

*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

Selections from *Mass for the Convents* . . . . . Francois Couperin

### Introit

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone” . . . . . John Darwall  
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build;  
with his true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled.  
On his great love our hopes we place, of present grace and joys above.*

\*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:** *The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

**People:** **The Lord is good to all,  
and God’s compassion is over all that has been made.**

**Leader:** *The Lord upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.*

**People:** **The Lord is good to all,  
and God’s compassion is over all that has been made.**

**Leader:** *Let us worship God together.*

\*Hymn 32 . . . . . “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Everywhere that we can be, O God, you are there.  
Yet how little we recognize you.  
How aware we are of everything but you.  
Forgive us when we give our attention to things we can see and measure,  
but not to you and your presence among us.  
Rain your goodness upon us and cover us with your compassion,  
that we may grow in grace daily,  
living ever more for your glory and purpose.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*Exchange of Peace

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: And also with you.

*We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."*

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

"Thy Holy Wings" . . . . . Swedish folk song  
arr. Aaron David Miller

*Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me  
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.  
O, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,  
and let my every moment be lived within thy grace.  
O, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast  
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.  
O, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,  
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.  
O, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood;  
give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.  
O, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,  
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold one and all.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### Psalter (*sung*)

Psalms 145:8–14 . . . . . Old Testament, page 549

\*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 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67 . . . . . Old Testament, page 19

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Rocky Supinger

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 51 . . . . . “To Abraham and Sarah (I Will Be Your God)”

\*Affirmation of Faith . . . . . 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.

#### Offering

#### Offertory Voluntary

Elevation from *Mass for the Convents* . . . . . F. Couperin

\*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.

Sealing the Word

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

“We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace” . . . African American spiritual  
arr. William Appling

*We shall walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
we shall walk through the valley in peace! And if Jesus himself shall be our leader,  
we shall walk through the valley in peace! There will be no sorrowing there,  
and if Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace!*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of majesty and light, in Jesus Christ all see your glory.  
By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us,  
that we may follow him with grateful hearts.  
Take us and all we have to be useful in your service.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 79 . . . . . “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Rigaudon . . . . . André Campra

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.

## Worship Leaders

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Judith L. Watt, Larry Thomas, Rocky Supinger

## The Music Today

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Men of the Morning Choir

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

## Worship Notes

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**DURING THE MONTH OF JULY**, we will experience the Exchange of Peace as an experiment for engaging more deeply worship in the Reformed Tradition. The Exchange of Peace follows the Declaration of Pardon and is a response to God's forgiveness. This exchange of signs and words of unity and of Christ's peace is an ancient greeting of siblings in Christ. This is a time when we extend to one another what we ourselves have received from God in Christ. You may shake hands and say "The peace of Christ be with you" or simply "Peace be with you," the greeting of Jesus Christ to his disciples after his resurrection. By exchanging the Peace of Christ to one another, we witness to God's reconciling love.

**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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