

*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

### Introit

“Come! Join Our Cheerful Song!” ..... Dale Wood

*Come! Join our cheerful song!*

*Lift up your voices strong!*

*Rejoice, be glad, give praise!*

\*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.**

### \*Invocation

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

### 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 judgments 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.**

**Through Christ we pray. 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 :: “The Peace of God” ..... John Rutter

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## Listening for the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

Psalter ..... Psalm 98



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!

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 500 . . . . . “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

\*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.

### Offering

Offertory Voluntary :: *Grazioso* . . . . . Georg Philipp Telemann

\*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 :: "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness" . . . George Frideric Handel

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness; leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.*

*Come unto the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render.*

*Unto him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded;*

*high o'er all the heavens reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Your bounty is immeasurable, O God of grace.

And we have held our hands out to receive the bread and cup,  
nourishment for the journey we begin again this week.

We give thanks for life abundant, made known in your Son, Jesus.

And we hold our hearts open to your stirring Spirit of love  
as it guides and equips us to serve you in the days ahead.

We are so grateful; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 515 ..... “I Come with Joy”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude ♯ Toccata in Seven. .... John Rutter

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.” 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

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Laura Bottei, Organ Scholar

## 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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