

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Suite for Organ Eric DeLamarter
 I. Flourish
 II. Melody
 III. Scherzo
Prelude on "Land of Rest" Leo Sowerby

Introit

- "Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee" German chorale
 arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel
*Jehovah, let me now adore thee, for where is there a God such, Lord, as thou?
With songs I fain would come before thee; O let thy Holy Spirit teach me now
to praise thee in his name through whom alone our songs can please thee,
through thy blessed Son.*

- *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: *Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives,
 as the refreshing rain falls on the just and unjust alike,*
 All: refresh us with your mercy,
 even though you know well our injustice.
Leader: *As the stream flows steadily on,
 defying all the odds of stone and water,*
 All: flow over every boundary and border
 that separates us from each other.
Leader: *As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us,*
 All: renew us now in newness of life and unity of love.
Leader: *As we were once held in the waters of our mothers' wombs,*
 All: hold us in the power and peace of your abiding presence.

*Stand as you are able.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 641 “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, you are always true to us in love
and we are left wanting to say “Sorry”
for our faithlessness to you and to one another,
for our forgetting of the poor and the broken,
for our feckless abuse of your creation,
for our failure to see your glory and grace
in those different from ourselves.
Give us power in living, O God, to change—
and enable us to change, that we might be awakened
to the power of your life at work all around us. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“The Heaven’s Resound with God’s Praises” Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Peter W. Dykema

*The heaven’s resound with God’s praises eternal,
in might and glory they combine to tell his name
through the earth and oceans that all may hear the word divine.
God holds the sun in the blue vaulted heavens,
God plants his foot upon the world;
the myriad stars bow in willing subjection,
the universe his hand unfurled.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17 Old Testament, page 514

*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 21:8–21 Old Testament, page 16
Minister: *The Word of the Lord*.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Better Saints” Hardy H. Kim

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 772 “Live into Hope”

*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.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still. 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

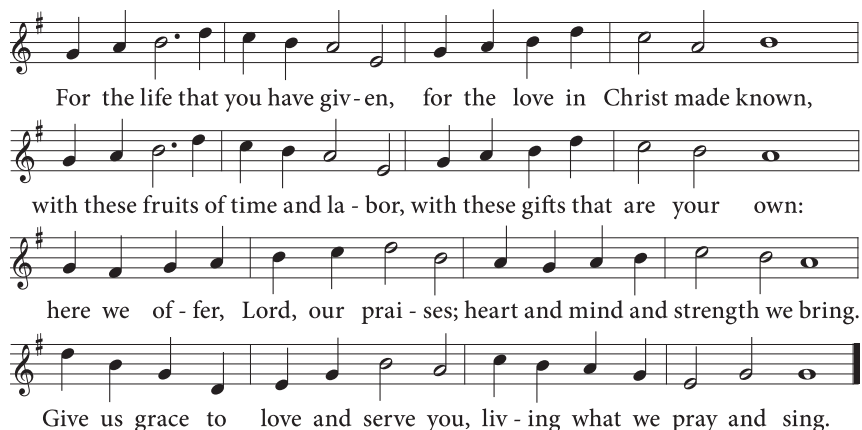
"Amen" George Frideric Handel

Offertory Anthem

"Ain't That Good News" African American spiritual
arr. William L. Dawson

*I got a crown up in the kingdom, ain't that good news!
I'm going to lay down this world, going to shoulder up my cross,
take it home to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!
I got a harp up in the kingdom, ain't that good news!
I'm going to lay down this world, going to shoulder up my cross,
take it home to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!
I got a robe up in the kingdom, ain't that good news!
I'm going to lay down this world, going to shoulder up my cross,
take it home to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!
I got a Savior in the kingdom, ain't that good news!
I'm going to lay down this world, going to shoulder up my cross,
going to take it home to my Jesus, ain't that good news!*

*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.

*Closing Responses

Leader: *Christ has come to turn the world upside down;*

All: to humble the powerful and to lift up the lowly.

Leader: *Christ has come to turn the tables;*

All: to topple vain idols and to stand with the poor.

Leader: *Christ has come to proclaim God’s kingdom;*

All: to feed the hungry,
to give sight to the blind,
to strengthen the weary,
to set prisoners free.

Leader: *Christ has come to turn the world upside down;*

All: to overthrow the present order
with a revolution of love.

Bearing the Word into the World

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

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fanfare Aaron David Miller

Worship Leaders

9:30 Victoria G. Curtiss, John Borovicka, Judith L. Watt, Hardy H. Kim

11:00 Victoria G. Curtiss, Sarah van der Ploeg, Judith L Watt, Hardy H. Kim

The Music Today

The Men's Choir

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Worship Notes

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.

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.

In the literature racks is a brochure explaining them, with accompanying prayers.

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