# Gathering around the Word

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Song . . . . . . Percy Grainger

#### Introit

"Come, Let Us Gather"..... American folk song

Come, let us gather, now to sing praises and thanks to God our king. God's love surpasses everything.

\*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: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: *This is the day that the Lord has made.*People: We come to worship the Creator of life!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let all that has breath give thanks to God, our creator! Amen.

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you in the presence of our brothers and sisters that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have wandered from your ways, wasting the gifts you have given to us and forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, and help us live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 Mission

#### Anthem

"Alleluia" . . . . . William Boyce; arr. Mark Schweizer

# Listening for the Word

#### Prayer for Illumination

## Psalter (responsively)

Psalm 24. . . . . Old Testament, page 475

# \*Gloria Patri (sung)...... The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup> as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Scripture Lesson

Acts of the Apostles 13:1–3; 14: 8–18. . . . . New Testament, page 123

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

#### Sermon

"Creating a Stir" . . . . . Lucy Forster-Smith

# Responding to the Word

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Or "to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost."

\*Affirmation of Faith (unison) . . . . . . . from A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

#### Ordination and Installation of Deacon

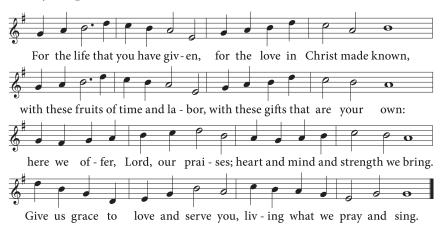
### Offering

### Offertory Solo

"God Is My Shepherd"...... Antonín Dvořák

God is my shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows. He leadeth me where quiet waters flow. My fainting soul doth he restore and guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify his name. And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear, for thou art by me still. Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

## \*Offertory Response



# Sealing the Word

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation

### Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

#### Prayer

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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

"I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills" . . . . . . . . . . . Paul Bouman

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved, and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

the Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

### Prayer after Communion (unison)

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# Bearing the Word into the World

\*Hymn 733 ......" "We All Are One in Mission"

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty. . . . . . . . Johann Gottfried Walther

## Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, David Marshall, Lucy Forster-Smith

### The Music Today

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

## Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Kathryn Burkhardt on behalf of the School Supply Drive sponsored by Women at Fourth.

THIS MORNING, WE ORDAIN and install Deborah Zak as a deacon.

FOURTH CHURCH EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Women's Choir for their musical leadership during morning worship this summer. The Men's Choir will be singing in worship from July 22 through September 2.

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.

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