

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

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.**

*Invocation

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

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

Anthem

“My Flesh Is Food Indeed” Richard Proulx

My flesh is food indeed and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter *(responsively)*

Psalms 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

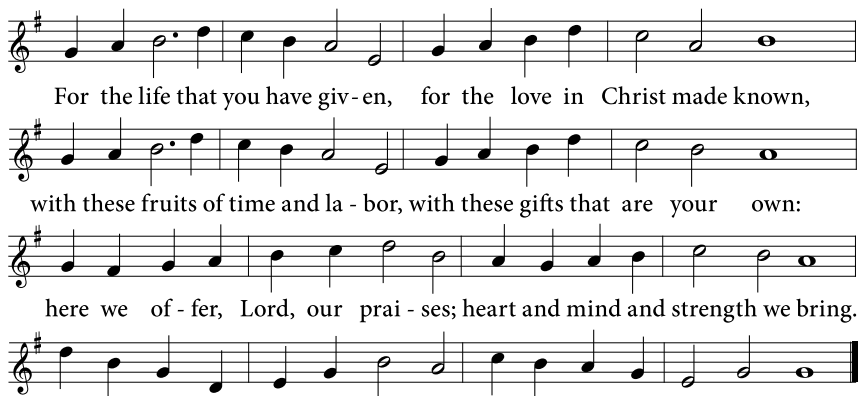
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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 Solo

“We Are a Garden Walled Around” Robert Buckley Farlee

*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: *Holy God, we praise you . . .*

*. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs
of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

The musical notation is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 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.

Minister: *With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup . . .*

*. . . We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word
made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.*

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

“O Taste and See” Anthony Doherty
O taste and see how sweet the Lord is. Blessed are they that trust in him.

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”) Johann Sebastian Bach

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.

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The Music Today

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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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