

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Rock of Ages . . . . . Seth Bingham  
Sonata . . . . . Henri Eccles  
Adagio – Courante – Adagio – Presto . . . . . arr. Sigurd M. Rascher

### Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” . . . . . German chorale  
arr. Norman J. Clayton

*Praise ye the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!*

\*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

Minister: *We have come this day to worship*  
People: **in the name of the God who creates life;**  
Minister: *in the name of the Savior who loves life;*  
People: **in the name of the Spirit who is the fire of life.**  
Minister: *So let us worship our God!*

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 446 . . . . . “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Creator God, you have fashioned us into your body.  
You continually knit us together as your people.  
Your Spirit undergirds our every breath  
and offers us courage and hope.  
So when we fail to live out of a sense of gratitude, forgive us.  
When we see each other through the eyes of suspicion  
rather than the eyes of trust, forgive us.  
When we do not practice what we preach, forgive us.  
When we sing songs of praise with our lips,  
yet resist your transformation of our lives, forgive us.  
Take the raw materials of our lives  
and remake us again into a people of the Way, your Way. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 124 . . . . . Old Testament, page 540

Anthem

“Gloria” . . . . . John W. W. Sherer  
*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God’s people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

First Lesson

Romans 12:1-8 . . . . . New Testament, page 151

Leader: *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

Matthew 16:13-20. . . . . New Testament, page 17

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 441 . . . . . “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

\*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.

Reception of New Members (11:00)

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” . . . . . Morgan Simmons

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Witness” . . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. Dick Bolks

*Who’ll be a witness for my Lord? O, I’ll be a witness for my Lord.  
There was a man of the Pharisees,  
his name was Nicodemus, and he didn’t believe.  
The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight.  
Nicodemus was a man who desired to know  
how a man can be born when he is old.  
Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, “Man, you must be born again.”  
He said, “Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise,  
repent, believe, and be baptized.”  
Then you’ll be a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord.  
You read about Samson: from his birth  
he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth.  
Way back yonder in ancient times  
he killed ten thousand of the Philistines.  
Then old Samson went wandering about.  
Samson’s strength was never found out  
till his wife sat upon his knee. She said,  
“Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!”  
Well, old Samson’s wife, she talk so fair, Samson said,  
“Cut off my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand  
and my strength will become like a natural man.”  
Samson was a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord.  
There’s another witness for my Lord, my soul is a witness for my Lord.*

\*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*)

God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts,  
 signs of your goodness and mercy.  
 Receive them with our gratitude,  
 that through us all people may know  
 the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh. Amen.

\*Hymn 442 . . . . . “The Church’s One Foundation”

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Thou Art Peter, the Rock. . . . . Henri Mulet

## Worship Leaders

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9:30: Joyce Shin, Ed Miller, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00: Joyce Shin, Arlene Raine, Hardy H. Kim, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs; Ivan Arden, saxophone

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

## Worship Notes

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AS THE BULLETIN HEADINGS remind us, the center of our worship is the Word—by which we mean both Scripture, and also the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. When Scripture is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship. That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6: adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. We listen for the Word of God. We respond in song, affirmation of our faith, prayer, and the giving of our gifts and dedication of our lives, and then God sends us back into the world to live out our faith, looking for God’s work all around us.

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