

*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

Suite for Organ . . . . . Eric DeLamarter

#### II. Melody

### 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:** *Christ has taught us to love one another.*

**People:** **We are called to share God’s love in the world.**

**Leader:** *The Holy Spirit moves in us, giving us gifts to do God’s work.*

**People:** **Our Creator, strengthen us to witness to God’s love.**

**Leader:** *Let us devote ourselves anew to serve our Lord.*

**People:** **We worship and praise God our Sovereign.**

\*Hymn 724 . . . . . “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that at times we ignore you and your call because we are afraid of being ridiculed and rejected by others. We fail to do justice and loving-kindness; we choose not to walk humbly with you. We give our own desires higher priority than your demands and let others' power in our lives override yours. We fall into the ways of the world and look to our own gain instead of the well-being of others. Forgive us. Guide us back to living in your ways, even when it causes tension, costs much effort and time, or doesn't appear to bear fruit. In the name of Christ, who bore the cross. Amen.

## Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *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*)

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

### 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.*

## First Lesson

Romans 6:1b–11 . . . . . New Testament, page 146

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

Matthew 10:24–31 . . . . . New Testament, page 10

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Operating from That Inner Place” . . . . . Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 846 . . . . . “Fight the Good Fight”

\*Affirmation of Faith . . . . . from Philippians 2:5–11

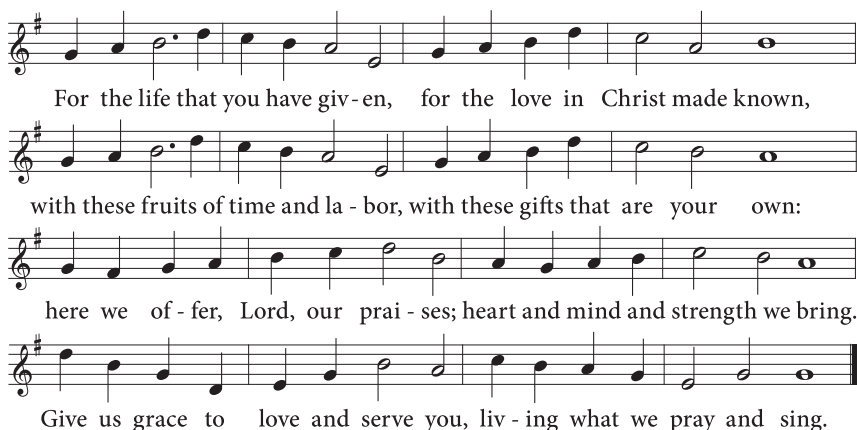
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

“Our Father, Which Art in Heaven” . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

## \*Offertory 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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation

#### Great Thanksgiving

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### Prayer

Minister: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

*. . . forever singing to the glory of your name:*

Sanctus (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 572

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 573  
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“O God, Thou Faithful God” . . . . . German chorale  
arr. T. Hoelty-Nickel

*O God, thou faithful God, thou fountain ever flowing,  
who good and perfect gifts in mercy art bestowing,  
give me a healthy frame and I may have within  
a conscience free from blame, a soul unhurt by sin.  
If dangers gather round, still keep me calm and fearless;  
help me to bear the cross when life is dark and cheerless;  
and let me win my foe with words and actions kind.  
When counsel I would know, good counsel let me find.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 313 . . . . . “Lord, Make Us More Holy”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fantasia in G Minor . . . . . Johann Pachelbel

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## Worship Notes

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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.

THIS MORNING, COMMUNION IS SERVED BY INTINCTION. The congregation comes forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles.

The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

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