

## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Sanctuary . . . . . Gwyneth Walker

#### 1. Reverence

### Introit

“Alleluia” . . . . . Richard Rodgers

*Alleluia, amen.*

\*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 32 . . . . . “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*). . . . . from Psalm 51

God of all creation, we are a people who  
long for a sense of the sacred in life.  
We are a people who yearn to be assured of your presence.  
But despite our longing, we miss the sacred.  
Despite our longing, we can be unaware of your presence.  
Forgive us for filling our lives with so many tasks and so many deadlines.  
Forgive us for holding onto so much control.  
Forgive us for our race with time and our hesitancy to rest in you.  
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 34:1-8 . . . . . Old Testament, page 480

#### Anthem

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” . . . . . H. E. Piggott

*Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.*

#### First Lesson

Genesis 1:31-2:3 . . . . . Old Testament, page 2

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

Exodus 20:8-11 . . . . . Old Testament, page 64

#### Sermon

Keeping the Sabbath: Sanctity and Sanity . . . . . Judith L. Watt

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 681 . . . . . “This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made”

\*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

“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here” . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

\*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

“May Now Thy Spirit” . . . . . F. Joseph Schuetky; arr. Martha Mahlenbrock  
*May now thy spirit, O Father, descend upon us. In glad adoration we praise and worship thee, alleluia. Holy, Lord almighty, restore unto all mankind thy peace and love. Our sins, Lord, forgive in thy mercy. In song we hail thee forevermore.*

## Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Thank you, Holy God, for inviting us to set apart time that is holy.  
Thank you for the reminder to taste and see the wonder of this world.  
Thank you for the meal we have just shared.  
Remind us this week that you continually call us to your table  
so that we can be fed and nourished and renewed.  
And, O God, give us courage to accept the invitation.  
We pray all of this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 509 . . . . . “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

\*Benediction and Response

## Postlude

“The Rejoicing” from *Royal Fireworks* . . . . . George Frideric Handel

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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 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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