
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Meditation Ken Yukl

Introit

“Let Us Clap Our Hands” Mikolaj Gomolka
*Let us clap our hands unto the Lord of lords. Let us sing with voice of melody
unto the Lord that is to be feared, unto the Lord and King over all the earth.*

*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.

*Invocation

*Hymn 409 “God Is Here!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God,
we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue Christ’s mission to a broken and hurting world,
and yet we acknowledge that we are more
apathetic than active, isolated than involved,
callous than compassionate, and obstinate than obedient.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us.
Remove the obstacles preventing us from being
your representatives in this world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your Spirit.
We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

Listening for the Word

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 93 Old Testament, page 519

Anthem

“Sing Praise to God” Swedish melody; arr. Leland B. Sateren
Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul he fills and every faithless murmur stills, to God all praise and glory. The angel host, O King of kings, thy praise forever telling; in earth and sky all living things beneath thy shadow dwelling adore the wisdom that could span, and power which formed creation’s plan, to God all praise and glory.

First Lesson

Acts 1:1–11 New Testament, page 110

*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.**

Second Lesson

Acts 1:12–17, 21–26 New Testament, page 110

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Why Do You Stand Looking Up? Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 320 “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

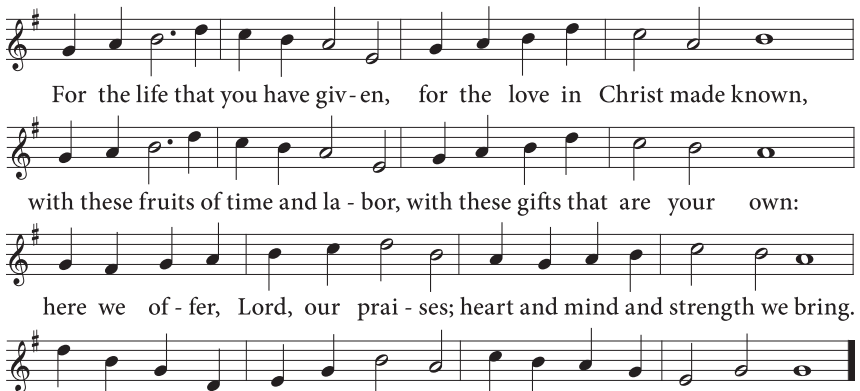
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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 Solo

Tierce en Taille François Couperin

*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: *Holy God, we praise you . . .*

. . . 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 Anthem

“Love” Shaker melody; arr. Ron Jeffers
*Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirit grow;
grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that’s right.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We thank you, O God,
for gifts of bread and cup,
for sustaining us in hope
every day of our lives.
We pray now for your strength
to prepare us for your service
as we offer to you lives of witness and worship
in the world you have made. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 546 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fugue on the Chromhorne François Couperin

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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Alison Thomas on behalf of Fourth Church Meals Ministry.

TODAY IS DEDICATION COMMEMORATION SUNDAY at Fourth Presbyterian Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May. One-hundred-and-one years ago, on Sunday, May 10, 1914, the Fourth Church congregation worshiped in the Michigan Avenue sanctuary for the first time.

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 invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." 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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