

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

Prelude on a Melody by Sowerby . . . . . Morgan Simmons

Despite the Storm . . . . . Cathy Moglebust

### Introit

“Exsultate, Jubilate!” (9:30) . . . . . Dave and Jean Perry  
*Shout for joy, rejoice! Alleluia.*

“Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel” (11:00) . . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. Roger Emerson

*Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel? Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not everyone? He delivered Daniel from the lion’s den and Jonah from the belly of the whale and the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, then why not everyone? I set my foot on the gospel ship, and the ship began to sail; it landed me over on Canaan’s shore, and I’ll never come back no more! Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel; didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not everyone?*

\*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: *This is the day the Lord has made:*

People: a day for praise and prayer;  
a day for gratitude and generosity.

Leader: *This is the time God has given us:*

People: a time for singing and silence;  
a time for speaking and listening.

Leader: *This is the life to which God calls us:*

People: a life of humility and service;  
a life of faith and trust.

Leader: *Let us worship God!*

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 415 . . . . . “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, hope of your people in every age,  
we confess that we have sinned against you.  
We have wandered from your pathways,  
lived without compassion for others,  
and disregarded the well-being of your creation.  
Do not turn away from us, O Lord.  
Forgive us and renew your covenant within us,  
for only in you will our lives be healed.  
Guide us and lead us in your ways,  
this day and forevermore. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 65 . . . . . Old Testament, page 499

Anthem

“Consecration” . . . . . Bruce Saylor  
*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my voice, and let me sing.  
Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.  
Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Amen.*

First Lesson

Joel 2:23–32. . . . . Old Testament, page 799  
Leader: *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

Luke 18:9-14. . . . . New Testament, page 76

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 442 . . . . . “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

\*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.

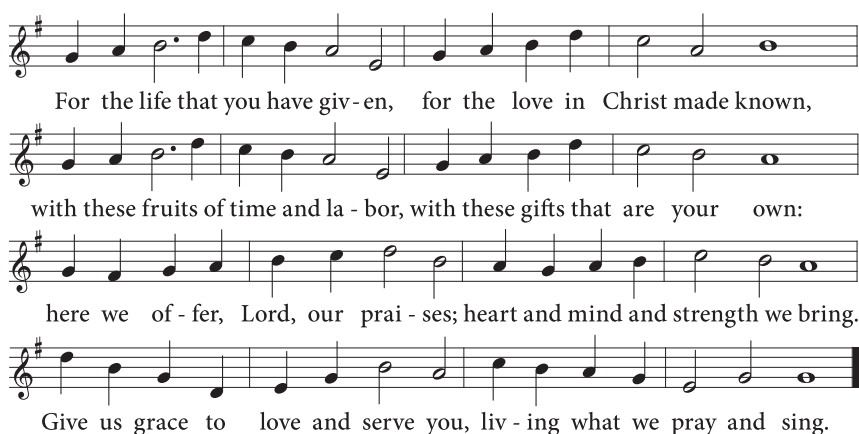
## Prayer Response

"Hear My Prayer" . . . . . Morgan Simmons  
*Hear my prayer, Lord, and answer me.*

## Offertory Anthem

"Antiphon" . . . . . Benjamin Britten  
*Praised be the God of love, here below and here above, who hath dealt his mercies so to his friend and to his foe; that both grace and glory tend us of old and us in the end. The great shepherd of the fold us did make, for us was sold. He our foes in pieces brake; him we touch, and him we take. Wherefore since that he is such, we adore and we do crouch. Lord, thy praises should be more; we have none and we have no store. Praised be the God alone, who hath made of two folds one.*

## \*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*)

If our lives, our love, and our gifts are not shared with others,  
the words we offer in prayer and praise are hollow.  
So receive what we offer, Holy God, and bless them  
in the work of that kingdom that values the people we don't even see,  
lifts up those we have walked by, and brings hope and healing to all.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## Commissioning of Ushers

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 716 . . . . . “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Comes Autumn Time. . . . . Leo Sowerby

### USHER COMMISSIONING

*Today's commissioning of Fourth Church ushers  
is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church,  
its members, and those who are among us as visitors.*

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Don DuPree	Brenda Mauldin	
Joe Fong	Marc Miller	

## Worship Leaders

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Judith L. Watt, Robert Crouch, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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The Handbell Choir; Carol Carpenter, flutist;  
The Youth Choir (9:30); The Children's Choir (11:00)  
The Morning Choir; Gillian Hollis, Carla Janzen, Jeanne Bishop, soloists  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist  
Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth  
Hsing-Huei Huang, pianist

## Worship Notes

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COMES AUTUMN TIME, this morning's postlude, premiered at Fourth Presbyterian Church on October 24, 1916, almost exactly one hundred years ago. Leo Sowerby was twenty-one years old when he wrote this piece for Eric DeLamarter, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church from 1914 to 1935. This piece launched Sowerby's career as a prolific composer, and he went on to write more than eighty works for the organ. "Comes Autumn Time" was later performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

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