

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE God Whose Giving Knows No Ending *Wilbur Held*

INTROIT “Draw Us to Thee” *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Draw us to thee, for then shall we walk in thy steps
forever; and hasten on where thou art gone,
to be with thee, dear Savior.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 474** “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have reserved apart from you our own will, our own conceits, our own reliance. We are torn because we do not trust fully in you. So occupy our hearts, O God, that all our ambition, pride, and trust are of you. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PSALTER Psalm 111 (*responsively*) (page 531, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“O Be Joyful in the Lord”

Charles Wood

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord, he is God, it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31–34

(page 691, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.*****GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:1–6

(page 169, N.T.)

SERMON

More Supple than Stone

Joyce Shin

“ . . . you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”

2 Corinthians 3:3 (NRSV)

***HYMN 488**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

*Tune: LEONI****APOSTLES’ CREED***(unison)*

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.

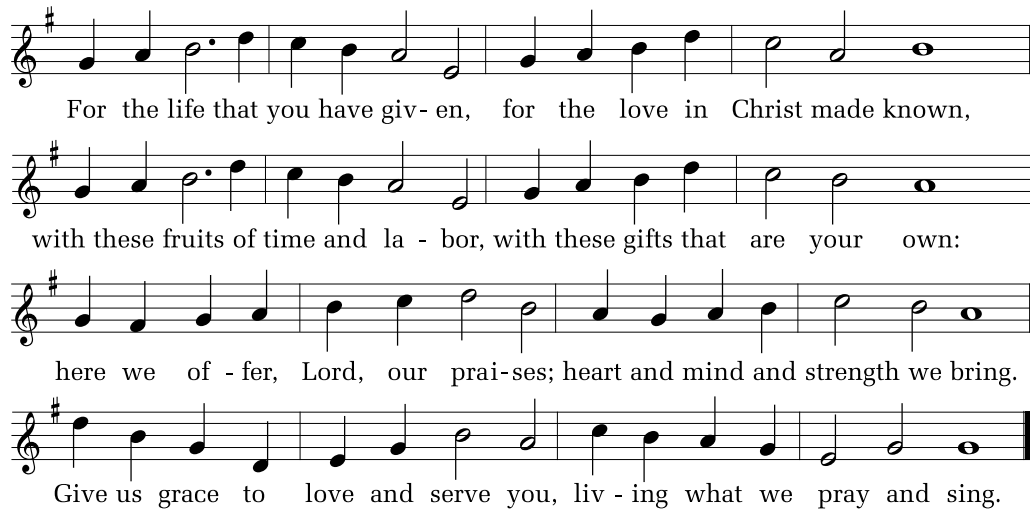
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee

Léon Boëlmann

*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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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.

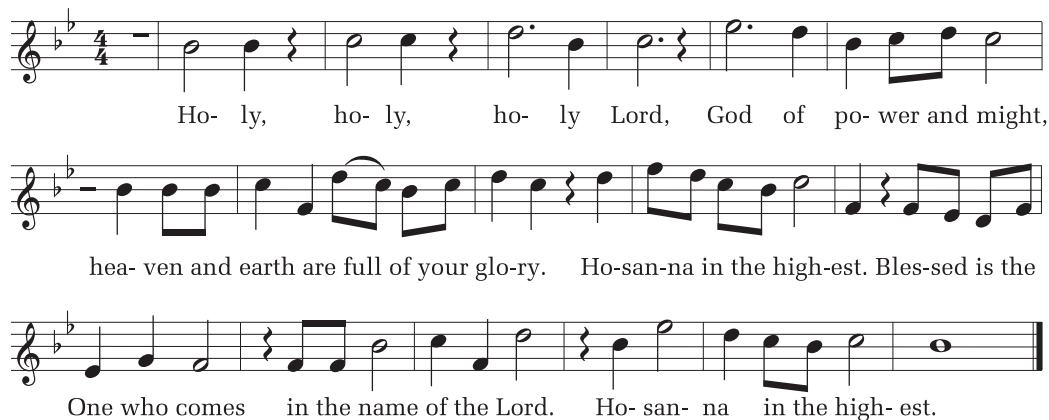
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .
. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san- na in the high- est.

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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 Holy Banquet"

David S. Harris

I come to thee, O Lord, that by thy gift it may be well
with me; that I be gladdened by thy holy banquet which
thou, O God, in thy sweetness, hast prepared for the poor.
Therefore gladden the soul of thy servant this day, because
unto thee, O Lord Jesus, have I lifted up my soul.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

God of our lives, you know us completely, inside and out. You know what motivates and drives us; you know what stirs and deeply touches us. Make them the same things, O God. Let it be your word of love and mercy, of goodness and righteousness that is written in our hearts and witnessed in our actions. For we want so much to be letters of your son Jesus Christ, in whose service we commit our lives. For his sake we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 512**

“Living Word of God Eternal”

Tune: KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

RECESSIONAL

Scotland the Brave

Traditional Scottish melody

POSTLUDE

Toccatina in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

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.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Thomas C. Rook, Matthew J. Helms, Joyce Shin

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Brian McKee, bagpiper

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Chris Foster on behalf of the Resource Development Committee.

Today is Reformation Day, a day when we recall the rich heritage in the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. Reformation Day is also a day when we remember and give thanks for Reformation leaders and all others who have kept the faith.

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