

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Intermezzo . . . . . Johannes Brahms  
Ballade . . . . . J. Brahms  
Processional . . . . . John Behnke

### Introit

“Beat the Drums of Welcome” . . . . . Ghanaian folk song  
arr. Tom Colvin

*Beat the drums of welcome for the monarch at the gate, calling us all to unite and  
God’s world recreate. Christ brings freedom, Christ makes peace, with justice for  
us all. Our Savior’s come, Jesu, alleluia. Now at last, Jesu saves all God’s people  
from their pains; those oppressed receive power to throw away their chains.  
Captives gain their liberty; the blind receive their sight; now’s the time to be set  
free, as darkness turns to light. Happy are the towns and lands whose people  
praises bring; happy hearts and happy homes to God a welcome sing.*

\*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

Leader: *With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:*

People: **come among us, Healing God.**

Leader: *With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust,  
we hope:*

People: **come among us, Holy Friend.**

Leader: *With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:*

People: **come among us, Calling Spirit and lift our feet to follow you.**

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 511 . . . . . “Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Litany of Confession

Leader: *O God of life, eternity cannot hold you, nor can our little words catch the depth of your kindness. And yet you come close to us and repair us. O God of life, grant us your forgiveness*

People: **for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech, and the words with which we wounded.**

*(Silence)*

Leader: *O God of life, grant us your forgiveness*

People: **for our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness, and for all we left untended.**

*(Silence)*

Leader: *O God of life, scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills;*

People: **begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are. 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

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter *(responsively)*

Psalms 138 . . . . . Old Testament, page 545

\*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

Mark 3:19b - 35 . . . . . New Testament, page 35

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

*“Who are my mother and my brothers?”* Mark 3:33 (NRSV)

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 306 . . . . . “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

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

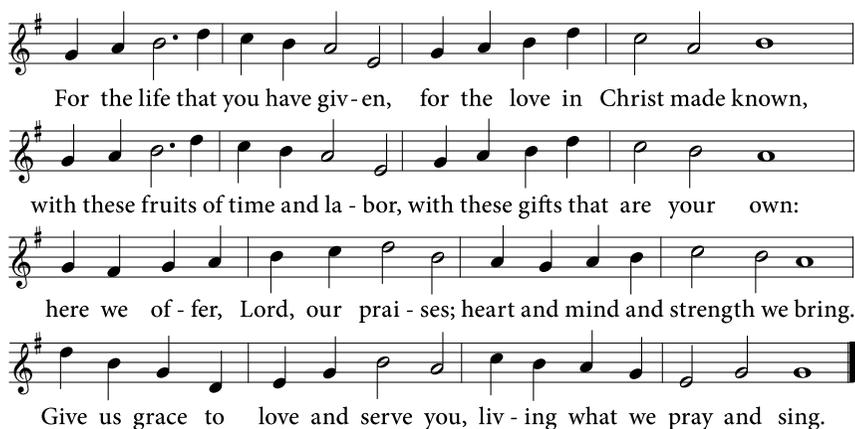
I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again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

“Derr Herr Segne Euch” from *Cantata 196* . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach  
*May God smile on you ever more and more, on you and all your children.*

\*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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### 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 Anthems

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee” . . . . . Plainsong  
“Adoramus te” . . . . . Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina  
*We adore you, Christ, and we bless you. By your sacred cross and suffering you have redeemed the world. Lord, have mercy on us.*

Psalm 23 (*recited in unison after all have received the cup*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in  
the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

\*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.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 733 . . . . . “We All Are One in Mission”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Postlude on a Gregorian Chant . . . . . Marcel Dupré

## Worship Leaders

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Joyce Shin, Joan Hall, John Vest, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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The Handbell Choir; The Drum Circle; Men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs

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John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

## Worship Notes

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TODAY FOURTH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT of the Lord's Supper.

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, even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering, are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, in which we are assured of God's love and grace. This morning the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread (which is gluten-free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

FOURTH CHURCH THANKS the Handbell Choir and Drum Circle for sharing their musical gifts in worship. Anyone interested in joining either of these groups is encouraged to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 ([jsherer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jsherer@fourthchurch.org)).

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