

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude # Cloister–Garth A. Herbert Brewer

Introit # “Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness” Iain Quinn

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Great and wonderful are all your works, O God.*

People: **Unto the ends of the earth you display your dominion.**

Leader: *Beyond the reaches of the heavens your glory shines.*

People: **Hear our praise as we gather to worship you.**

*Hymn 803 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Prayer of Confession

Leader: *Lord, Jesus Christ, because you broke bread with the poor
you were looked on with contempt.*

People: **We confess we avoid befriending those who are poor.**

Leader: *Because you broke bread with the sinful and outcast,
you were looked at as ungodly.*

People: **Forgive us for keeping company only with those we deem worthy.**

Leader: *Because you broke bread with the joyful, you were called a winebibber and glutton.*

People: **Transform us so we don’t care what others think of us but do what you desire.**

Leader: *Because you broke bread with disciples in the upper room,
you bound us together as one.*

People: **Strengthen community so all people know they belong.**

Leader: *Because you broke bread on the road to Emmaus,
you made scales fall from the disciples’ eyes.*

People: **Open our eyes and hearts to rejoice in your love for us and for all people. Amen.**

*Stand as you are able.

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 :: “He, Watching over Israel” from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 14



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

*Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 583



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Scripture Lesson :: Luke 15:1-10 New Testament, page 73

Sermon :: “Rejoicing in Restoration” Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 173 “A Woman and a Coin”
(The choir sings verse 1; the congregation joins on verses 2-4)

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God
in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

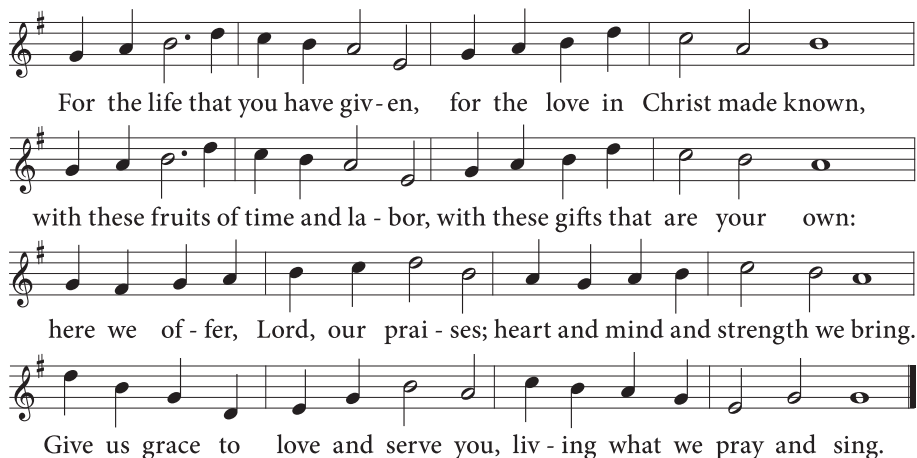
**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

Commissioning of the Chancel Choir

Offering

Offertory Voluntary :: Song of Peace Jean Langlais

*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.

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:*

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 :: “Jesu, Joy of All Desiring Johann Sebastian Bach

*Jesu, joy of all desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright, drawn by thee, our souls aspiring,
soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying, round thy throne.*

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 Word into the World

*Hymn 649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Allegro from *Trio Sonata in E-flat Major*. Johann Sebastian Bach

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.

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, David Marshall, Victoria G. Curtiss

The Music Today

Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Laura Bottei, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

TODAY'S COMMISSIONING OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR lifts up the musical gifts they offer in weekly worship leadership: Dala Aavik-Lucas, Linda Barker, Alan Bath, Laura Bottei, Dionne Braddix, Jan Carlson, Brett Cochrane, Eugene Decker, Chris Gernand, Paul Hekman, Willa Hekman, Susan Hoffman, Jerry Johnson, Siyoung Kim, Myo Sook Lee, Vivien Lee, Frank Lucas, Carol Mycio, Wayne Oberschelp, Elizabeth Peters, Hope Smith, Ted Smith, Wendy Wasson, Farida Weller, Leslie Wilson.

A DISASTER RELIEF OFFERING is being received today to help meet the emergency needs of those affected by Hurricane Dorian. Gifts, which will be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, can be made by using the Disaster Assistance envelopes in the pew racks, by writing "Disaster Assistance" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or online at pda.pcusa.org; immediate assistance to those affected is also being provided by the Treasure Cay Community Foundation, which is receiving gifts online at www.bit.ly/tccfhurricanerelief

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