

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Adagio in G Minor Tommaso Albinoni

Introit

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Arthur Henry Messiter
arr. Norman J. Clayton

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.
Your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

*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.

*Call to Worship Based on Romans 8

Minister: *Steadfast and faithful God, persuade us,*
People: that there is no pit too deep,
Minister: *no government too powerful,*
People: no sea too wide,
Minister: *no mountain too high,*
People: that can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn 356 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer of Confession

(Please observe silence for personal prayers of confession.)

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Anthem

“Praise, Lord, for Thee in Zion Waits” Eric H. Thiman
Praise, Lord, for thee in Zion waits; prayer shall besiege thy temple gates. All flesh shall to thy throne repair and find through Christ salvation there. How blest thy saints, how safely led, how surely kept, how richly fed! Savior of all on earth and sea, how happy they who rest in thee. Thy hand sets fast the mighty hills; thy voice the troubled ocean stills. Evening and morning hymn thy praise, and earth thy bounty wide displays. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalms 105:1–10 (*responsively*) Old Testament, page 525

*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.**

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:1–39 (selected verses) New Testament, page 147

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Truest Sentence Edwin Estevez

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 467 (*verses 1, 2, and 4*) “How Great Thou Art”

*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.

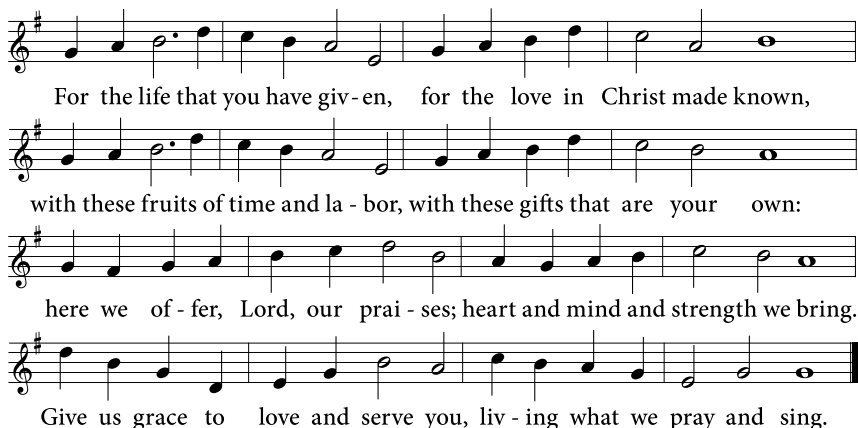
Offering

Offertory Solo

“My Heart Ever Faithful” Johann Sebastian Bach

*My heart ever faithful,
sing praises, be joyful,
thy Jesus is near.
Away with complaining, faith ever maintaining,
my Jesus is here.*

*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

“We Wait for Thy Loving-Kindness, O God” Stephen Elvey
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of incredible love,
at your Table we have been welcomed as we are,
fed with grace and love,
and sent out with strength, courage, and wisdom,
to share your incredible love with all we encounter in all creation.
We give thanks. Amen.

*Hymn 280 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Paul Manz

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, Edwin Estevez

The Music Today

Women of the Morning Choir; Gillian Hollis, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Stacey Shonkwiler on behalf of the Children and Family Ministry Committee.

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.

THE COVER IMAGE DEPICTS one of the ceiling canvases over the south aisle, painted by muralist Frederick C. Bartlett in 1914.

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