

*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

Ballade . . . . . Samuel Barber

### Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” . . . . . Giovanni Biondi  
*Praise ye the Lord; the Lord is high above all nations.*

\*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.

### \*Invocation

\*Hymn 81 . . . . . “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.  
You call, but we have not listened.  
We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace, help us to admit our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Cantate Domino” . . . . . Hans Leo Hassler

*O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

*Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.*

*Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 146 . . . . . Old Testament, page 549

\*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

Ruth 3:1–13, 4:13–17 . . . . . Old Testament, page 231

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Ordinary and Not So Ordinary Redeeming . . . . . Judith L. Watt

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 753 . . . . . “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

\*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.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Trio . . . . . Joseph Rheinberger

\*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.

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# Sealing the Word

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## 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:*

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: . . . *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

“God Be in My Head” . . . . . John Rutter

*God be in my head and in my understanding.  
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
God be at mine end and in my departing.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Thank you, great God, for the reminder you have given us  
in table, bread, and cup that you are with us,  
that you desire to feed and nurture us into wholeness,  
and that no matter how far we wander  
or how arduous the journey back,  
you welcome us into your presence.  
Open us to the spiritual food you offer,  
and make us ever mindful of our blessings  
so that we can be signs of your love to the world around us. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 624 . . . . . “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Postlude . . . . . William Mathias

## Worship Leaders

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Judith L. Watt, James Kendzel

## The Music Today

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The Chancel Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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## Worship Notes

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TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY, a day when we join together to pledge our commitment to the 2016 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights that this community might continue to “Give. Grow. Become!” together as we proclaim the mighty acts of God and shine as a light for this city.

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 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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