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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Johann Nicolas Hanff

Introit

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

*Dovology (aug.)

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without.

We long for harmony in our families,

for serenity in the midst of struggle.

We long for the day when our homes

will be a dwelling place for your love.

Yet we confess that we are often anxious,

we do not trust one another, and we harbor violence and anger.

We are not willing to take the risks

and make the sacrifices that love requires.

Forgive us, O Lord, and show us how to walk in your path.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination
Psalter (responsively)
Psalm 89:1-8. Old Testament, page 516
Anthem
"Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee"
First Lesson
Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18
Gloria Patri (sung)
Second Lesson
Matthew 22:34–46
Sermon
Always Reforming Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *Hymn 376 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 Voluntary Prelude on an Anthem Jean Langlais *Offertory Response for the love in Christ made known, For the life that you have giv-en, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring. love and serve you, liv-ing what we pray and sing. Give us grace to

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.*

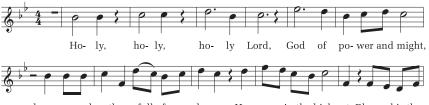
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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:



hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the



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

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, and these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people, because we have shared this meal

because we have shared this meal and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.

We ask this in the name of your Son. Amen.

*Hymn 422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Bearing the Word into the World

*Benediction and Response

*Recessional (please remain standing)

Postlude

Let All Together Praise Our God Nikolaus Vetter

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.)

Worshipers 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

Judith L. Watt, Roberta Dawson, Matt Helms

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist MJ Chen, Organ Scholar George Sims, bagpiper

Worship Notes

TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY, a day when we recall the rich heritage in the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (USA) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninetyfive theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, the watershed event sparking the Reformation. Reformation Day is also a day when we remember and give thanks for Reformation leaders and all others who have kept the faith.

TODAY IS ALSO COMMITMENT SUNDAY, a day when we join together to pledge our commitment to the 2015 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, that this community might continue to proclaim the mighty acts of God and be a light for this city.

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Caroline Staublin on behalf of the 2015 Annual Appeal.

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