# Gathering around the Word

#### Prelude

Elegy......James Biery

#### Introit

Jesus, we are here for you. Savior, we are here for you.

Teacher, we are here for you. Spirit, we are here for you.

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

\*Hymn 326 ...... "For All the Saints"

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, in every age

you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.

Forgive our indifference to your will.

You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent.

You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful.

Have mercy on us, your servants.

Keep before us faithful people for us to follow

so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,

we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior,

to the praise of your holy name. 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 146 . . . . . Old Testament, page 549 Anthem The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die, but they are in peace. First Lesson Ruth 1:1–18 . . . . . . . . . . . . Old Testament, page 230 *The Word of the Lord.* Leader: People: Thanks be to God. 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 Sermon Beyond and Within ..... Matt Helms

# Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 312 ..... "Take Us As We Are, O God"

\*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.

\*Litany for All Saints' Day

Minister: *God of the ages*,

we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you.

For all the saints who have gone before us,

People: we give you thanks, O God,

for our ancestors in the faith.

Minister: For all the saints

who have been beloved to us,

People: we give you thanks for our loved ones

who have entered your Church Triumphant.

Minister: For all the saints who have left us too soon,

People: O God, we mourn their death,

and they remain in our hearts.

Minister: For all the saints

who are still shining lights in this world,

People: may we learn from their ways and follow you.

Minister: For those we have known and loved,

who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,

and especially for those members of Fourth Presbyterian Church

who have, since last All Saints' Day,

finished their race and are now at rest with you...

we give you thanks, O God, and for these your servants,

People: we praise you. Keep us grateful for their witness

and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ.

Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light;

through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

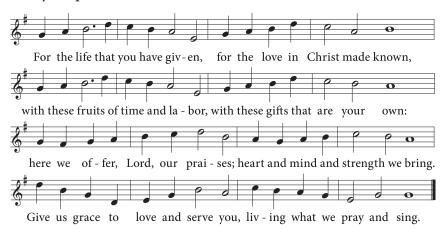
one God, forever and ever. Amen

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Behold, I Stand at Thy Threshold . . . . . . . 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:

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: . . . Great is the mystery of faith: 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. 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 Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Prayer after Communion (unison) Almighty God, you have brought your people together in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, our Lord. Give us courage to follow all those saints who came before us, and remind us daily to live lives that honor you. We pray all this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen. Bearing the Word into the World \*Hymn 730 . . . . . . . . . . . . "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" \*Benediction and Response **Postlude** 

## This morning, Communion is served by intinction.

Elegy. . . . . Malcolm Archer

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.

## Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Peyton Randy Keller

## The Music Today

The Chancel Choir John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Chelsie Coren, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

ON ALL SAINTS' DAY, we both remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year are read during worship:

William A. Anderson	Elizabeth Hand	Mark Palermo
Velma I. Berry	Shirley J. Henninger	Michele Parisi
Kathleen Carle	Louis K. Houkal Jr.	Laura Campbell Rhind
Clare H. Coakley	Billye Jennings	Louise J. Stiers
Robert L. Coyle	Alice L. Lawson	Marena Swenson
Johanna Daubitz	Ralph B. Loucks Jr.	Barbara D. Thomsen
Frances David	David B. Love	Charles L. Van Gorp
June Dudeck	Sebastian Alexander Maggio	Cathy VanderPloeg
James Durham	George McCallum	Robert B. Volkert
Matthew Fox	James Minnis	John Charles Warner
Lillian Friedeman	Kathryn Mullins	
Gracia Guise	Ellis Murphy	

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