

*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

Reformation . . . . . Wilhelm Rudnick  
Highland Cathedral . . . . . James Wetherald  
Acclamation . . . . . Karen Thompson

### Introit

“A Jubilant Gloria” (9:30) . . . . . Mary Lynn Lightfoot  
“Sing to the Lord” (11:00) . . . . . Deborah Govenor

\*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: *We praise our God, the Creator,  
who lit the world and breathed the breath of life into us.*

People: *We praise our God, the Son,  
who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us.*

Minister: *We praise our God, the Spirit,  
who blows through the world and blesses our souls with yearning.*

People: *We praise our God, the Trinity of love:  
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;*

Minister: *the beginning, the end, the everlasting one. Let us worship!*

### \*Prayer of Praise

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

\*Hymn 275 . . . . . “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Forgive us, O Lord,  
for everything that spoils our home life:  
for the moodiness and irritability that make us difficult to live with,  
for the insensitivity that makes us careless of the feelings of others,  
for the selfishness that makes life harder for others.

Forgive us, O Lord,  
for everything that spoils our witness for you;  
that we so often deny with our lives what we say with our lips;  
for the difference between our creed and our conduct,  
our profession and our practice;  
for any example that makes it easier for people  
to criticize your church or for another to sin.

Grant unto us a true penitence for our sins.  
Grant that at the foot of the cross we may find our burdens rolled away.  
And so strengthen us by your Spirit that in the days to come  
we may live more nearly as we ought. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime;  
it is by hope that we are saved. . . .  
. . . Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 34:1-8. . . . . Old Testament, page 480

Anthem

“Shall We Gather at the River” . . . . . Robert Lowry  
arr. Robert McIver

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel’s feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.  
When we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down,  
grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown.  
Yes, we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.  
Soon we’ll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.  
Yes, we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.*

First Lesson

Hebrews 7:23–28 . . . . . New Testament, page 208  
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

\*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 10:46–52 . . . . . New Testament, page 44  
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Being on the Gigantic Stage with Jesus” . . . . . Walter Brueggemann

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 450 . . . . . “Be Thou My Vision”

\*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.

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.

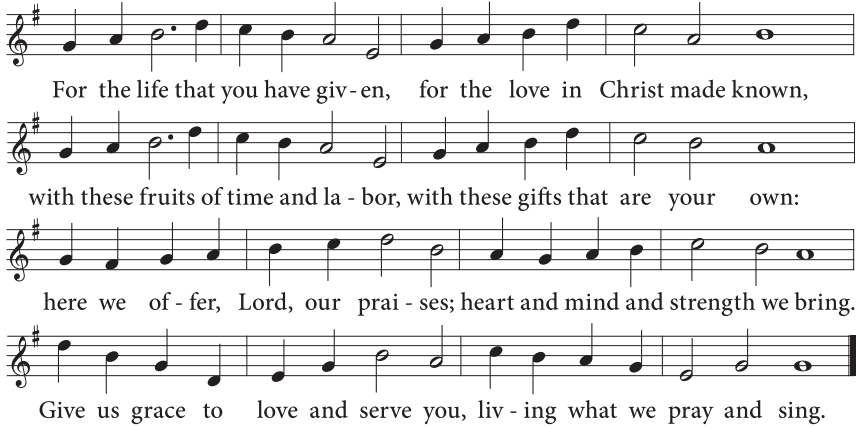
Prayer Response

"Amen" . . . . . Dale Wood

Offertory Anthem

"Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Children" . . . . . Christopher Tye  
*Praise ye the Lord, ye children, praise ye the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord forevermore.  
The Lord's name is praised from the east unto the west.  
The Lord is high above all nations and his glory is above the heavens.*

\*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*)

All good things come from you, O God,  
 and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.  
 You created all that is and with love formed us in your image.  
 All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.  
 And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,  
 we offer you ourselves, and all that we have,  
 in union with Christ’s offering for us.  
 By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ,  
 one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 353 . . . . . “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

\*Benediction and Response

\*Recessional (*please remain standing*)

“Scotland the Brave” . . . . . Scottish folk tune

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God . . . . . Martin Luther  
arr. Donald Hustad

## Worship Leaders

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Judith L. Watt, Larry A. Braskamp, Shannon J. Kershner, Walter Brueggemann

## The Music Today

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The Morning Choir, The Youth Choir (9:30); The Children's Choir (11:00)

The Handbell Choir; Carol Carpenter, flutist; George Sims, bagpiper

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing Huei, pianist

## Worship Notes

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TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY, a day when we recall the rich heritage of the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (USA) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, the watershed event sparking the Reformation. Luther later authored the hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," sung early in today's service and featured in the Postlude. Reformation Sunday is also a day when we remember and give thanks for Reformation leaders and all others who have kept the faith.

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Bill Patterson on behalf of the Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights.

FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES WALTER BRUEGGEMANN to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Brueggemann is Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and the author of more than 100 books. A world-renowned biblical scholar and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, he is widely sought after as a preacher, teacher, and lecturer. We are honored to have him with us today.

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