

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze Johann Sebastian Bach
Prélude from *Suite Bergamasque*. Claude Debussy

Introit

“Haleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona” South African song
*Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Christ the Lord to us said,
“I am wine; I am bread; give to all who thirst and hunger.”*

*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: *Throughout God’s world this day,
Christian churches celebrate the Lord’s Supper
as one family dining together in one room, under one roof.*

People: **Our sisters and brothers in all lands and countries
join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

Minister: *In Christ’s love there is no east, no west, no north, no south,
but only one spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.*

People: **May Christ bless the worldwide communion
of the church this day!**

Minister: *Praise be to Christ our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior!
Let us worship!*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 138 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

**Stand as you are able.*

Litany of Confession Based on Psalm 19

Minister: *“The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows forth the work of God’s hands.”*

People: Merciful God, we confess that we live distracted lives
and fail to see your hand at work in your creation.

Minister: *“One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another. . . .
Their sound has gone out into all lands
and their message to the ends of the world.”*

People: We confess that we have failed to listen
to the good news of your love.
Too often we care only for ourselves and those close to us,
while forgetting to share your peace to the ends of the earth.

Minister: *“The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.”*

People: We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors,
and your law clearly shows us our sinfulness.
Revive our souls once again.

Minister: *“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord,
my strength and my redeemer.”*

People: We confess that too often
our words, our thoughts, and our deeds
turn us away from you and from each other.
Peace is lacking in our hearts and throughout our world.
We pray for your forgiving grace and peace in Jesus Christ.
May we be peacemakers in our daily living. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 19 Old Testament, page 472

*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 Philippians 3:4b–14 (New Testament, page 187)

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 506 “Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness”

*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 Anthem

“O Sacrum Convivium” Olivier Messiaen
*O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is recalled,
the spirit is filled with grace and the promise of future glory is given to us, alleluia.*

*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 Anthems

“hope, faith, life, love” Eric Whitacre

“i thank You God for most this amazing day” E. Whitacre

Psalm 23 (*recited in unison after all have received the cup*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in
the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God, through this bread and cup,
you have made us one with you and with each other.
May the unity we find at this table be a gift
that we carry out into your suffering and divided world.
Help us find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace,
will always be with us. Amen.

*Hymn 339 “Be Thou My Vision”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in G Major (“Gigue”) J. S. Bach

The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

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, even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering, are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper, in which we are assured of God’s love and grace.

This morning the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread (which is gluten-free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side.

Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Worship Leaders

9:30 John W. Vest, John Borovicka, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Joyce Shin, Robert Crouch, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Drumming Circle; John Doty, leader

The Morning Choir; Callie Thompson, soloist

Carol Carpenter and Carla Janzen, flutists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper, enacting the words of the hymn "Come, Risen Lord": "One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break." The colorful cloth on the Communion Table and the stoles being worn by the pastors are from a Fourth Church mission trip to Guatemala and remind us of this unity in the global family.

TODAY'S PEACEMAKING OFFERING, an offering historically received on World Communion Sunday, will support the Cameroon America AIDS Alliance, which was founded by members of Fourth Church to help stem the spread of HIV/AIDS in Cameroon, Africa, and alleviate the devastation of the disease. Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes available in the pew racks or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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