

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Intonation in G Major Sebastian Anton Scherer
Flute Voluntary Thomas Arne
Toccata and Fugue in F-sharp Minor Dieterich Buxtehude
Prelude on “Holy Manna” William Moore; arr. Cathy Marker

Introit

“Lift Up Your Hearts” George Thalben-Ball
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord.

*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: *With God, all things are made new.*

People: **We are made new creations in Christ!**

Leader: *The mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

People: **We are made new creations in Christ!**

Leader: *The old things have passed away.*

People: **We are made new creations in Christ!**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 301 “Let Us Build a House”

*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Patient God, you pour out yourself in love for us and this world.

And you repeatedly call us to participate in living out that love.

But your voice can be drowned out in all our noise—
the noise of TVs, iPhones, political pundits, podcasts,
marketing gurus, and even our own voices.

So forgive us, God. Forgive us and quiet us.

Teach us again to listen for your voice. Fill us to the brim with your grace.

And then help us to know what you would have us be and do for your glory. Amen.

*Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Commissioning of Presbytery Commissioners (11:00)

Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: “I Sat Down under His Shadow” Edward C. Bairstow

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 19

Leader: *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.*

People: **One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Leader: *Although they have no words or language and their voices are not heard,*

People: **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends
of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

Leader: *It comes forth like a bridegroom out of their chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.*

People: **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about
to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

Leader: *The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.*

People: **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

Leader: *The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.*

People: **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

Leader: *By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.*

People: **Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Leader: *Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound and innocent of a great offense.*

People: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

*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 :: Luke 4:14-21 New Testament, page 57
Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 772 "Live into Hope"

[†]Or "to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost."

*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.

Prayers of the People

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.

Prayer Response :: "Amen" Eric DeLamararter

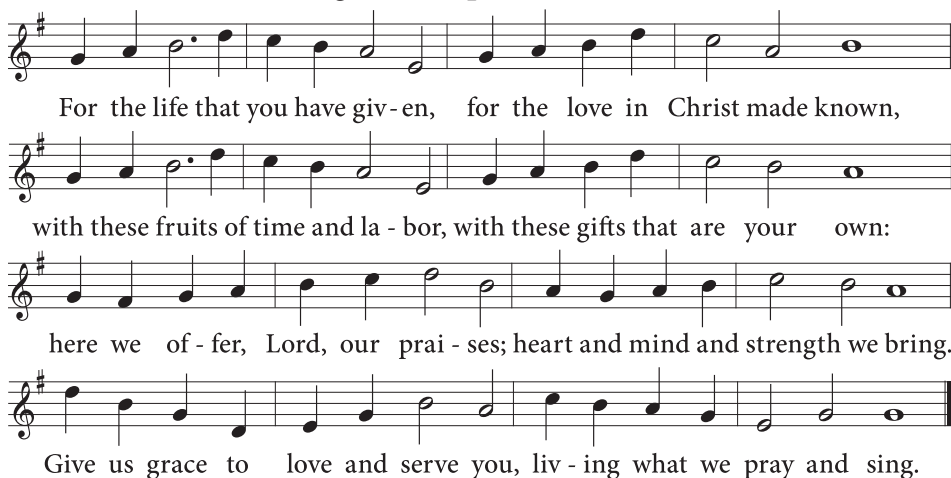
Minute for Mission

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Love of Love and Light of Light" William H. Harris

*Love of love and Light of light, heavenly Father, all maintaining, wisdom hid in highest height,
to thy creature fondly deigning, maker, wonderful, thou hast called my heart to trust.
What are life's unnumbered cares, sorrow, torment, passing measure?
Over my short-lived pains and fears surely ruleth thy good pleasure.
Boundless is thy love for me; boundless then my trust shall be.
Every burden weigheth light, since in thee my hope abideth;
sweetly bright my darkest night, while on thee my mind confideth.
Give thy gift I thee implore, thee to trust forevermore.*

*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts,
receive this offering as a sign of our intention
to live surrounded by your mercy,
inspired by your Spirit,
open to the joy of your presence,
hospitable to one another,
and generous toward your world.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*Benediction and Response

Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.

Postlude ♯ A Gigue for the Tuba Stop Donald Stuart Wright

Worship Leaders

9:30 Lucy Forster-Smith, Pamela Block, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Lucy Forster-Smith, Edward Schimmelpennig, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Morning Choir; Handbell Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

Worship Notes

TODAY WE COMMISSION the following elders from Fourth Presbyterian Church, who have been elected by our Session to serve as our 2019 Commissioners to the Presbytery of Chicago: Martha Brown, Hope Daniels, Sam Evans, Abbie Fassnacht, Maggie McGuire, Larry Nicholson, Roger Wilson and alternates Lisa Dagher, Judy Monroe, and Beverly Washington.

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Annie and Katie Hallinan (9:30) and Emily Reome (11:00) on behalf of the Souper Bowl of Caring.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo, taken at night, depicts a snow-covered tree in the Walter Family Courtyard, by the Delaware entrance. *(This, as with all of the Fourth Church bulletin-cover illustrations for more than 100 years, depicts a scene on the Fourth Church campus.)*

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