

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sonata in D Major. Domenico Scarlatti

Introit

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!” Cameroon song
arr. Ralph Johnson

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God’s holy name. Alleluia!

*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

Minister: *Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

People: Happy are those who rest in God.

Minister: *Come and listen, children of God.*

People: Teach us the way of truth and life.

Minister: *Let us depart from evil and do good.*

People: Let us seek peace and pursue it.

*Hymn 397 “O Look and Wonder”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of every people and nation, we confess that we have not lived
as global citizens in your new realm of justice and peace.

We build up dividing walls in the world.

We contribute to division in the church.

We ignore the suffering in distant nations
and live in fear of our closest neighbors.

Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your Spirit of peace upon us,
break down the dividing walls among us, and raise us up
to be a holy temple—your temple of peace in the world—
built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ,
in whose holy name we pray. 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 24 Old Testament, page 475

Anthem

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” Harold W. Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit’s tether, for when humbly, in thy name,
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them, alleluia.*

Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

*As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, alleluia.*

So knit thou our friendship up.

*All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be, alleluia.*

We will serve thee faithfully.

First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6–10a Old Testament, page 613

*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

Mark 8:1–10 New Testament, page 40

Sermon

A Feast for All. Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 323 “Sound a Mystic Bamboo Song”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ.

We believe that the church is called
to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.

We believe that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker.

We believe that the church is witness
both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

“Rondeau” from *Abdelazer* Henry Purcell

*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: . . . *therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:*

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Minister: . . . *we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we share this joyful feast:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*). The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Minister: . . . *as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:*

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

“Open My Heart” Ana Hernández
Open my heart.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of all nations, we give you thanks
for this feast of your goodness and grace.
As you have nourished us in Christ Jesus,
send us forth to feed and serve others—
sharing your peace with the whole community
and showing your faithful love in the world.
Through Jesus Christ, bread of life for all. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

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

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fugue in C Major (“Gigue”) Dietrich Buxtehude

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Worship Notes

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper, enacting the words of the hymn "Come, Risen Lord": "One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break." Reminding us of the unity in that global family, the colorful cloth on the Communion Table and the stoles being worn by the pastors are from Guatemala, and the banner hanging from the pulpit was created to give to the First Presbyterian Church in Havana, Cuba, to celebrate our fifteen-year partnership in ministry with our sister congregation.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH is excerpted from the Belhar Confession of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa and has been approved for inclusion in the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

TODAY'S PEACEMAKING OFFERING will support the local organization Cure Violence as well as programs in the Presbyterian Church (USA) that foster racial reconciliation, support Syrian refugees, combat human trafficking, and foster international peace efforts. Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes available in the pew racks or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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