

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Petite Suite Darius Milhaud

II. Prière

Choral in B Minor César Franck

Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” George Guest

O Lord, open thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.

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. Praise ye the Lord. The Lord’s name be praised.

*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

Leader: *Come, let us worship and bow down
in awe of God’s steadfast love for us.*

People: For God gives ear to our words;
God listens to the sound of our cries.

Leader: *Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.*

People: For God is our shield,
our protection in times of trouble.

Leader: *Come, let us rejoice and sing for joy!*

People: For God is surely in this place!
Let us worship God!

**Stand as you are able.*

*Prayer of Praise

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One: at times when we hear the bad news of the world, it is as though we’ve been in the middle of a bad dream, and then we turn over and go back to sleep, ignoring the plight of your children. It is hard to see tragedy and suffering. It is hard to admit whatever responsibility we might have in the plagues of the world. It is hard to work for the good when the good seems so far off. So help us, dear Lord. Give us courage to see clearly. Give us strength to do our part. Give us grace to forgive others and ourselves. And give us faith to follow you. This is our prayer, offered in the name of Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe this good news:*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 42 Old Testament, page 487

Anthem

“Prayer Litany” Helen Kemp
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace day by day. Where there is hatred, let me sow love, and where there is despair, may I sow hope. Where there is darkness, let me sow light, and where there is sadness, may I sow joy. And Lord, of thee three things I pray, day by day. To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

First Lesson

1 Kings 19:9–15a Old Testament, page 311

*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

Galatians 3:23–29 New Testament, page 178

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Distance Between Layton Williams

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 771 “What Is the World Like”

*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

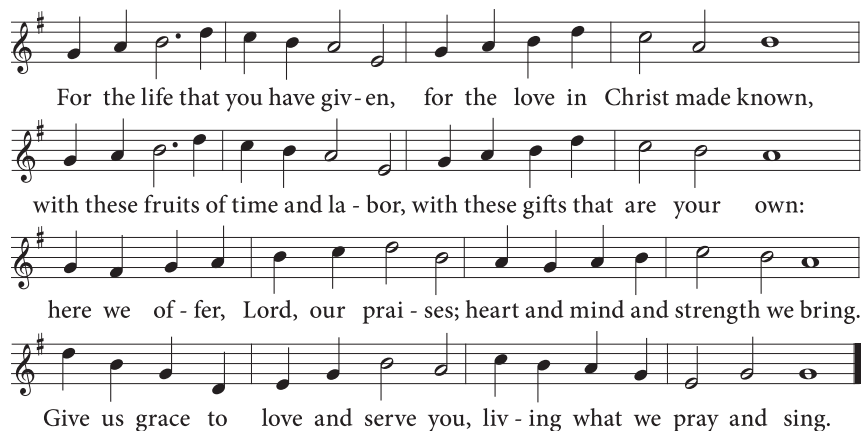
“Amen” Anonymous

Offertory Anthem

“Psalm 100” René Clausen

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing, alleluia. Know that the Lord is God; it is he who made us, alleluia, not we ourselves, alleluia. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture, alleluia, and we are his. Alleluia, enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his holy name, alleluia. For the Lord is good; his mercy endures forever; and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation, from age to age.

*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*)

God of all peoples and God of all places,
we present these offerings,
that they may be used to extend your liberating reign.
With them we offer our hearts, hands, and whole selves,
that each of us may be a part of your answer
to the cries of the world. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Finale Jubilante Jacques Lemmens

Worship in the Reformed Tradition

As the headings in our bulletin remind us each week, the center of our worship is **the Word**—by which we mean both Scripture and the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. Our Scripture witnesses to God and God's activity. When it is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship.

That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6 (page 597 of the Old Testament): adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. Overwhelmed by God's majesty and glory, we **gather together in praise** offered through song and prayer.

In the face of that great goodness of God, we also see how we fall short of being who we were created to be and so we join in a **prayer of confession**. We then proclaim the **forgiveness** that we know in Jesus Christ. We live our lives in this cycle of realizing where we fall short, being honest to God about that, and then recognizing that God always forgives us, even before the words are on our lips, and lets us start new.

As we listen for the Word of God, **Scripture** is read. The **sermon** is proclaimed. We respond to the Word with thanksgiving, joining in **song** and **affirming our faith**, using words from the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s *Book of Confessions*—whether it be the Apostles' Creed, a Brief Statement of Faith, or one of the other professions of faith—or words taken directly from Scripture.

Following Jesus' instruction to pray, in the **Prayers of the People** we bring human need before God in hope, trust, and thanksgiving for God's faithfulness, concluding with the **Lord's Prayer**. Our response of thanksgiving also includes the giving of our material goods, bringing to God the **offerings** of our work as symbols of our gratitude and our acknowledgment that everything we have comes from God. In prayer we **dedicate** these gifts and our lives to the work of the church and God's mission.

God then **sends** us, like Isaiah, back out into the world in service. Our final **hymn** of grateful praise moves directly into a **charge and blessing** to take what we have heard, to take what we have learned, and to actively live it out in the world, looking for God's work all around us.

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, Ellen Schaller, Hardy H. Kim, Layton Williams

The Music Today

The Women's Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Carol Carpenter, Kimberly Gunderson, and Gillian Hollis, soloists

Worship Notes

THE WOMEN'S CHOIR is providing musical leadership during worship through July 17. The Women's Choir consists of women from the three adult choirs at Fourth Church; the Chancel Choir, Morning Choir, and Choral Society.

SHANNON KERSHNER IS ATTENDING the 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) today in Portland, Oregon.

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