Gathering around the Word

Prelude
Prelude in D-flat Major John Knowles Paine
Variations on "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" J. K. Paine
Introit
"O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord"
*Doxology (sung)
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: O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
People: We come into God's presence with thanksgiving and raise our songs of praise.
Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;
People: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
Leader: The hour is coming and is now here.
People: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.
*Prayer of Praise
*Hymn 459
Prayer of Lenten Confession (unison)
Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.
We worship things that will never bring salvation.
Still, you offer us the gift of living water.
Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.
Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water
so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

Extinguishing the Third Lenten Candle

Kyrie.....Franz Schubert

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends*, *believe the good news*:

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (responsively)

Psalm 95 Old Testament, page 520

Anthem

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

First Lesson

Exodus 17:1–7 Old Testament, page 61

Leader: *The Word of the Lord*.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

John 4:5–30, 39–42 New Testament, page 89

Minister: *The Word of the Lord*.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus in the Gospel of John

"Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done." John 4:39 (NRSV)

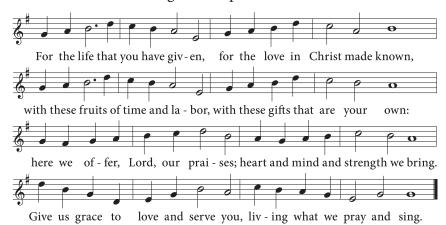
Responding to the Word



*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. 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 "Amen"...... Johann Sebastian Bach Offertory Anthem

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response



*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Gracious God, you provide us with the true bread from heaven and the living water of abundance.

In thanksgiving, we now dedicate our lives and offerings and pray that we may be passionate witnesses to you and your love for all. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Each Sunday during Lent we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to darkness as we make our way to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

Worship Leaders

Victoria G. Curtiss, Debbie Frisch, Shannon J. Kershner, Tony De La Rosa

The Music Today

The Morning Choir John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME TONY DE LA ROSA, interim executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, to the Fourth Church pulpit this morning. A lifelong Presbyterian, Mr. De La Rosa most recently served as a commissioned ruling elder and interim lay pastor of Newport Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, Washington, and prior to that as interim executive presbyter of the Presbytery of New York City. All are invited to hear him speak about the Presbyterian Mission Agency at 12:15 p.m. today in Room 4G.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

TODAY'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM "THE SPHERES" is the first movement of Ola Gjeilo's Sunrise Mass. In this movement Gjeilo, a Norwegian born in 1978, sought to create, in the beginning, "a sense of floating in space, in darkness and relative silence, surrounded by stars and planets light years away."

THE BULLETIN COVER IMAGE depicts birds drinking from the courtyard fountain. The cover quote is from Maya Angelou's poem "Touched by an Angel."

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