Gathering around the Word

Prelude

1. Reverence

Introit

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). from Psalm 51

God of all creation, we are a people who

long for a sense of the sacred in life.

We are a people who yearn to be assured of your presence.

But despite our longing, we miss the sacred.

Despite our longing, we can be unaware of your presence.

Forgive us for filling our lives with so many tasks and so many deadlines.

Forgive us for holding onto so much control.

Forgive us for our race with time and our hesitancy to rest in you.

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 34:1–8. Old Testament, page 480
Anthem
"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"
First Lesson
Genesis 1:31–2:3
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
Exodus 20:8-11 Old Testament, page 64
Sermon
Keening the Sahbath: Sanctity and Sanity Judith I. Watt

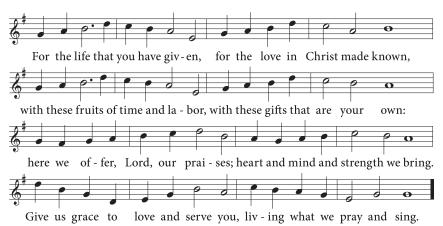
Responding to the Word

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

"Blessed Jesus, We Are Here" Johann Sebastian Bach

*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

"May Now Thy Spirit" F. Joseph Schuetky; arr. Martha Mahlenbrock May now thy spirit, O Father, descend upon us. In glad adoration we praise and worship thee, alleluia. Holy, Lord almighty, restore unto all mankind thy peace and love. Our sins, Lord, forgive in thy mercy. In song we hail thee forevermore.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Thank you, Holy God, for inviting us to set apart time that is holy. Thank you for the reminder to taste and see the wonder of this world. Thank you for the meal we have just shared.

Remind us this week that you continually call us to your table so that we can be fed and nourished and renewed.

And, O God, give us courage to accept the invitation.

We pray all of this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

"The Rejoicing" from *Royal Fireworks* George Frideric Handel

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Eric Olson, Judith L. Watt

The Music Today

Women of the Morning Choir John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist Chelsie Coren, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

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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