

*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

- Grand Chorus . . . . . César Franck  
arr. Craig Garner
- When We Are in the Deepest Need . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach
- Prelude on “Brother James’ Air” . . . . . Searle Wright  
arr. Ronald Ruvio
- Partita No. 3 in E Major . . . . . J. S. Bach  
II. Loure  
III. Gavotte and Rondeau
- All Creatures of Our God and King . . . . . German chorale  
arr. Gordon Schuster

### Introit

- “Shalom, Peace, Salaam” . . . . . John W. W. Sherer  
*Peace.*

\*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: *When someone asks something of us,*  
People: **we are taught to give extra.**

Leader: *When we are tempted to hate or disdain our so-called enemies,*  
People: **we are taught to love them instead.**

Leader: *When we perceive slights or mistreatment,*  
People: **we are taught to forgive instead.**

Leader: *When we enjoy God’s gifts of sun and rain,*  
People: **we are taught to remember that his gifts are gifts for all people.**

All: **Let us practice what Jesus preached. Let us worship God!**

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 35 . . . . . “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned  
by not loving others as much as we love ourselves.  
You ask us to love our enemies,  
but we neglect them and only care for our neighbors.  
Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us of our sins.  
Let us love and not hate, care and not distrust.  
Unite us in our differences, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“My Lord, What a Morning” . . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. Richard Lakey

*My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.  
You’ll hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations.  
O look into God’s hand when the stars begin to fall.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 119:33–40 . . . . . Old Testament, page 535

\*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

Matthew 5:38–48 . . . . . New Testament, page 5

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

Reflections from Our Youth

9:30 . . . . . Hannah Nelson, Corey Pieper, Sarah Force,  
William Patterson, Barrett Garfield,  
Carling Hank, Eliana Yonan, Hunter Morgan  
11:00 . . . . . Samuela Kosipa, Maddie Pieper, and Sarah Thomas

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 372 . . . . . “O for a World”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) . . . . . from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,  
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God’s commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves;  
accept lies as truth; exploit neighbor and nature;  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God’s condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Commissioning of Presbytery Commissioners (9:30)

Reception of New Members (11:00)

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

“Alleluia, Amen” . . . . . Carl Wiltse

Offertory Anthem

“Ezekiel Saw the Wheel” . . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. William A. Dawson

*Ezekiel saw the wheel way up in the middle of the air,  
the big wheel run by faith and the little wheel by the grace of God.  
Better mind, my brother, how you walk on the cross;  
your foot might slip and your soul get lost.  
Old Satan wears a club, foot shoe;  
if you don't mind, he'll slip it on you.  
Some go to church for to sing and shout hallelujah,  
before six months they're all turned out.*

\*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 (responsively)

Leader: *God, you have abundantly blessed us and called us  
to be a community that respects and cares for one another,  
the least, and the lost.  
May this offering draw us to your heart to do your work:*

People: **transforming bondage to freedom;  
shining light in the dark;  
witnessing to life in the face of death.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 306 . . . . . “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God . . . . . Samuel Scheidt  
arr. Charles Schuchat

### **Commissioning of Our Presbytery Commissioners**

The Chicago Presbytery Assembly consists of the clergy members of the Presbytery of Chicago and an approximately equal number of elders from congregations in the presbytery.

The purpose of this assembly, which gathers in stated meetings at regular intervals (five or six times a year and whenever called into special session) is to oversee the presbytery’s mission and governance. Each congregation’s Session is asked to elect a certain number of ruling elders to serve as commissioners to the presbytery.

Today we commission the following elders from Fourth Presbyterian Church, who have been elected by our Session to serve as our 2017 Commissioners to the Presbytery of Chicago: Martha Brown, Lisa Dagher, Hope Daniels, Sam Evans, Abbie Fassnacht, Maggie McGuire, Judy Monroe, Roger Wilson and alternates Nan Birmingham, Larry Nicholson, and Beverly Washington.

We are grateful to them for their participation on our behalf in matters of the Presbytery of Chicago and thus the work of the wider church.

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Rocky Supinger, Senior High Youth

11:00 Rocky Supinger, Junior High Youth

## The Music Today

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The Morning Choir; Sarah van der Ploeg and Craig Palmer, soloists

Carling Hank, violinist; Tower Brass

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

## Worship Notes

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LEADING WORSHIP during the 9:30 a.m. service are Christian Calian, John Collins, Sarah Force, Barrett Garfield, Ema Gray, Peter Grissom, Carling Hank, Hunter Morgan, Hannah Nelson, William Patterson, Corey Pieper, Grace Turner, Eliana Yonan, and Michael Youngblood

LEADING WORSHIP during the 11:00 a.m. service are Joan Bahnfleth, Julian Calian, Adeline Cook, Charlotte Erickson, Henry Gray, Jacob Grissom, Eddie Kenig, Samuela Kosipa, Sally Morgan, Maddie Pieper, Emily Reome, Sarah Thomas, C.C. Wahfeldt, and Graham Waterstraat.

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