

*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

Concerto in F Major . . . . . George Frideric Handel  
Andante

### Introit

“Love Is Little” . . . . . Shaker melody  
arr. Kevin Siegfried

*Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow.  
Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that’s right.*

\*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.

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 386 . . . . . “Come, Worship God”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, we confess to you the limits of our faith.  
We have too often sought to make you into our image,  
to confine you to the bounds of our minds.  
We have become complacent, trusting our own understandings.  
We have sought harmony and security, even at the expense of others.  
We have been slow to act, afraid to challenge the barriers in our world.  
Forgive us, O God. Trouble us, so that in the challenging of our faith,  
we may know your grace. 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

Minute for Discipleship

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 133 . . . . . Old Testament, page 543

Anthem

“All Who Are Thirsty, Come to the Spring” . . . . . G. F. Handel  
arr. Walter Ehret

*All who are thirsty, come to the spring which shall never run dry.  
Drink of the spring of eternal life; come to the spring, the word of God.  
Drink deep of the spring of eternal life, which is the living word of God.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8 . . . . . Old Testament, page 645

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 15:21–28 . . . . . New Testament, page 16

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 649 . . . . . “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

\*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.

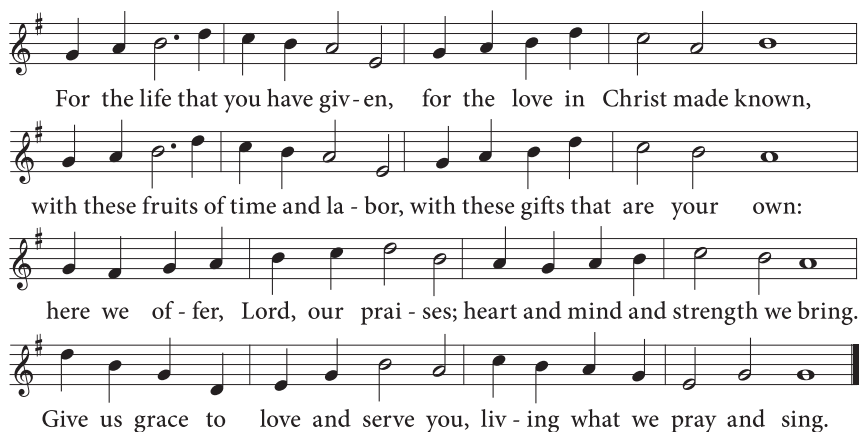
### Offering

### Offertory Solo

“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked” . . . . . Geoffrey O’Hara

*I walked today where Jesus walked in days of long ago;  
I wandered down each path he knew, with reverent step and slow.  
Those little lanes, they have not changed, a sweet peace fills the air.  
I walked today where Jesus walked and felt his presence there.  
My pathway led through Bethlehem, ah, memories ever-sweet;  
the little hills of Galilee that knew those childish feet;  
the Mount of Olives, hallowed scenes that Jesus knew before;  
I saw the mighty Jordan roll as in the days of yore.  
I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone he prayed;  
the garden of Gethsemane, my heart felt unafraid!  
I picked my heavy burden up and with him by my side,  
I climbed the hill of Calvary where on the cross he died.  
I walked today where Jesus walked and felt him close to me!*

## \*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 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: *Into the shadows of silence, you hummed the first chords  
of creation, O God. . . . And so we join our voices with your saints  
in every time and place, singing forever 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: . . . *Blessedness is your name, Holy God,  
and blessedness is also our Savior, Jesus Christ:*

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

“The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare” . . . . . Geoffrey Shaw

*The Lord my pasture shall prepare and feed me with a shepherd’s care.  
His presence shall my wants supply and guard me with a watchful eye.  
My noonday walks he shall attend and all my midnight hours defend.  
When in the sultry glebe I faint, or on the thirsty mountain pant,  
to fertile vales and dewy meads my weary wandering steps he leads,  
where peaceful rivers soft and slow, amid the verdant landscape flow.  
Though in a bare and rugged way through devious lonely wilds I stray,  
thy bounty shall my pains beguile; the barren wilderness shall smile  
with sudden greens and herbage crowned; and streams shall murmur all around.  
Though in the paths of death I tread, with gloomy horrors overspread,  
my steadfast heart shall fear no ill, for thou, O Lord, art with me still;  
thy friendly crook shall give me aid and guide me through the dreadful shade.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Today, O Lord, we have tasted your goodness and breathed in your mercy.  
We have been united with people all over your creation and reminded  
of the great fellowship you have given us. May these gifts of bread, cup,  
grace, and presence fuel us to seek justice, do mercy, and walk humbly  
with you today and in all our days to come. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Toccata in Seven . . . . . John Rutter

## Worship Leaders

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Rocky Supinger, Roberta Dawson, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Women of the Morning Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

## Worship Notes

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THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE, which follows the Declaration of Pardon, 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 with one another, we witness to God's reconciling love.

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Larry Nicholson on behalf of the Fourth Church Sunday School program.

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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