

*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

Be Thou My Vision . . . . . Zsolt Gárdonyi

Introit :: “Eternal Light” . . . . . Leo Sowerby

*Eternal light, shine into our hearts; eternal goodness, deliver us from evil;  
eternal power, be our support; eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;  
eternal pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

### \*Invocation

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

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, we confess we are still setting our minds on worldly things, even though you give us glimpses of the heavenly kingdom. You show us great love and mercy, but we are unwilling to show love and mercy to others. You share with us a vision of eternal life, but we are focused on our lives now and worldly gains in this lifetime. Forgive us for being shortsighted. Renew in us the call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, so we may also live into the eternal life that begins now. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

### Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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

\*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.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson :: Exodus 34:29–35 . . . . . Old Testament, page 78

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

Second Lesson :: Luke 9:28–36 . . . . . New Testament, page 65

Sermon :: “Hanging On” . . . . . Judith L. Watt

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

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## Responding to the Word

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\*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.

Minute for Discipleship

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

“Qui sedes ad dextram Patris” from *Mass in B Minor* ..... Johann Sebastian Bach  
*You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.*

\*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 # "The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus" . . . . . Mark Schweizer

*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.*

*The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.*

*One body are we, for though we are many, we share one bread.*

\*Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God, remind us in the days to come  
that we have been fed this morning with the food that you offer.  
Remind us in the days to come  
that we have been invited and accepted and included at this table.  
Remind us so that we can recall your grace and serve that grace to others.  
We pray this prayer in the name of Jesus,  
the one you sent to show us how to live. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 156 ..... “Sing of God Made Manifest”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude # Fanfare ..... R. Mark Otterstad

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 Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

## Worship Leaders

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## The Music Today

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Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, 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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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.

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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