

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Kyrie! O God, Holy Ghost Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone” John Darwall
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled.
On his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 592

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.

*Hymn 488 “The God of Abraham Praise”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, Lord, in your loving-kindness.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

*Stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 86:1–10 Old Testament, page 514

Anthem

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” African American spiritual
arr. Jerry Johnson

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all.*

First Lesson

Genesis 21:8–21 Old Testament, page 16

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 579

**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.**

Second Lesson

Romans 9:1–16 New Testament, page 148

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Children of the Promise Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 436 “We Are Your People”

*Apostles’ Creed (*unison*)

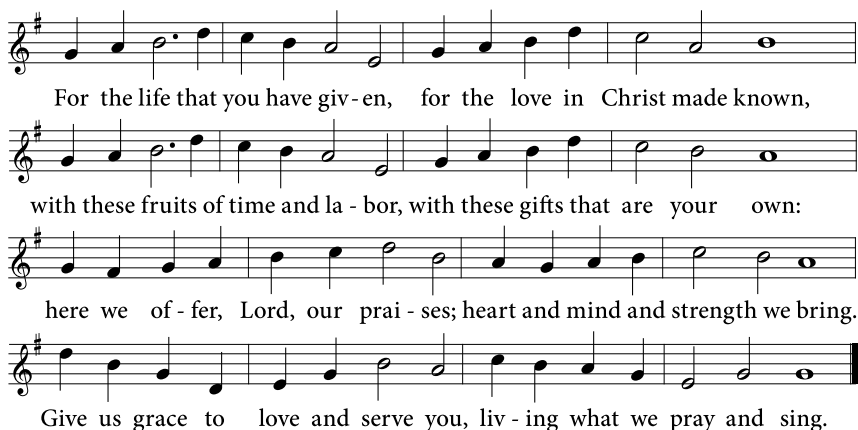
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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 Solo

“A Simple Song” from *Mass* Leonard Bernstein

*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.

Sealing the Word

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.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed by 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

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee” Plainsong

*Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who at this blessed feast art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.
O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to all doth here afford!
O may our souls forever feed on thee, and thou, O Christ, forever precious be!
Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, with thy most
cleansing blood; increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and
peace which from thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be, to gaze on thee unveiled
and see thy face, the vision of thy glory and thy grace.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God, who nourishes us for life’s journey,
we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us the promise of a world
in which our walls and borders are torn down.
Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit,
and may we walk with joy in Christ’s footsteps.
Amen.

*Hymn 422 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Sonata on the First Tone José Lidon

Worship Leaders

Joyce Shin, Rhonda Carlson, Matt Helms

The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Hope Daniels on behalf of the Chicago Lights Urban Farm. The community outreach arm of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago Lights also includes five other programs: Summer Day, Tutoring, the Elam Davies Social Service Center, Chicago Lights Academic Success in Schools (CLASS), and Free Write Jail Arts and Literacy.

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 Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. 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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