

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue on the Name of Alain Maurice Duruflé

Introit

“Cantate Sing to the Lord” (9:30) Jim Leininger

Sing to the Lord a new song, sing a jubilant song; sing to the Lord all the earth.

“How Am I to Live, Lord” (11:00) Ben Allaway

How am I to live, Lord, save you show the way? How am I to give, Lord?

Search my life this day. Loving with my heart, your heart in me aflame.

I will learn to live your love serving in your name.

*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: *God said, “Let there be light,”*

People: **and there was light.**

Leader: *Jesus said, “I am the light of the world,”*

People: **and the light shines in the darkness.**

Leader: *Jesus said, “You are the light of the world,”*

People: **and the light shall not be quenched.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 401 “Here in This Place”

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

Litany of Confession

Leader: *Gracious God, your prophet Isaiah reminds us that our spiritual disciplines, our prayers, and our worship must be lived out in compassion and justice: When we forget the fast you desire—to do justice and stand up for the powerless:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: *When we forget the prayer you love—to show compassion and care for those in need:*

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: *When we forget the rituals and worship you require—to create relationships of righteousness and peace:*

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: *Lord, we do pray for your mercy, for your forgiveness, and for your peace. Liberate us from our brokenness, and show us how to live in your new day.*

People: 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 :: “Consecration” Bruce Saylor

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter **Psalm 112:1-9**

Leader: *Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God’s commandments!*

People: **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: *Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.*

People: **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

Leader: *It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.*

People: **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

Leader: *They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.*

People: **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

Leader: *They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.*

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

Amen. Amen.

Sending Forth: Hymn 748 **“Go with Us, Lord”**

Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

Scripture Lesson :: Matthew 5:13-20 **New Testament, page 4**

Sermon **Shannon J. Kershner**

†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 767 “Together We Serve”

*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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

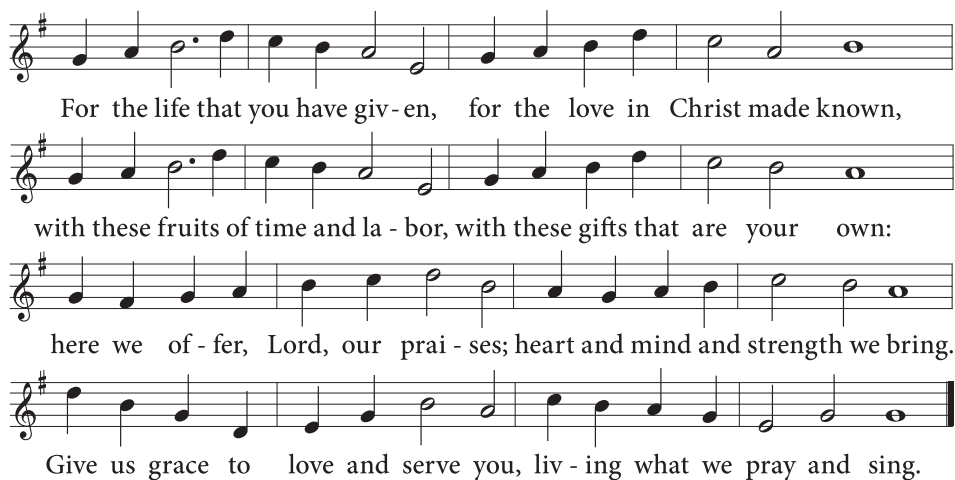
Prayer Response :: “Amen” Dale Wood

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “My Lord, What a Morning” African American spiritual
arr. Richard Lakey

*My Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall.
You’ll hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground.
Looking to my God’s right hand when the stars begin to fall.*

*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*)

Gracious God, send us to be light to those who are huddled in the shadows of fear and worry. Send us to be light to those whose lives and hopes have lost all flavor. Send us to be salt to a world in which love is often tossed aside. And take these gifts and multiply them so they may become used by you to create the justice and peace you long for in your world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 733 "We All Are One in Mission"

*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude :: Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne

Worship Leaders

9:30 Matt Helms, Jackson Unander, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Matt Helms, Avery Bossert, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

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

Morning Choir; Sarah van der Ploeg, soloist

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Baptized Today

9:30 Oscar Lake Jones-Rasp, child of Kevin Rasp and Brady Jones

Beau William Trumbull, child of William and Dana Trumbull

11:00 James Norman Delgado, child of Amanda Delgado

Henry Schoenfelder, child of Josh and Julie Schoenfelder

Vivienne Woo Tian Ting Wilson, child of Cornell Wilson III and Samantha Woo

Worship Notes

WE ARE LIVE STREAMING TODAY'S 11:00 A.M. SERVICE at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, where it can also be watched in the coming week.

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