

## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

### Introit

“I Will Fill This House with Glory” . . . . . Eric H. Thiman  
*I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.*

\*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 260 . . . . . “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

### Litany of Confession

Minister: *Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you broke the barrier of sin and pain that separates us from our neighbor, ourselves, and you. We seek your grace so we might move from alienation to new life.*

People: **O God, grant us new life in you.**

Minister: *When we deny your presence in our busy days—*

People: **O God, grant us new life in you.**

Minister: *When we feel justified in our anger and resentment toward others—*

People: **O God, grant us new life in you.**

Minister: *When we judge others before looking at ourselves—*

People: **O God, grant us new life in you.**

Minister: *When we try and forget those in need because it is too overwhelming to us—*

People: **O God, grant us new life in you.**

Minister: *When we refuse to follow your will because we are fearful and untrusting—*

People: **O God, grant us new life in you.**

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\*Stand as you are able.

Minister: *When we seek the security of false gods  
and turn our faces from your Light—*

People: **O God, grant us new life in you.**

Minister: *O God, do grant us new life in you  
and transform our cries of confession into alleluias of restoration.  
We pray in the name of our Savior.*

People: **Amen.**

### Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

### Concerns of the Church

#### Anthem

“O Be Joyful” . . . . . Philip Stopford

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, and come  
before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God. It is he that  
hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.  
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious,  
his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
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.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### First Lesson

Colossians 3:12–17 . . . . . New Testament, page 190

\*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

Psalm 98 . . . . . Old Testament, page 521

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

A Shared Sermon between Organ and Voice

by John W. W. Sherer and Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

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

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) . . . . . Apostles’ Creed

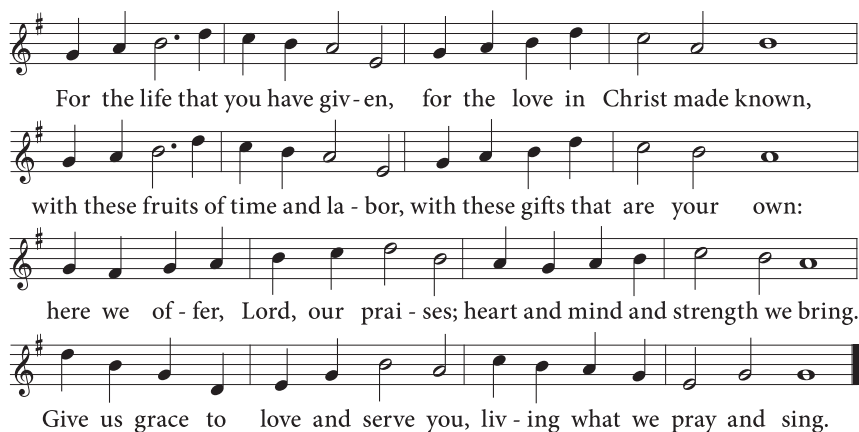
I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead, and buried;  
 he descended into hell;  
 the third day he rose 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 Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ . . . . . 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 . . .  
. . . as we sing together:*

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: . . . *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.

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

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” . . . . . Jacques Berthier  
*In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!*  
*Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God, you are our freedom.  
You are our hope. We do not rest until we rest in you.  
So may this nourishment for our faith increase our courage  
to participate in your work of freedom-building and hope-giving  
ministry in this world. We pray in the name of Jesus,  
our brother and our Savior. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 689 . . . . . “When the Morning Stars Together”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

“Let All Together Praise Our God” . . . . . Nikolaus Vetter

## Worship Leaders

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Shannon J. Kershner, Eric Olson

## The Music Today

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The Chancel Choir

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

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## Worship Notes

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THIS IS THE FIRST WORSHIP SERVICE for which the new Andrew Pipe Organ is being used. Later today, during the 11:00 service, we will dedicate it to the glory of God. You can read more about the instrument at [www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ](http://www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ)

THE “LIGHT UP A LIFE” OFFERING is being received throughout November and December. “Light Up a Life” provides opportunity to support congregational programs, mission, and community outreach—including Chicago Lights programs—as well as denominational efforts. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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.

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