

*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

Intermezzo . . . . . Johannes Brahms

### Introit

“Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness” . . . . . Iain Quinn

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; come let us adore him.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

\*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 39 . . . . . “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Most gracious and merciful God,  
we confess to you and to one another that time after time,  
we have entered your presence with countless prayers  
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.  
We have lifted our hands to you in praise,  
but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.  
We have rehearsed your commandments  
but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.  
We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith  
and pardon our acts of injustice.  
Grant us the healing that comes from your presence  
and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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\*Stand as you are able.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Anthem

“King of Glory, King of Peace” . . . . . David Charles Walker  
arr. Robert Brewer

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;  
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.  
Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee;  
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.  
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.  
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;  
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 16 . . . . . Old Testament, page 469

\*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

1 Samuel 1:4–20 . . . . . Old Testament, page 233

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Holy Filibuster . . . . . Layton Williams

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 795 . . . . . “Healer of Our Every Ill”

\*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

Antiphon . . . . . Marcel Dupré

\*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

“Communion Anthem” . . . . . Don McAfee

*Blessed Jesus, at thy table here we bow.  
Bread of heaven, save us by thy mercy now.  
Alleluia. Here is quiet contemplation, grateful hearts to thee we raise.  
For the joy of thy salvation we will sing unending praise. Alleluia. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

In deep gratitude  
for this moment, this meal, these people,  
we give ourselves to you.  
  
Take us out to live as changed people,  
because we have shared the living bread  
and cannot remain the same.  
  
Ask much of us, expect much from us,  
enable much by us, encourage many through us.  
  
So, Lord, may we live to your glory,  
both as inhabitants of earth  
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 816 . . . . . “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

“Praise God, Ye Christians, One and All” . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

## Worship Leaders

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## The Music Today

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## Worship Notes

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TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Jeannine Forrest and Natalie Williams on behalf of Stephen Ministry.

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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