

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Adagio

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT

“Eternal Light”

Leo Sowerby

Eternal light, shine into our hearts. Eternal goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal power, be our support. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 285

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Merciful God, we confess that though you have called us
your beloved, we have a hard time believing you.**

We listen too much to the voices that shout

**“You are no good; you are ugly; you are worthless;
you are despicable; you are nobody.”**

**We fall into the trap of self-rejection and exhaust ourselves,
seeking to earn love and prove our worth.**

We ask you to forgive our futile, compulsive pursuits.

Deepen our assurance that we are, indeed, loved by you.

Liberate us by making that truth the core of our identity.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER

Psalm 139:7–18 *(responsively)*

(page 545, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“Sometimes a Light Surprises” *Gustav Holst, arr. Mark Hill*
Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings; it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings. When comforts are declining, he grants the soul again a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain. In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme of God’s salvation and find it ever new. Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say, let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may. It can bring with it nothing, but God will bear us through; who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too; beneath the spreading heavens, no creature but is fed; and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread. Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit should bear. Though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there; yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice, for while in God confiding, I cannot but rejoice; yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice, for while in God confiding, I cannot but rejoice. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:13–18

(page 639, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:21–22

(page 56, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

You Are My Beloved

VICTORIA G. CURTISS

*HYMN

“The Summons”

(see page 7 in this bulletin)

*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.

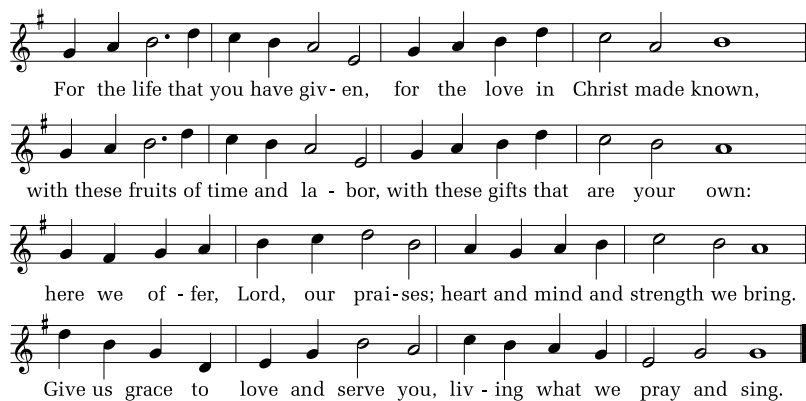
OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

“Air” from Orchestral Suite no. 3

J. S. Bach

*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

“Through Love to Light!” *Jean Sibelius*
Through love to light! O wonderful the way that leads from darkness
to the perfect day; from darkness and from sorrow of the night to
morning that comes singing over the sea. Through love to light!
Through light, O God, to thee, who art the love of love, the eternal
light of light.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

God of all creation, you call us to bring the offering
of our very selves to you.
You claim us as your beloved and send us forth
to witness to your love for all people.
We dedicate ourselves and our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ,
in gratitude for your abiding presence
and saving power in our lives. Amen.

*HYMN 376

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Tune: HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

Nikolaus Vetter

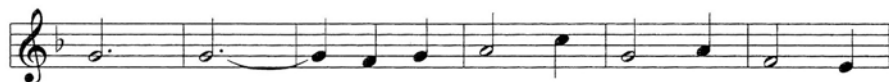
* HYMN (sung after the sermon; see page 4)

"The Summons"

Tune: KELVINGROVE



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ____ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ____ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ____ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ____ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ____ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ____ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ____ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, _ will you let my name be known, _ will you
 stare ____ should your life at - tract or scare? ____ Will you
 clean, _ and do such as this un - seen, ____ and ad -
 found ____ to re - shape the world a - round, _ through my
 go ____ where your love and foot - steps show. ____ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ____
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ____
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ____
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ____
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ____

WORSHIP LEADERS

Joyce Shin, Hardy H. Kim, Victoria G. Curtiss

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Laura Perrett, oboist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by John and Stacey Shonkwiler on behalf of the Carnaval Committee.

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. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will 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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