

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Solemn Melody Walford Davies

Introit

“The Lord Reigns!” Dale Wood

*The Lord reigns! He is robed in majesty!
O let us come into his presence with song!*

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606

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 267 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of grace,
we confess that we have elevated
the things of this world above you.
We have made idols of possessions and people
and focused more on what it means to have
rather than what it means to give.
We have participated in systems
that take life instead of helping it to flourish.
Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory.
Help us to learn to live together according to your ways,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

*Stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 23 Old Testament, page 474

Anthem

“The Day of Resurrection!” Brian Wentzel

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
Let hearts be purged of evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.
Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!
All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal three in one!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honor, power, and glory ascribe to God alone!*

First Lesson

1 John 3:16–24 New Testament, page 226

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

**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

Acts 3:1–10, 4:5–12 New Testament, page 112

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Let It Be Known Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

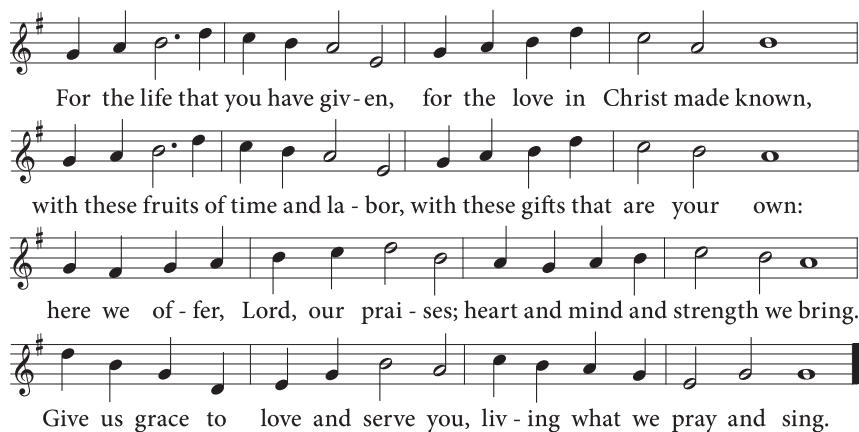
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here” Johann Sebastian Bach

*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.**

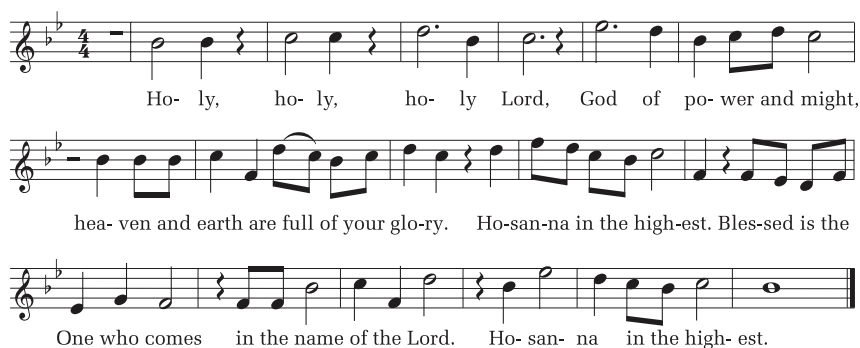
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

“Joy Fills the Morning” Antonio Lotti
Joy fills the morning; angelic choirs are singing alleluia! Through the glad world, hosannas are ringing, alleluia. Christ is risen, alleluia. Lord, Jesus, may we rise with thee, alleluia. On high he reigneth in majesty supernal; rejoice, sing alleluia! All saints may share that glory eternal, alleluia. Christ is risen, alleluia. Lord, may we dwell on high with thee, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We are grateful, God,
for the gifts of bread and cup,
for sustaining us in hope
every day of our lives.
We pray for your strength
to prepare us now for your service
as we offer to you lives of witness and worship
in the world you have made. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 515 “I Come with Joy”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

The Holy Christ Has Arisen. Alleluia! J. S. 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.

Worship Leaders

Victoria G. Curtiss, Jim Kendzel, Matt Helms

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

DURING THIS MORNING'S 9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE, new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned: Victoria Budd, Catherine Flaa, Marsha Heizer, Jean Joslyn, Lise Shipley, Carroll Smith, Anne Stelle, and Callie Thompson-Schexnayder.

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Stephen Ministry Leaders are Paula Addington, Jeannine Forrest, Ellen Schaller, Barbara Timberlake, Roger Wilson, and Judy Watt (staff support).

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