

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Selections sung by the Choir of St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, Scotland

- "Christus est stella" Will Todd
"Ubi caritas" Ola Gjeilo
"Gloria" from *Missa Brevis* Jonathan Dove
"Jauchzet dem Herrn, Heilig" Felix Mendelssohn
"Psalm 67" Erik Esenvalds

Introit

- "My Lord, What a Morning" African American spiritual
arr. R. Lee Gilliam

*My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground;
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the sinners mourn to wake the nations underground;
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.*

- *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: *Fling wide the doors.*

People: Invite all people in and send us out into the world.

Leader: *Break open our hearts.*

People: See what love can do. Let God work through us.

Leader: *Liberate our minds and our eyes.*

People: Let us see God at work throughout our daily lives
and in all people we encounter.

Leader: *Let loose our voices.*

People: Let us share our stories of faith and sing praises to our God.

**Stand as you are able.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 401 “Here in This Place”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Welcoming God, we fall short of the ways you envision our work in this world. You desire that we welcome the stranger, celebrate the uniqueness of one another, and invite each other into community. Forgive us for our awkwardness in these things. We don't want to mess up, and it is easier to stay in our comfortable space with familiar people. So please pour out on us your mercy, grace, and resilience. Prod us into trying again and again to be the kind of welcoming people you invite us to be. May we embody your transformative love for the wholeness of this world. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“O Sacrum Convivium” Rory Boyle
O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is recalled, the spirit is filled with grace, and the promise of future glory is given to us. Alleluia.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 100 Old Testament, page 522

*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

Genesis 18:1–15 Old Testament, page 13

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

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 767 “Together We Serve”

*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.

Commissioning of Urban Youth Mission Leaders (9:30)

Commissioning of Youth Mission Participants (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.

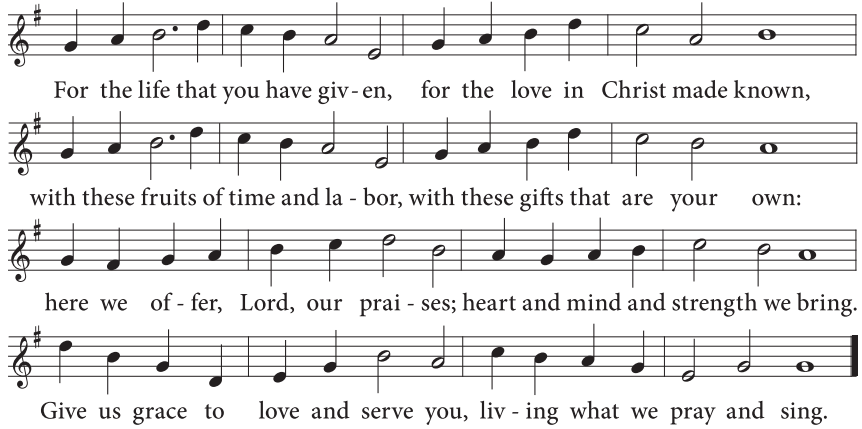
Prayer Response

“Amen” Eric DeLamarter

Offertory Anthem

“O Clap Your Hands” Ralph Vaughan Williams
*O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph;
for the Lord most high is terrible, he is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King; for God is King of all the earth;
sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen;
God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.*

*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*)

You have so graciously provided for us out of the abundance of your love,
 dear Lord, and we give you thanks.
 We thank you for the beauty of this earth that sustains life,
 for society and its cultures,
 for those who serve others in your justice, peace, and love.
 Thank you for the love of family and friends
 and for those who have gone before us who have taught us your way.
 Use these gifts of money and all our gifts,
 O Lord, to further your work of compassion in the world,
 to Christ's glory we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Festival Toccata Percy Fletcher

TODAY IS BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Fourth Presbyterian Church recognizes and congratulates the following members and Chicago Lights Tutoring students, all of whom are 2017 graduates.

EIGHTH GRADE

Gilbert Amofa	Jack Ericson	Edward Kening	Emily Reome
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Shawnte Childs	Amar Hill	Taylor McAdams	Charlie Turner
Adeline Cook	Grace Holleb	Finn McGaan	Jeffery Turner
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Sarah Douglas	Devon Kelly	Phillip Reed	Janey Winiecki
Saryah Dyson			

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Sarah Force	Michael Hooks		

COLLEGE

Henry Robert Feldman	Susan Elizabeth Massey	Emma Richardson
Kristin Marie Garrett	Max Pantalena	

Today we are commissioning persons active in the 2017 youth mission trips—which will take groups to Cuba, Detroit, and Montreat—as ambassadors from Fourth Church:

Luke Beasley, Alicia Berger, Allison Berger, Marianne Berger, Jackson Bossert, Ellie Bowers-Chen, George Browne, Claire Calkins, Addie Cook, Julie Cook, Tim Cook, Shelley Donaldson, Charlotte Ericson, Sarah Force, Barrett Garfield, Mallory Garfield, Renee Golas, Aaric Gray, Ema Gray, Stephen Hauser, Greg Kershner, Hannah Kershner, Ryan Kershner, Robert Koch, William Kozlowski, Luke Meyer, Owen Meyer, Hayden Morgan, Hunter Morgan, Sally Morgan, Addison Morley, Ned Morley, William Patterson, Josie Phelps, Meredith Phelps, Corey Pieper, Laura Pilchen, Amelia Prater, Cole Prater, Emily Reome, Katie Reome, Carly Shields, Anneke Stracks, Lisa Stracks, Rocky Supinger, Mathilda Taufmann, Charlie Turner, Grace Turner, Gretchen Wahl, Michael Youngblood

Worship Leaders

9:30 Hardy Kim, Jim Kendzel, Knox Lingenfelter, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Hardy Kim, Rachel Fisher, Sara Pfaff, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Choir of St. Giles Cathedral; The Fourth Church Men's Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES THE CHOIR of St. Giles' Cathedral, directed by Michael Harris and accompanied by Peter Backhouse. The Fourth Church Touring Choir sang at St. Giles' in Edinburgh, Scotland, last summer where Calum MacLeod, former Executive Associate Pastor at Fourth Church, is now the Minister.

THE FOURTH CHURCH MEN'S CHOIR is singing in worship through July 16; the Women's Choir will be singing from July 23 through September 3.

THIS MORNING WE COMMISSION Urban Youth Mission (UYM) leaders for 2017: Jay Collier, Daisy Jones, Alejandro Salas, and Elena van Stee. They join Katie Patterson as staff for our summer UYM program, which hosts visiting youth groups from across the country for a week of service and learning about urban mission and ministry.

THE BANNERS DISPLAYED IN THE SANCTUARY are based on seven statements attributed to Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to John in which Jesus declares "I am . . . the Resurrection and the Life; the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Gate; the Good Shepherd; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and the Vine." The banners were designed and created by Associate Pastor Victoria G. Curtiss.

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