

*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” Harold W. Friedell

*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.*

*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 259 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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” Eric H. Thiman

*Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Savior of mankind. Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be thou our glory now and through eternity. Amen.*

First Lesson

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18 Old Testament, page 102

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

Matthew 22:34–46 New Testament, page 24

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Always Reforming Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 376 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*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 Voluntary

Prelude on an Anthem Jean Langlais

*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 Anthem

“For the Life That You Have Given” Welsh melody
arr. John W. W. Sherer

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
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*)

Scotland the Brave Traditional Scottish melody

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.)

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

The Chancel Choir

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

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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 ninety-five 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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