

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Allegretto William Wolstenholme
Ballad W. Wolstenholme
Andantino Edwin H. Lemare

Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” Richard Webster
*O Lord, open thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord’s name be praised.*

*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: *Before we were born, God called us by name.*
People: *Before we learned to love God, God loved us.*
Minister: *God’s love abides and will never let us go.*
People: *Nothing can separate us from the love of God.*
All: *We praise you, God, for your love and faithfulness!*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 641 “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, we are in awe of your faithfulness. We can hardly believe in it or make sense of it. Too often we put you to the test, imagining that we set the terms. Forgive us. Reveal to us a bigger view to recast our narrow views, a bigger providence to make sense of our incoherencies, a bigger heart to make room for all our commitments.
In Christ’s 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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism
and renew our trust in you.

Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Exultate Deo” Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
*Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.
Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 22:1–15 Old Testament, page 473

*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.

Scripture Lesson

Job 23:1–9, 16–17. Old Testament, page 446

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Trust That Makes Sense. Joyce Shin

“Oh, that I knew where I might find him. . . .
If I go forward, he is not there; or backward,
I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. . . .
If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!” Job 23:3–17 (NRSV)

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 13 “The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

*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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

Prayer Response

“Amen” Dale Wood

Offertory Anthem

“Sermon on the Mount” Dave Brubeck

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted; blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth; blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, they shall be filled; blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God; blessed are the peacemakers, they are the children of God; blessed are ye when all manner of evil is said against thee for his sake; rejoice, be glad, for great is your reward in heaven. Ye are the salt of the earth; ye are the light of the world; a city set on a hill cannot be hid. When he came down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him shouting his praises. Then all the crowd sought to touch him for power came forth from him. healing them all.

*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

We thank you for your presence, almighty God.
 You are in our gathering, in our prayers, and in our worship.
 Do not be a fleeting feeling, Lord.
 Let your Spirit permeate every troubled place,
 every troubled home, every troubled heart.
 For the sake of the world for whom your Son lived and died, we pray.
 Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 17 “Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fanfare Arthur Bliss

“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

Baptism

at Fourth Presbyterian Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:

Chad Jacob Dicks, child of Jeffrey and Preilly Dicks

Christine Arrah Joy Garcia, child of Jeffrey and Preilly Dicks

Brock Daniel Larson, child of Jon and Kristin Larson

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

Hudson Walter Carlton, child of Christopher and Lindsay Carlton

Hugh William Chandler, child of David and Merri Chandler

Alexander Donald Karottki, child of Salvador and Emily Karottki

Violet Campbell McKee, child of Patrick and Mariza McKee

Luke Alexander Skowlund, child of Michael and Jennifer Skowlund

Worship Leaders

Victoria G. Curtiss, Daniel Miller (9:30), Rebecca Nilsson (11:00),
Shannon J. Kershner, Joyce Shin

The Music Today

The Morning Choir
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

AS THE BULLETIN HEADINGS remind us, the center of our worship is the Word—by which we mean both Scripture, and also the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. When Scripture is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship. That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6: adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. We listen for the Word of God. We respond in song, affirmation of our faith, prayer, and the giving of our gifts and dedication of our lives, and then God sends us back into the world to live out our faith, looking for God’s work all around us.

THE TEMPORARY ELECTRONIC ORGAN that we have been using since last summer has been moved from the Choir Loft to the Sanctuary floor. It will remain there this fall while work is done in the loft to install the rebuilt pipe organ, which we anticipate dedicating on November 22.

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