**Morning Worship**

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

**Prelude**

Concerto in F Major  
George Frideric Handel  
Andante

**Introit**

“Lift Thine Eyes”  
Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes to the mountains whence cometh help.  
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He hath said thy foot shall not be moved, thy keeper will never slumber.

*Doxology and Invocation*  
(The Hymnal, 592)

**Hymn 454**

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”  
*Tune: Liebster Jesu*

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

We do not know how to pray, Sovereign God.  
We have doubted you in the face of affliction and ignored you when things go well for us.  
You promised to help us in our weakness, yet we live as if we can rely only on ourselves.  
We have not pursued your realm as the only treasure worth claiming.  
We have feared to trust your assurance and guidance or to lead the search for your saving purposes.  
We ask your forgiveness and seek the renewal of our covenant with you and with one another.  
Hear now our silent prayers. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.  
*People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**Concerns of the Church**
MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER Psalm 105:1–11 *(responsively)* (page 525, O.T.)

ANTHEM “A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester”  
*L. J. White*  
O holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Romans 8:18–25  
 Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
 People: *Thanks be to God.*

*GLORIA PATRI*  
(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:26–39  
(page 148, N.T.)

SERMON With Sighs Too Deep for Words  
*Victoria G. Curtiss*

*HYMN 384*  
“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”  
*Tune: St. Margaret*

*APOSTLES’ CREED* *(unison)*  
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 Solo**  “Agnus Dei” from *Mass in B Minor*  
*Johann Sebastian Bach*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.

*Offertory Response*

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For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.
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**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**Invitation**

**Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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\text{Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,}
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\text{Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is the}
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\text{One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.}
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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.

THE COMMUNION
COMMUNION ANTHEM  “The Lone, Wild Bird”  American folk tune  
arr. David Johnson

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, 
nor leaves thy sight. And I am thine! I rest in thee. 
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me. The ends of earth 
are in thy hand, the sea's dark deep and farthest land. 
And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, 
and rest in me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

We know, O God, that in all things you work for good. 
Just as through the death of Christ we now know his resurrection, 
so may we enter more deeply into places of travail to find your grace and hope prevail. 
As you have nurtured us with the bread of life and cup of hope, 
may we witness to your ever-present love in the world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*HYMN 323  “Loving Spirit”  Tune: Omni Die

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE  Toccata in Seven  John Rutter
WORSHIP LEADERS

Thomas C. Rook, Kerri N. Allen, Victoria G. Curtiss

THE MUSIC TODAY

Women of the Morning Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning’s Minute for Mission is presented by Barbara Doyle on behalf of the Mental Health Ministry of the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health.

The women of the Morning Choir will be singing during morning worship services in July. The men of the Morning Choir will sing in August, and the full choir will return in September.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles. All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper. 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.

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