

*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

Andante sostenuto from *Symphonie Gothique* . . . . . Charles-Marie Widor  
Fantasia in E-flat. . . . . Camille Saint-Saëns  
Con moto—Allegro

### Introit

“Freedom Is Coming” (9:30) . . . . . South African song; arr. Anders Nyberg  
“Let All Things Now Living” (11:00) . . . . . Welsh melody; arr. Kathrine Davis

\*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: *In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,*

People: **God was.**

Leader: *Here and now among us, beside us,  
enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,*

People: **God is.**

Leader: *In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know  
has found its fulfillment,*

People: **God will be.**

Leader: *Not denying the world, but delighting in it,  
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,  
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,*

People: **God was. God is. God will be.**

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 641 . . . . . “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

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

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty and ever-living God, we come before you this day with our confession: we are sorry, O God, for moments when we are not receptive to your presence. You stir this world with a mighty wind, but we ignore its force. You sweep over us with a balm like in Gilead, but we persist in trying to hold our lives together ourselves. We form quick judgements of others, keeping them at length from the grace we might extend. We ask your mercy, O God, for our failure to receive and expand your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## Concerns of the Church

## Sacrament of Baptism

## Unison Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem :: "Woke Up This Morning" . . . . . African American spiritual; arr. Jeffery Douma

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## Listening for the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

Psalter . . . . . Psalm 98

Leader: *Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.*

People: Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Leader: *You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

People: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Leader: *Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.*

People: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

Leader: *Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.*

People: **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out  
with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

Leader: *The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.*

*Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri.*

\*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.

### Sunday School Teacher Commissioning

Sending Forth: Hymn 748 . . . . . “Go with Us, Lord”  
*Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.*

Scripture Lesson :: Luke 20:27–38 . . . . . New Testament, page 79

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 341 . . . . . “O God, Show Mercy to Us”

\*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.

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

## Prayers of the People

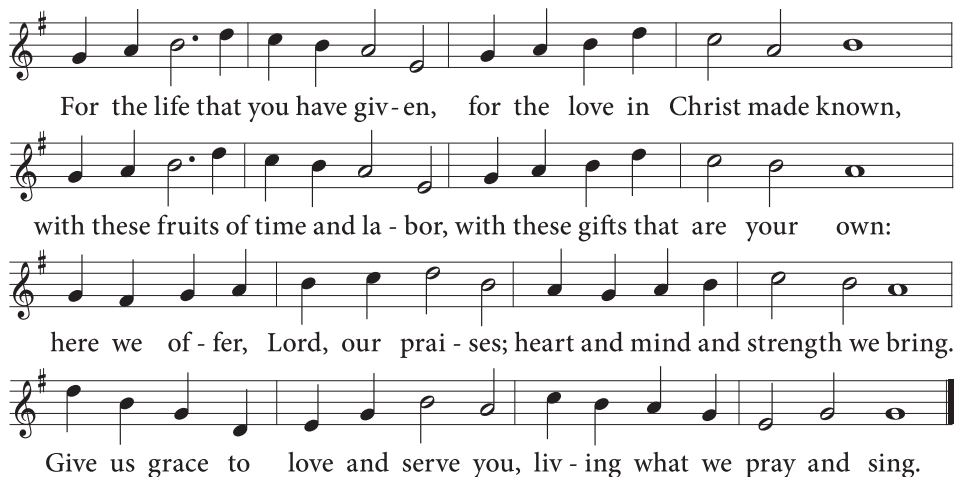
The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) ..... The Hymnal, page 35

Prayer Response :: "Thou Wilt Keep Them" ..... Eric DeLamarter

## Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Verses of Peace" ..... Dan Locklair

### \*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 of the wolf and the lamb and the ox; God of the harp, the song, and the sea,  
we give thanks for these gifts and pray they might be agents of your peace.  
May they serve your creation as we seek your new heaven and new earth.  
May we all be of use in your work. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 645 ..... "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

### \*Benediction and Response

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude :: Finale from *Symphonie No.2* ..... Charles-Marie Widor

### **Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:**

Gianna Gloria Coleman, child of Joseph and Elizabeth Coleman  
Abraham Andrew Hranka, child of Andrew and Michelle Hranka  
Etta Jane Hranka, child of Andrew and Michelle Hranka  
Greyson Robert Reames, child of Blaine and Jennifer Reames  
Hayden Elizabeth Reilly, child of Joshua and Nicole Reilly

### **Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:**

Dashiell Thomas Anderson, child of William and Laura Anderson  
Gael Ignacio Motin DeVries, child of Carlos Motin Inostroza and Lara DeVries  
Dawson James Harth, child of Douglass and Jennifer Harth  
Knox Richard Husar, child of Jeff Husar and Nicolette Troester  
Josephine June Kryka, child of Nora Boneham and Mollie Kryka  
Olivia Helena Vitale, child of Justin and Stephanie Vitale

## **Sunday School Commissioning**

*Today's commissioning of Sunday School teachers and staff is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors.*

### **Sunday School Leaders**

Liz Adams	Victoria Flick	Katie Masterson	Stacey Shonkwiler
Deborah Bang	Marci Hanzlik	Dawn Mayfield	John Stracks
Daniel Burke	Kate Hempstead	Caroline Meneau	Ned Thomas
Anne Canfield	Abigail Hodges	Mark Meyer	Katie Tkach
Dennis Canfield	Barbara Joabson	Justin Myers	Kristin Vilt
Rhonda Carlson	Patty Kendall	Larry Nicholson	Tony Vitale
Chrissy Cerasale	Ji Inn Lee	Tanya Padilla	Veronica Votypka
Jeanette Chung	Mindy Lukens	Josie Phelps	Charlotte Wager
Glendalynn Doorn-Specht	Jim Maggio	Hilary Richardson	Debbie Whitmore
Cynthia Duncan	Nicholette Maggio	Kim Ruhana	Todd Zimmerman
Dave Ericson			

### **Sunday School Staff**

Matt Helms, *Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry*  
Jill Keiser, *Nursery Superintendent*  
Briana Belding-Peck, *Family Ministry Coordinator*  
Pam Crowell, *Sunday School Coordinator*  
Katy Sinclair, *Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth*

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Matt Helms, Sofia Hempstead, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Matt Helms, Miles Trost, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Morning Choir; Youth Choir (9:30); Children's Choir (11:00)

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

## Worship Notes

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FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

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**Lucy Forster-Smith** Senior Associate Pastor

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**Victoria G. Curtiss** Mission

**Matt Helms** Children and Family Ministry

**Nanette Sawyer** Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry

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**Joseph L. Morrow** Minister for Evangelism

**Jeffrey Doane** Parish Associate for Older Adults

**John Buchanan** Pastor Emeritus

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