

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sonata in D Major Domenico Scarlatti
Sonata in G Minor D. Scarlatti
Sonata II in A Minor Johann Sebastian Bach
I. Grave

Introit (9:30)

“Child of God” African American spiritual
arr. Emily Crocker

Introit (11:00)

“Sing Alleluia to the Lord” Terry Taylor

*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: *With all that is within us, let us bless God,*

People: **who forgives all our sins,
who heals all our diseases,**

Leader: *who lifts us up from rock bottom,
who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.*

People: **With all that is within us,
let us give praise and thanks to God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you
what we have done wrong.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We leave our neighbors in need for our own concerns.
We have refused the cry of the needy.
We have broken your creed.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
Forgive our sins, loving God.
We have lived on our own accord.
Lead us with your everlasting love and mercy.
Help free us from selfishness,
and bring us back into your light.
Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 111 Old Testament, page 531

*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.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:21–28 New Testament, page 33

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Reflections from Our Youth

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 837 “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

God’s love frees me to be the person I am
without having to become more attractive,
more intelligent, more popular.

God’s love frees me to live in confidence, not needing to be self-absorbed,
but ready to listen and to hear the stories of others.

God’s love frees me to take risks, to surprise even myself with courage,
sometimes to fall flat on my face—but always to move onward
with the knowledge that God is encouraging me.

God’s love frees me to view the world
not from the standpoint of wealth gained or ambition achieved,
but from the perspective of relationships lived and human love shared.

God’s love frees me to put my sins behind me,
to know that no sin is too great or too small
to be left open and healed by God’s gentle touch.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

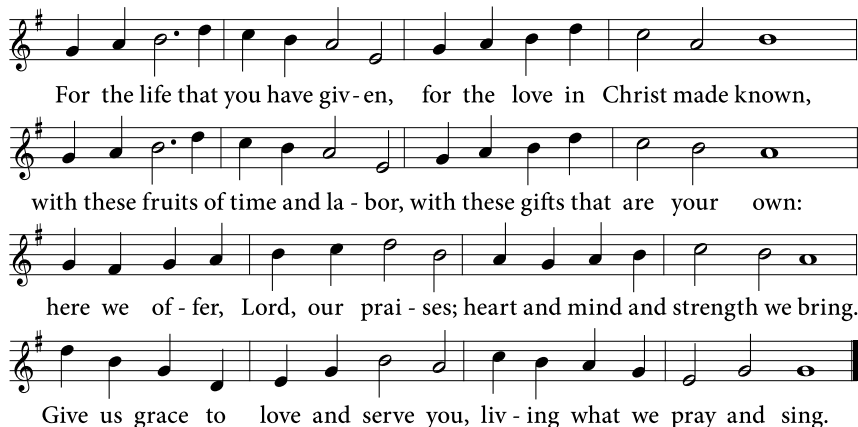
Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” Harold W. Friedell

*Come, my way, my truth, my life! Such a way as gives us breath, such a truth
as ends all strife, such a life that killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my
strength! Such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length, such a
strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart! Such a joy as none
can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.*

*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

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:

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed by 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 Anthems

- “Dominus Regnavit” (from Psalm 93) Josquin Després
 - “Sicut cervus desiderat” Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
- As deer long for the flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.*

Psalm 23 (recited in unison after all have received the cup)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in
 the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
 of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy
 shall follow me all the days of my life;
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Prayer after Communion (unison)

Loving God,
 throughout the ages you have led your children,
 feeding our hunger with the bread of life
 and nourishing our thirst with the cup of salvation.
 Having fed us now in this sacred meal,
 guide us in Christ’s footsteps
 to love you with our entire being,
 to love our neighbors as ourselves,
 to do justice, to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with you. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 643 “Now Thank We All Our God”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso André Fleury

Worship Leaders

9:30 John W. Vest, Joyce Shin, Senior High Youth

11:00 John W. Vest, Joyce Shin, Confirmation Youth

The Music Today

9:30 Carling Hank, violinist; the Youth Choir;

Liesel Garner, soloist; the Morning Choir

11:00 Carling Hank, violinist; the Children's Choir; the Morning Choir

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

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Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Worship Notes

TODAY'S LITURGY was written and planned by the eighth-grade confirmation class.

TODAY FOURTH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Communion is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering, are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, in which we are assured of God's love and grace. This morning the congregation is served in the pews by Fourth Church youth, elders, and deacons. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread (which is gluten-free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

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