

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision Irish ballad; arr. Paul Manz

Introit

“Let Thy Grace, Like Morning Dew” Johann A. Freylinghausen

*Let thy grace, like morning dew, fall on hearts in thee confiding;
thy sweet comfort, ever new, fill our souls with strength abiding;
and thy quickening eyes behold thy dear fold.*

*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 4 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, do not let us be too easy on ourselves.
Do not let us be too hard either.
Help us to see ourselves as we are: imperfect, weak, and in need of you.
Help us to see ourselves as you see us:
beloved, a creature of your making and remaking.
Make us over, God, into a people who, inside and out,
more closely resemble you, your heart and hands,
loving and serving your world.
Until that day when you are all in all, we pray. 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 24 Old Testament, page 475

Anthem

“Beautiful Savior” Silesian folk tune; arr. F. Melius Christiansen
*Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of man,
glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.*

First Lesson

1 Kings 3:3–15 Old Testament, page 292

*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

Mark 6:14–29 New Testament, page 38

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Folly of Wishing. Joyce Shin

“Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” Mark 6:22 (NRSV)

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 307 “God of Grace, God of Glory”

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

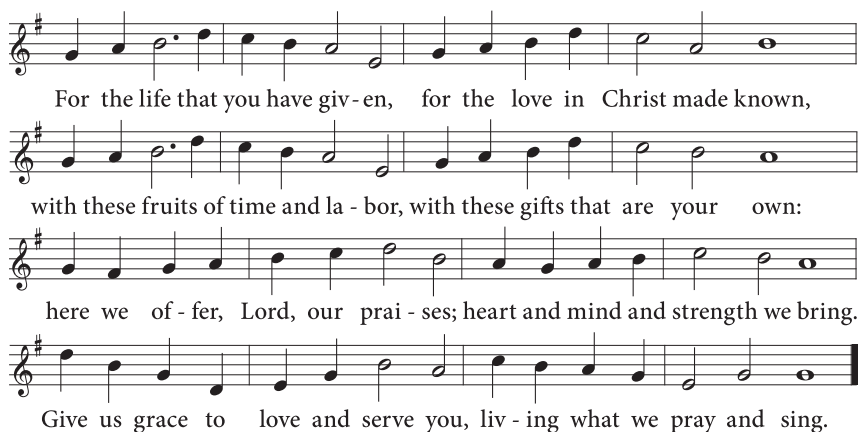
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

"I've Got Peace Like a River / Kum Ba Yah" arr. Jeanne Shafferman

*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

“I Love to Tell the Story” William G. Fischer

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings, as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story; for those that know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Gracious God, we thank you for this simple meal of bread and wine
in which you offer us your grace.
Call us often to your table,
that we might learn the taste of your goodness.
Send us out to recognize your grace wherever we encounter it.
Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 341 “O God, Show Mercy to Us”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

God of Grace P. Manz

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Annette Bacon, Joyce Shin

The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir; Cole Seaton and Daniel Henry, soloists
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Chelsie Coren, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

THE MEN OF THE CHANCEL AND MORNING CHOIRS are singing together through July 19, and the women of both choirs will be singing from July 26 through September 6. Anyone interested in joining a Fourth Church choir is encouraged to contact John Sherer (312.981.3592; jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

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 Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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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