

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sonata in D Major. Domenico Scarlatti

Introit

“Spirit of the Living God” Daniel Iverson
arr. Richard E. Gerig

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

*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: *Come praise our Creator, love beyond our imagining,
yet closer than our breathing.*

Many: **We come to meet the risen Christ, embodied in our living.**

One: *Come to stand alongside the poor, empowered by the Spirit.*

Many: **We come in solidarity to worship the God of all peoples.**

*Hymn 644. “Give Thanks, O Christian People”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, your word is fruitless when the mighty are not put down,
the humble remain humiliated,
the hungry are not filled, and the rich are.
Make good your word, and begin with us.
We confess that we are alienated from one another.
Our hearts and our ears have been closed to hear the voices of the poor
and share their struggle.
Transform us to be people of peace, compassion, and justice,
and send us away empty with longing
for your promises to come true in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 133 Old Testament, page 543

Anthem

“Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts” Henry Purcell
Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers, but spare us Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not. Suffer us not at one last hour for any pains of death to fall from thee.

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:7–18 New Testament, page 170

Leader: *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

Isaiah 65:17–25 Old Testament, page 654

Sermon

Creating Something New Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mather

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*Affirmation of Faith from the United Congregational
Church of South Africa

Leader: *As one people within the household of God, in the unity of
the faith, in the communion of saints, in love and goodwill to all,
let us in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ give ourselves
afresh to him and to one another in joyous covenant:
promising to walk together with God and one another
in all the privileges and duties of our high calling in Christ Jesus.*

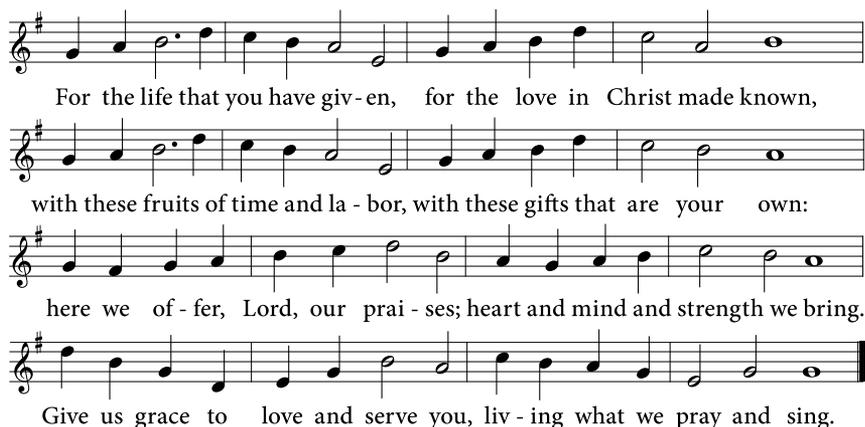
**All: We believe in God, our Heavenly Father;
we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior;
we depend on the guidance of the Holy Spirit;
we seek to live in God’s presence
according to all God has made known and will make known to us.
We covenant to Worship, Work, and Witness together
in the fellowship of the church . . .
for the building up of the Body of Christ
and the manifestation of the Kingdom of God on earth.
Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.**

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

“Méditation” André Fleury

*Offertory Response



For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, living 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.**

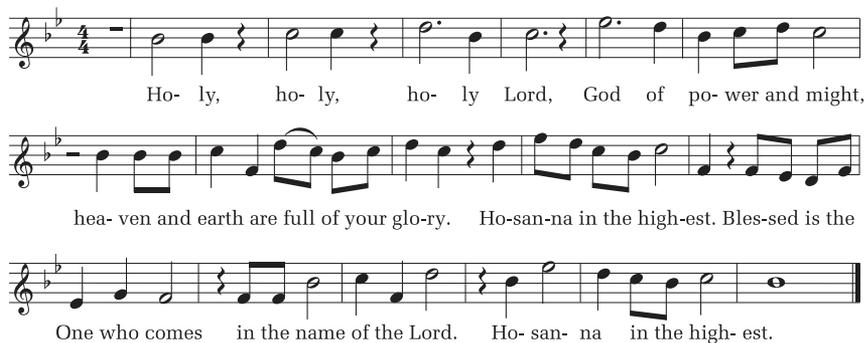
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

“Jesu, Joy of All Desiring” Johann Sebastian Bach
*Jesu, joy of all desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 853 “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso A. Fleury

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The Music Today

The Men of the Morning Choir

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Worship Notes

TODAY WE WELCOME TO THE FOURTH CHURCH PULPIT Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mather, Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers in South Sudan. They work with the South Sudan Education and Peace Initiative, which Fourth Church has supported the past two years with half of its \$1 million gift to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Joining Hearts and Hands campaign. You can read more about that at www.bit.ly/FPCMissionPartners

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.

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