
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Steal Away African American spiritual; arr. Phillip Keveren

A Path With Heart David Lanz

The Rising Paul Sullivan

Introit

“Here I Am, Lord” Dan Schutte

*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.

*Call to Worship from Psalm 98

Minister: *Sing to God a new song,*

People: **for God has done marvelous things!**

Minister: *Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,*

People: **for God is still doing marvelous things!**

Minister: *Break into joyful song!*

People: **Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!**

Minister: *Sing to God a new song!*

People: **Let us worship!**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Litany of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments;
we fail to love you;
our conscience is not clear.
Wash us in the water of life,
that we may live again
through the grace and mercy of Jesus,
our resurrected Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism
and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Set Me As a Seal” René Clausen
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 98 (*responsively*) Old Testament, page 521

*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.

Scripture Lesson

John 15:9–17 New Testament, page 103

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 693 “Though I May Speak”

*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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

Prayer Response

“Amen” Clarence Dickinson

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“If Ye Love Me” Philip Stopford

*If ye love me, keep my commandments; and I will pray the Father,
and he will give you another comforter, even the Spirit of truth.*

*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Pour your Spirit upon these gifts, O God.
 Send them into the world
 as a sign and song of your joyous work of love.
 Use them to call and welcome into your house of love
 all who are your friends
 and our brothers and sisters. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 761 “Called As Partners In Christ’s Service”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

The Queen’s Procession. Oliphant Chuckerbutty

“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

Baptism

at Fourth Presbyterian Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

Sebastian John Bolhouse, child of Matthew and Jessica Bolhouse
Maren Greta Drake, child of Steve and Nikki Drake
Coralie Michal Oeken, child of Chris Oeken and Jessica Royer Oeken
Holden Prescott Schenk, child of Hunter and Kira Schenk

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Emilia Deanne Kastanek Buzachero,
child of Christopher Buzachero and Andrianna Kastanek
Addison Winter Leslie, child of Barry and Jennifer Leslie

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim, Arlene Raine, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Youth Choir (9:30); The Children's Choir (11:00);
The Morning Choir; James Sinclair (graduating senior), soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth
Hsing Huei Huang, pianist

Worship Notes

ON THIS DAY 101 YEARS AGO—May 10, 1914—the congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church worshiped in this Sanctuary for the first time.

AS THE BULLETIN HEADINGS REMIND US, the center of our worship is the Word—by which we mean both Scripture, and also the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. When Scripture is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship. That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6: adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. We listen for the Word of God. We respond in song, affirmation of our faith, prayer, and the giving of our gifts and dedication of our lives, and then God sends us back into the world to live out our faith, looking for God's work all around us.

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