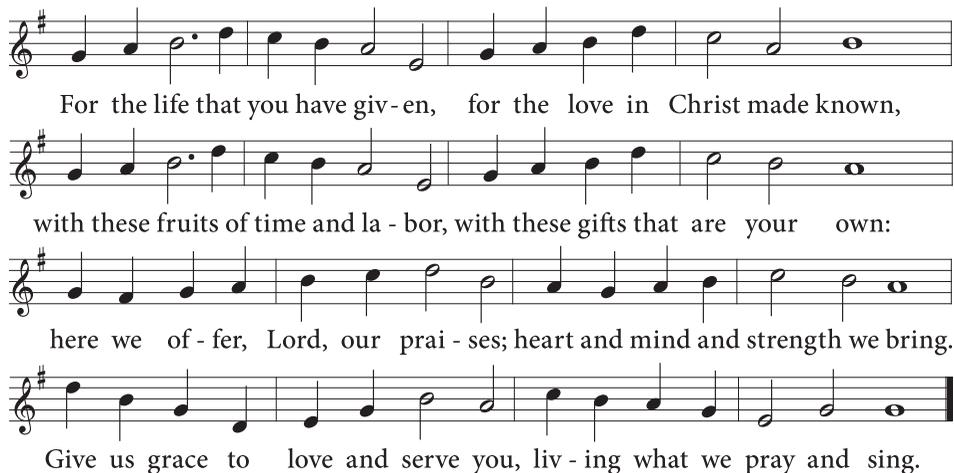
Minute for Mission

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Seek Him That Maketh the Seven Stars” Jonathan Dove
*Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion and turneth the shadow of death into morning.
Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day; the night is light about me. Amen.*

*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*)

God, we know that this is not about money alone, but about our plans for it.
Help us to use our gifts wisely and boldly,
listening for your call and claim on these gifts and on our lives,
that we may transform the world with the love that knows no end—
the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 156 “Sing of God Made Manifest”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Christ Is the World’s Light J. Bert Carlson

IN THE REFORMED TRADITION, the Exchange of Peace follows the Declaration of Pardon and is a response to God’s forgiveness. This exchange of signs and words of unity and of Christ’s peace is an ancient greeting of siblings in Christ. This is a time when we extend to one another what we ourselves have received from God in Christ. You may shake hands and say “The peace of Christ be with you” or simply “Peace be with you,” the greeting of Jesus Christ to his disciples after his resurrection. By exchanging the Peace of Christ to one another, we witness to God’s reconciling love.

Worship Leaders

Fourth Church Junior High (9:30), Confirmation (9:30), and Senior High (11:00) Youth

The Music Today

Morning Choir; Youth Choir (9:30)

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth (9:30)

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist (9:30)

Worship Notes

THE WORDS FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE, including the unison prayers, were crafted with the thoughts, energy, and honesty of Fourth Church Youth, modeling for all of us that the best words we can offer to God are those already dwelling in our hearts and minds.

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Jane Nerison on behalf of Fourth Church Meals Ministry and its Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and Bag Lunch program.

IN TODAY'S OFFERING, all cash that is not in envelopes and all checks (made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church) that are designated "Youth Ministry" on the memo line will support our youth's summer mission trips to Detroit and New Jersey and their participation in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

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