
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Sonata in D Major Domenico Scarlatti
Duos Dialogues for Flutes, no. 1 Giulio Briccialdi
Sonata in D Major D. Scarlatti
Duos Dialogues for Flutes, no. 2 G. Briccialdi

Introit

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! Cameroon song; arr. Ralph Johnson

*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

Minister: *Throughout God’s world this day, Christian churches celebrate the Lord’s Supper as one family dining together in one room, under one roof.*

People: Our sisters and brothers in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Minister: *In Christ’s love there is no east, no west, no north, no south, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.*

People: May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!

Minister: *Praise be to God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer! Let us worship!*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 503 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Litany of Confession (*unison*)

God of every people and nation, we confess that we have not lived as global citizens in your new realm of justice and peace.

We build up dividing walls in the world. We contribute to division in the church. We ignore the suffering in distant nations and live in fear of our closest neighbors. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your Spirit of peace upon us. Break down the dividing walls among us. Raise us up to be a holy temple—your temple of peace in the world—built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ, in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

**Stand as you are able.*

Assurance 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 8 Old Testament, page 466

First Lesson

Acts 2:42–47 New Testament, page 112

Minister: *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

Deuteronomy 26:1–11 Old Testament, page 174

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Give. Grow. Become! Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 515 “I Come with Joy”

*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.

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

“Take My Life, That I May Be” Aaron David Miller

*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: *O Living God, for your blessing in creation . . .
 . . . So hear us now as we raise our voices with all the faithful in
 every time and in every place, forever singing to the glory of your
 name:*

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 552

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: *In the fullness of your time, you sent your Son,
the Prince of peace, to be one of us and one with us . . .
. . . Great is the mystery of faith!*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*). The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Minister: *Gracious One, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . .
. . . who taught us to pray saying:*

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

"Of Hospitality" Jane Marshall
"Set Me as a Seal" Joseph Gregorio

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.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 546 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*Benediction and Response

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir
during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude

Fugue in C Major (“Gigue”) Dietrich Buxtehude

TODAY FOURTH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT of the Lord’s Supper.
Communion 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 Fourth Church elders
and deacons. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshippers
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.

Today we are singing a new musical setting of the Sanctus, which is the
familiar “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” words that we sing as part of the
Communion liturgy. We are also introducing as part of that liturgy
another element from the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship*: the
Memorial Acclamation of “Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will
come again.” The music for both of these is the familiar tune “Land of
Rest,” to which the often-sung hymn “Lord, When I Came into This
Life” (The Hymnal, 691) is sung.

Worship Leaders

Joyce Shin, Jean Marie Koon, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; The Drum Circle

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

Carol Carpenter and Sean Stanton, flutists

Worship Notes

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper, enacting the words of the hymn "Come, Risen Lord": "One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break." Reminding us of the unity in that global family, the colorful cloth on the Communion Table and the stoles being worn by the pastors are from Guatemala, and the banner hanging from the pulpit was created to give to the First Presbyterian Church in Havana, Cuba, to celebrate our fifteen-year partnership in ministry with our sister congregation.

TODAY'S PEACEMAKING OFFERING will support the local organization Cure Violence as well as programs in the Presbyterian Church (USA) that foster racial reconciliation, support Syrian refugees, combat human trafficking, and foster international peace efforts. Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes available in the pew racks or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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