

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sonata in A Major George Frideric Handel
Andante – Allegro – Adagio – Allegro

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” Donald Cashmore
Praise ye the Lord.
Praise, O ye servants of the Lord.
Praise the name of the Lord.

*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 come to this place*

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: *Let us worship God.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 470 “O Day of Radiant Gladness”

Sunday School and Youth Ministry Commissioning

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord God, forgive us.
Unlike the psalmist,
when we walk through the shadow of death,
we sometimes fear evil.
Unlike the Apostle Paul,
we are not always sure that nothing can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Unlike the poet John of Patmos, in the midst of injustice,
we do not always see a new heaven and a new earth.
Forgive again, we pray, our feeble use of the faith you give,
and restore us to the hope of trust and the trust of your hope.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Unison Prayer (11:00)

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism
and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

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 last 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!*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 23 Old Testament, page 474

*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

Exodus 14:10–22 Old Testament, page 58

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 494 “Out of Deep, Unordered Water”

*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.

Commissioning of Musicians (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” John Rutter

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Exultate Deo” Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

*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*)

Gracious God, thank you for the opportunity
to offer what we have, what we are, back to you.

Stir us toward outrageous generosity.

And may our giving and our sharing open the world
and make room for justice and mercy. Amen.

*Hymn 430 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

Sunday School and Youth Ministry Commissioning

Today's commissioning of Sunday School teachers, staff, and youth leaders is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors.

Sunday School Leaders

Liz Adams	Ji Inn Lee	Norah Satre
Agnes Boateng	Ela Lewis	Christie Sharp
Irene Bumpus	Heather Major	Elaine Sharp
Anne Canfield	Jacque McGrew	Stacey Shonkwiler
Rhonda Carlson	Tim Mertzlufft	John Stracks
Carol Collins	Mark Meyer	Michelle Stromberg-Ohlhaber
Julie Cook	Andrea Miller	David Strong
Pam Crowell	Betsy Morgan	Ned Thomas
Cathy DeMille	William Ohlhaber	Linda Thornton
Margaret Douglas	Tanya Padilla	Susan Van der Meulen
Suzanne Elgandy	Kathleen Page	Katy Van der Ploeg
Gayle Engberg	Josie Phelps	Charlotte Wager
Marci Hanzlik	Tom Powers	Carl Wasielewski
Alison Helms	Ann Rehfeldt	Debbie Whitmore
Amy Kleckner	Hilary Richardson	Todd Zimmerman
Erica Kuhlmann	Marcela Ruiz	

Sunday School Staff

Matt Helms, *Minister for Children and Families*

Jill Keiser, *Nursery Superintendent*

Liz Nickerson, *Family Ministry Coordinator*

Pam Crowell, *Sunday School Coordinator*

Katy Sinclair, *Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth*

Youth Leaders (Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, and Senior Highs)

Nicholette Andrews-Maggio	Kerry Grady	Mark Schimmelpfennig
Annette Bacon	Kim Grady	Linnea Schramm
Laura Barrows	Kat Kath	Anna Vest
Luke Beasley	Mark Nelson	Ana Volkober
Regan Burke	Andrea Page	Gretchen Wahl
Jessica Burton	Kathi Rodak	Katie Whitmore
Debbie Frisch	Brian Satre	

Youth Ministry Staff

Katie Patterson, *Junior High Youth and Mission Coordinator*

John W. Vest, *Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry*

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Liz Kurman, Joyce Shin, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; Sarah Van der Ploeg, soloist; Paul Urbanic, violin
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

THE CHILDREN BEING BAPTIZED DURING THE 11:00 SERVICE ARE

MacKenzie Caroline DeVar, daughter of Marc and Carolyn DeVar
Juliana Morgan Frenk, daughter of Ryan and Leslie Frenk
Thomas Michael Joyce, son of Michael and Lindsay Joyce
Luke Hamilton Mosher, son of Matt and Suzie Mosher
Jake Richard Pickut, son of William and Rebecca Pickut
Mary Barbara Pickut, daughter of William and Rebecca Pickut

THE MORNING CHOIR, which is being commissioned today during the 11:00 service, unites us, through its varied repertoire, with the church around the world and throughout the ages, bringing that music to this time and place. With the choir we lift our voices in singing praise to God.

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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