

## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Aria . . . . . Jehan Alain

### Introit

“All Things Come of Thee, O Lord” . . . . . Stephen Sturk  
*All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.*

\*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.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

### \*Invocation

\*Hymn 12 . . . . . “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Great God, we admit our fear. We admit our doubt.  
We admit our desire to control our lives  
without any kind of reliance on you.  
And we admit that it’s hard to trust you fully because  
we don’t always understand why life happens as it does.  
Forgive our repeated struggles.  
Forgive our constant striving to understand things we can’t.  
Hear us now in the silence of our hearts as we admit our failings  
and regrets to you and ask for your forgiveness.  
*(silence is held)*  
Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

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

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\*Stand as you are able. <sup>†</sup>Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

\*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

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 22:1–15 . . . . . Old Testament, page 473

Anthem

“If You Can Walk” . . . . . Linda Cable Shute

*If you can walk, then you can dance. If you can talk, then you can sing. If your heart beats, then you can love. If you breathe, then you can live. If you can cry, then you can laugh. If you believe, then you can pray. If you have lips, then you can smile. If you can think, then you can hope. If you can sleep, then you can dream. If you can feel, then you can care. If you can wish, then you can be. So dance and sing in Christ, live, be free.*

\*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. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Job 23:1–9, 16–17 . . . . . Old Testament, page 446

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon . . . . . Judith L. Watt

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<sup>†</sup>Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 834 . . . . . “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) . . . . . 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

Sicilienne . . . . . Maria Theresia von Paradis

\*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

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:*

Sanctus (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 565

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:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 566

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

“Love Is but My Answer” . . . . . Carlton T. Russell

*I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me:  
it was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found of thee.  
Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;  
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;  
'twas not so much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.  
I find, I walk, I love, but O, the whole of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee:  
for thou wert long beforehand with my soul, always thou lovedst me. Amen.*

## Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Amazing God, you come into our lives in the midst of suffering  
and you set a holy table for us,  
filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation.  
Send us out of this place, God of life,  
so that we might ease the suffering of others  
and touch the world that you have created  
with the promise of your love. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 498 . . . . . “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

\*Benediction and Response

## Postlude

Toccata in Seven . . . . . John Rutter

## Worship Leaders

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Matt Helms, Annette Bacon, Judith L. Watt

## The Music Today

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Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, flute

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Justin Taylor, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

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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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