

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: Sheep May Safely Graze Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit :: “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” South African song

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Christ the Lord to us said, “I am wine, I am bread; give to all who thirst and hunger.”

*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: *From north and south, from east and west, we come:*

People: **God’s people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.**

Leader: *From down the street to out in the suburbs,
from single households to apartment dwellers,*

People: **God’s people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.**

Leader: *From every class, every race, every status;
from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts,*

People: **God’s people are called to witness to God’s hope,
to offer peace to a shattered world.**

*Hymn 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Stand as you are able.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace,
you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course.
You have promised us the abundance of all creation,
but in our greed and in our envy the world goes without.
You have promised us the bread of life itself,
but in our pride and in our arrogance the world goes hungry.
You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,
but in our violence and in our discord the world goes thirsty.
And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.
Transform us, at this table and for this table,
and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness,
by the power of your Son, our Lord. 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 :: “Consecration” Bruce Saylor

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne. Take my voice, and let me sing.
Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak
but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine. Take myself, and I will be ever, only all for thee. Take my life,
and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 37:1-9



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 4:16-21, 28-30 New Testament, page 57

Sermon Series: Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

“Lift Up Your Voice: Our Public Witness” Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

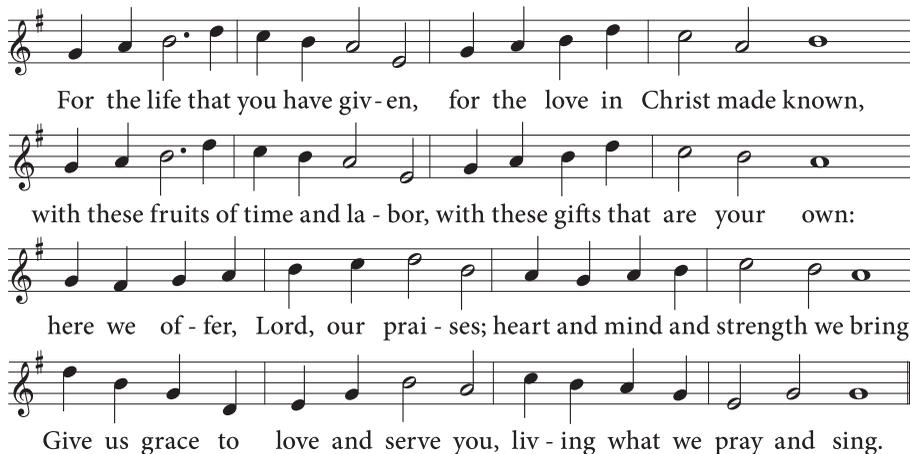
*Hymn 684 “Faith Begins by Letting Go”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) :: Apostles’ Creed The Hymnal, page 35

Offering

Offertory Voluntary :: “Tierce en Taille” François Couperin

*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 :: “God Be in My Head” Walford Davies

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*)

O God, through this bread and cup you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering and divided world. Help us find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Fugue in D Major Johann Pachelbel

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.

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The Music Today

Chancel Choir

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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Laura Bottei, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is a day when we celebrate our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Reminding us of the unity in that global family, both the colorful cloth on the Communion Table and the stoles being worn by the pastors are from Guatemala, a frequent destination of Fourth Church service trips.

TODAY'S PEACEMAKING AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING supports efforts towards peacemaking by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as the local efforts of CureViolence to reduce violence in Chicago. Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes available in the pew racks or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

TODAY WE CONTINUE OUR SIX-WEEK SERMON SERIES, "Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future." Each week we are exploring defining moments in the story of Fourth Presbyterian Church that continue to influence our ongoing commitment to participate in God's redemptive work.

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