

*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

Voluntary in D Major . . . . . George Frideric Handel  
[Slow] – Fugue

### Introit

“Praise We Sing to Thee” . . . . . Franz Joseph Haydn  
*Praise we sing to thee, thou mighty ruler, King forever;  
praise we sing to thee, dear Lord, and we will fail thee never.  
All the joys of nature tell us of thy wonder working power.  
Still thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour.  
Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forevermore.  
Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts thou dost ordain;  
Lord of hosts, who over the wondrous realm of heaven doth reign.*

\*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

One: *Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation,*  
Many: **the wind of change that blows through our lives,**  
One: *opening us up to new dreams and hopes,*  
Many: **granting us new life in Jesus Christ.**  
One: *Let us worship God who redeems and restores us.*

\*Hymn 774. . . . . “There Is Now a New Creation”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Spirit of new life,  
forgive our closed eyes which fail to see the needs of your world,  
blind to opportunities to serve and love.  
Forgive our closed hands which clutch our gifts  
and our wealth for our own use alone.  
Forgive our closed hearts which limit affection to ourselves and our own.  
Break down our prison walls of self-protection and promotion.  
Forgive us and use us as your instruments of hope and healing for others,  
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

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 51:10–17 . . . . . Old Testament, page 492

Anthem

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”. . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. Gordon Krunnfusz

*Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen, nobody knows, but Jesus, glory hallelujah.  
Sometimes I’m up, sometimes I’m down. O yes, Lord. Sometimes I’m almost to  
the ground. If you should see me going slow. O yes, Lord. I’ve got my troubles here  
below. I know why Satan hates me so. O yes, Lord. He got me once and let me go.*

First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:6–13 . . . . . Old Testament, page 248

Liturgist: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

\*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

2 Corinthians 5:11–15 . . . . . New Testament, page 170

Sermon

Appearance vs. Character . . . . . Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 688 . . . . . “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

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

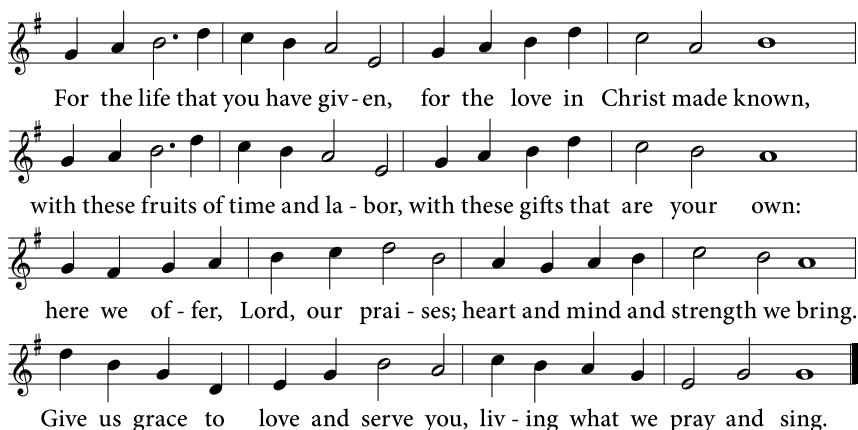
I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead, and buried;  
 he descended into hell;  
 the third day he rose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

“Trio” . . . . . Joseph Rheinberger

## \*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.**

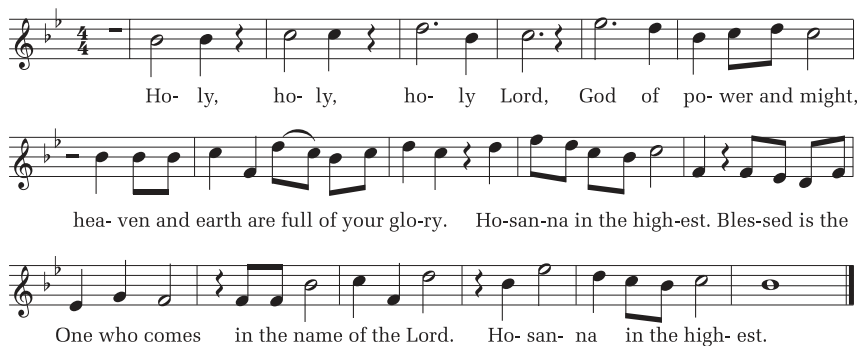
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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 Anthem

“I Need Thee Every Hour” . . . . . Robert Lowry  
arr. Richard E. Gerig

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford. I need thee every hour! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee. Stay thou nearby; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. Most holy one, O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 700 . . . . . “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major. . . . . Henry Purcell

# Worship Leaders

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# The Music Today

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# Worship Notes

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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.

THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT, "UNWEAVINGS," created by fiber artist Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day.

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