

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Cantilène . . . . . Josef Rheinberger  
Trio in A Minor . . . . . J. Rheinberger  
Andante Pastorale . . . . . J. Rheinberger

### Introit

Vacation Bible School Medley (9:30)

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” (11:00) . . . . . George Guest  
*O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise. O God,  
make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us. 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. Praise ye the Lord; the Lord’s name be praised.*

\*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 . . . . . from Psalm 111

Minister: *Hallelujah!*

**People: We give thanks to God with everything we’ve got!**

Minister: *God’s works are so great, worth a lifetime of study—  
endless enjoyment!*

**People: Splendor and beauty mark God’s craft; God’s generosity never  
gives out.**

Minister: *God is so personal and holy, worthy of our respect.*

**People: God’s Hallelujah lasts forever!**

\*Prayer of Praise

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

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Generous God, you satisfy our hungry hearts  
with the gift of your bread of life.  
And yet we confess that we spend much of our lives  
chasing things that do not satisfy us.  
We get lost in the wilderness of our own desires.  
We scarcely recognize that we hunger and thirst  
for more fulfilling purposes.  
You offer us yourself, and we pull back in fear. Forgive us, O God.  
Transform our shallowness. Heal our brokenness.  
And then fill us so full of your Spirit  
that we cannot help but live as new creations.  
It is in the name of Jesus Christ, the bread of life, that we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

Anthem with Liturgical Dance

“Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants” . . . . . Martin How  
*Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple; grant that what we sing  
with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we  
may show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 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

John 6:51–58 . . . . . New Testament, page 93

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

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 496 . . . . . “Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed”

\*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.

Commissioning of the Organ Builders (9:30)

Minister: *Lift up your hearts!*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: *We lift our hands and hearts to you, O God, in thanksgiving for all the gifts of your creation: for those who have seen visions and dreamed dreams of how this rebuilt organ will enable your mission to be accomplished here, and for those who have given of their time, talent, and treasure to make it possible,*

People: **we thank you, O God.**

Minister: *For the materials of the earth that are being used to fashion it, for the skills and the crafts of the artisans and builders who are creating it, for the dedication and care of all the people who are installing it,*

People: **we thank you, O God.**

Minister: *And may all that we do, this organ project included, be a testimony to your mystery, your grandeur, and your goodness.*

People: **Amen.**

Reception of New Members (11:00)

Prayers of the People

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.

Prayer Response

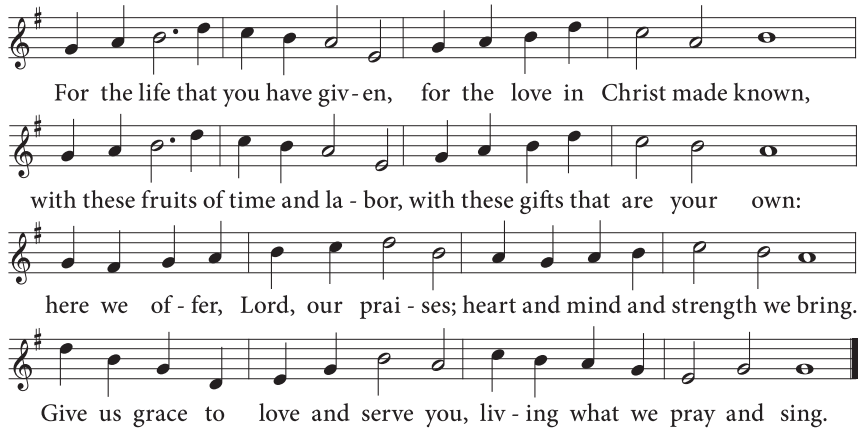
“Amen” . . . . . George Frideric Handel

Offertory Anthem

“Praise, O Praise” . . . . . M. How

*Praise, O praise our God and King; hymns of adoration let us sing;  
for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.  
Praise him that he made the sun day by day his course to run,  
for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.  
And the silver moon by night, shining with her gentle light,  
praise him that he gave the rain to mature the swelling grain,  
for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.  
And hath bid the fruitful field crops of precious increase yield,  
for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.  
Praise him for our harvest store; he hath filled the garner floor;  
for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.  
And for richer food than this pledge of everlasting bliss;  
for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.  
Glory to our bounteous King, glory let creation sing:  
glory to the Father, Son, and blest Spirit, three in one.*

\*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

For your gifts that live all around us in creation,  
O Creator, we give you thanks.

For your gifts that come from the servanthood  
and faithfulness of Jesus our Christ,  
we give you thanks.

For the gifts that arise in our daily lives  
through the work of your Holy Spirit,  
we give you thanks.

May these gifts flourish on earth to your glory. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 645 . . . . . “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Toccata in D Minor. . . . . Max Reger

## Worship Leaders

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Victoria G. Curtiss, Arlene Faulk, Hardy H. Kim, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs (9:30 and 11:00)

Vacation Bible School Chorus (9:30)

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Laura Perkett, oboist; Carla Janzen, soloist

## Worship Notes

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FOR THE 9:30 INTROIT, children from Vacation Bible School are singing some of the songs they learned as part of this week's VBS program, when the children and leaders spent time exploring "Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid." (For pictures, see [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch))

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Cescily Washington, Director of Chicago Lights Academic Success in Schools (CLASS), on behalf of Chicago Lights, the community outreach arm of Fourth Church.

STUDENTS OF CHICAGO LIGHTS' CLASS SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE are offering today's liturgical dance, which interprets through movement the anthem "Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants."

DURING TODAY'S 9:30 SERVICE, we commission the organ builders from Quimby Pipe Organs, who have begun installing our rebuilt instrument, a project that will take several months. We look forward to celebrating the completion of the pipe organ this Advent!

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