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Gathering around the Word

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Prelude

Minuet from *Le Tombeau de Couperin* . . . . . Maurice Ravel

Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips”. . . . . Richard Ayleward  
*O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.  
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. Praise ye the Lord. The Lord’s name be praised.*

\*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.

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 461 . . . . . “God Is Here!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.  
You call, but we have not listened.  
You choose to use us as your instruments of justice,  
compassion, and peace,  
but we make excuses that we are unworthy.  
We walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped up in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace, help us to turn away from our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy, our lives may be transformed. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Introduction of New Pastoral Resident

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 149:1–5 . . . . . Old Testament, page 550

#### Anthem

“Praise, All You People” . . . . . Bradley Ellingboe

*Praise, all you people, the name so holy of him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise him solely, with happy heart its amen sings! Blessed,  
O blessed are they forever whose help is from the Lord most high, whom from  
salvation naught can sever, and who in hope to Christ draw nigh. Trust not in rulers  
for they are but mortal; earthborn are they and soon decay. Vain are their counsels  
at life's portal, vain is their help on judgment day. Praise all you people. Praise  
the Almighty, my soul adore him. Yes, I will laud him all my days; with song and  
anthem I come before him singing the Lord a song of praise. Hallelujah!*

#### First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1, 6–12 . . . . . Old Testament, page 248

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

Luke 1:26–38 . . . . . New Testament, page 53

#### Sermon

God Sees 3-D . . . . . Victoria G. Curtiss

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn . . . . . “The Summons”

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave your self behind if I but call your name?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
 Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?  
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
 And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
 Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) . . . From *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

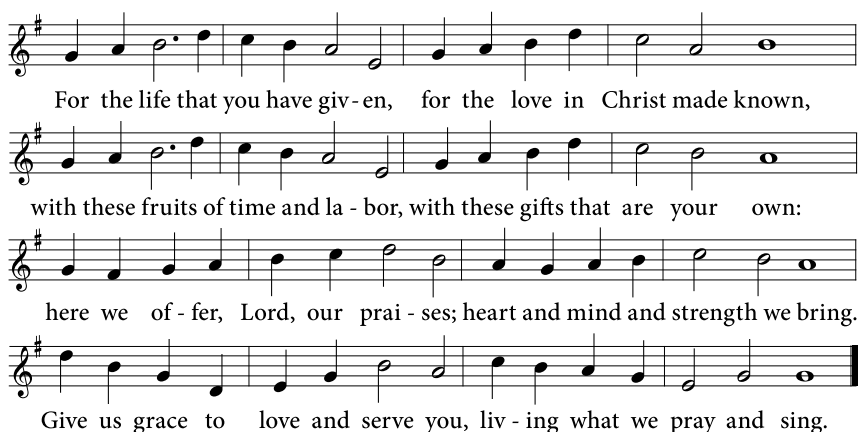
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
 everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
 The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
 sets us free to accept ourselves  
 and to love God and neighbor,  
 and binds us together with all believers  
 in the one body of Christ, the church.  
 In a broken and fearful world,  
 the Spirit gives us courage  
 to pray without ceasing,  
 to witness among all peoples  
 to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
 to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Berceuse . . . . . Louis Vierne

## \*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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## Sealing the Word

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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.**

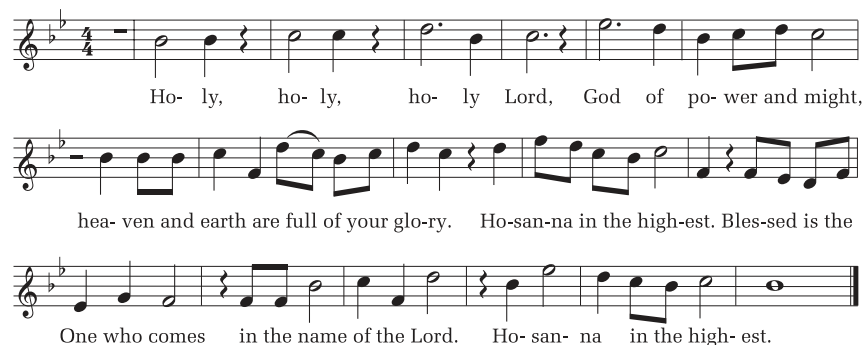
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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.

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

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” . . . . . Harold W. Friedell

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God, you have so greatly loved us,  
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.  
Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,  
our wills, and our works, a continual thank-offering to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn 343 . . . . . “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Dialogue . . . . . François Couperin

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**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.)

Worshippers 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.

# Worship Leaders

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Hardy H. Kim, Roberta Dawson, Victoria G. Curtiss

# The Music Today

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The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, soloist  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

# Worship Notes

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TODAY’S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Jon Findley on behalf of the Tutoring program of Chicago Lights, the community outreach arm of Fourth Church. This fall Tutoring celebrates fifty years of serving children in grades 1–12.

FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES LAYTON WILLIAMS, our new Pastoral Resident. Layton will be with us for the next two years, participating in the Pastoral Residency program, which was begun in 2000. This program provides recent seminary graduates with the opportunity to work in a congregational setting and as a member of a pastoral staff while being mentored—by staff and congregation—in the skills and disciplines of parish leadership. As her second year in the program draws to a close, Layton will pursue a call to ministry elsewhere, sharing her gifts and leadership with others in the Presbyterian church.

AS THE BULLETIN HEADINGS REMIND US, the center of our worship is the Word—both Scripture and the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. 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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