# Gathering around the Word

#### Prelude

#### Introit

Now that the daylight fills the sky, we lift our hearts to God on high, that he, in all we do or say, would keep us free from harm this day. To God the Father, heavenly light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

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

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, you call us to worship you in spirit and in truth,

but we confess that we often worship

who we wish you to be rather than who you are.

We too often ask you to bless what we do

rather than seeking to do what you bless.

Forgive us for seeking concessions

when we should be seeking guidance.

Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want

instead of shaping us into what you want. Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love.

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

Prayer for Illumination
Psalter (responsively)
Psalm 89:1-8 Old Testament, page 516
Anthem
"King of Glory, King of Peace"
First Lesson
2 Samuel 7:1-14a Old Testament, page 268
Gloria Patri (sung)
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.
Second Lesson
Mark 6:30–34, 53–56
Sermon Church without Walls

# 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;

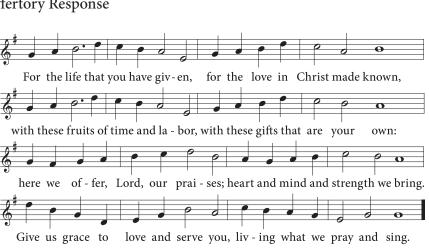
### Offering

## Offertory Voluntary

"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"............ Johann Sebastian Bach

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

# \*Offertory Response



## 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:



hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the



### 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

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, ye who are weary; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, O sinner come home! O for the wonderful love he hath promised, promised for you and for me; though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. Come home, ye who are weary; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, O sinner come home!

### Prayer after Communion (unison)

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, and these people, we give ourselves to you.

Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared this meal and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.

We ask this in the name of your Son.

Amen.

# Bearing the Word into the World

### Worship Leaders

Joyce Shin, Matt Helms

### The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Chelsie Coren, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs for their musical leadership. Beginning next Sunday, July 26, the women of both choirs will be singing in Sunday morning worship through September 6. Anyone interested in joining a Fourth Church choir is encouraged to contact John Sherer (312.981.3592; jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

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." 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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