

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Salvation Is Created . . . . .	Pavel Chesnokov arr. Joseph Wood
Dearest Jesus, We Are Here . . . . .	Johann Sebastian Bach
Invocation . . . . .	Ernest Bryson arr. Rich Mays
O Lamb of God. . . . .	J. S. Bach
Duo Seraphim. . . . .	Jacob Handl arr. Erich Peterson

### Introit

“The Lord Is Full of Compassion” . . . . . Iain Quinn  
*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come, let us adore him.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. 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.

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: *The Lord is our light and our salvation;*  
People: **whom shall we fear?**  
Leader: *The Lord is the stronghold of our life;*  
People: **of whom shall we be afraid?**  
Leader: *Wait for the Lord. Be strong. Let our hearts take courage.*  
People: **We will wait for the Lord!**

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

\*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 35 . . . . . “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we turn aside from his way.  
We are misled by pride, for we see our hands  
as clean when they are muddied  
and ourselves as great when we are small.  
We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore truth.  
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sins.  
Turn us to right paths. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle

Kyrie (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 576

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy on us.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe this good news:*  
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“The Lord’s Prayer” . . . . . Michael Allen  
*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.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 63 . . . . . Old Testament, page 498

\*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

Luke 13:1–9, 31–35 . . . . . New Testament, page 71  
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Rocky Supinger

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 341 . . . . . “O God, Show Mercy to Us”  
\*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.

Reception of New Members (11:00)

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

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” . . . . . Edwin Fissinger

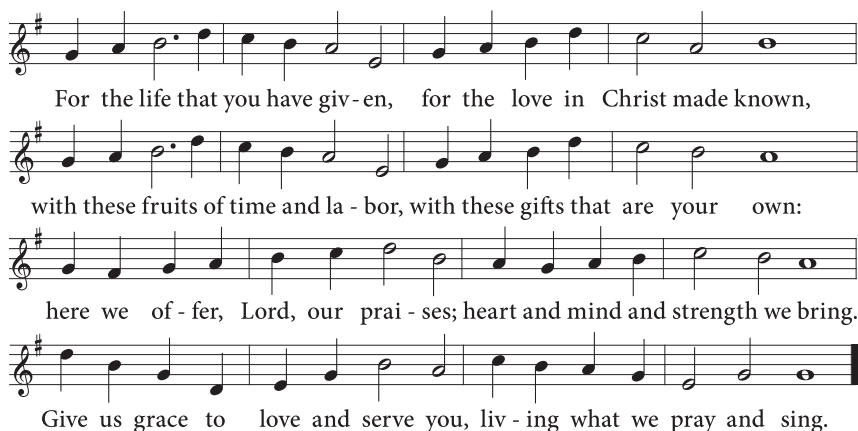
*Hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.*

## Offertory Anthem

“Kyrie” . . . . . Michael Allen

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## \*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 Dedication (*unison*)

O God, bless these gifts that we have given  
as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors,  
that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love;  
through Jesus Christ our brother and our Savior. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

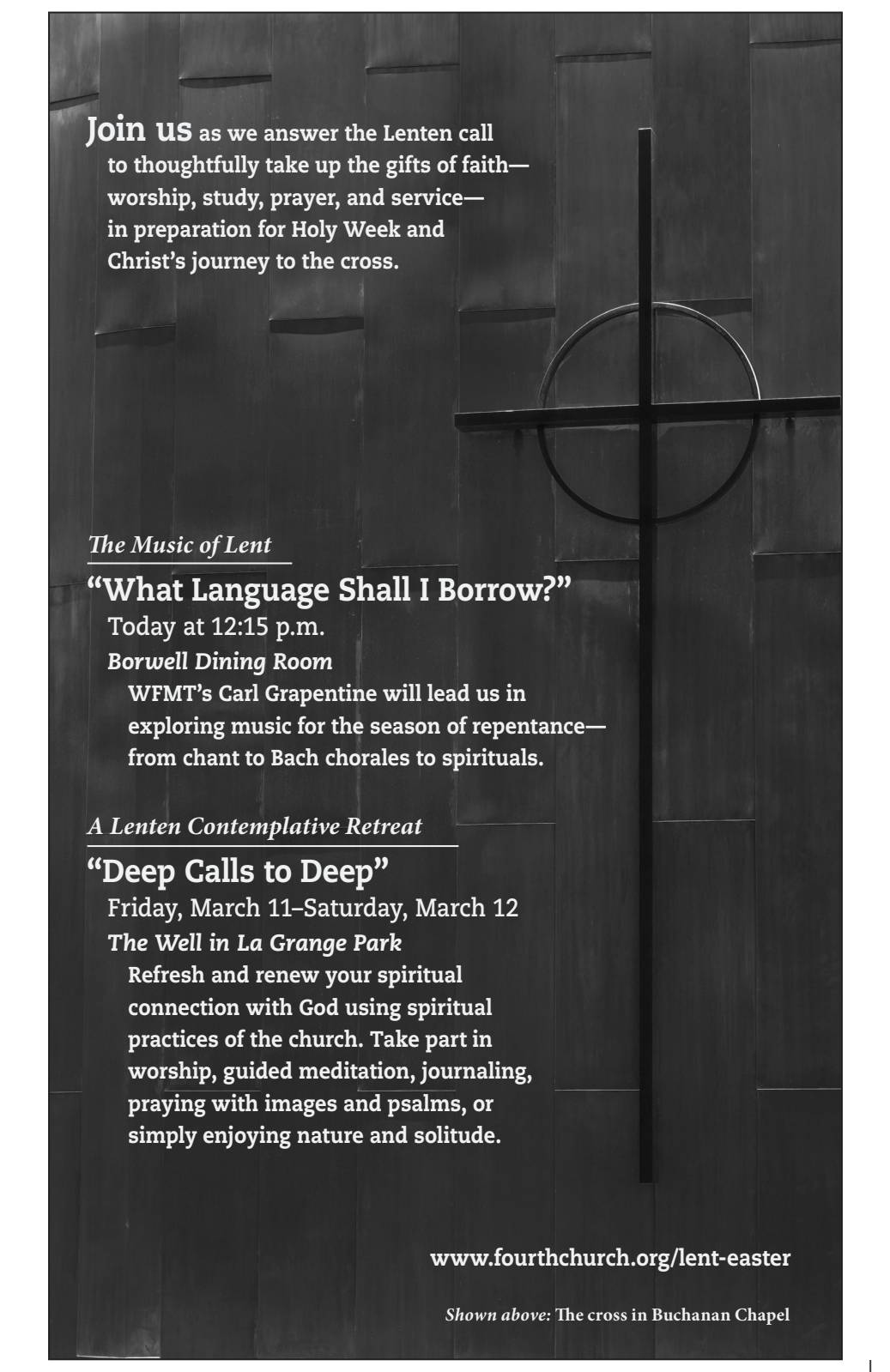
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\*Hymn 440 . . . . . “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

## \*Benediction and Response

### Postlude

Sonata pian’e forte . . . . . Giovanni Gabrieli  
arr. Robert King



**Join us** as we answer the Lenten call to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross.

*The Music of Lent*

**“What Language Shall I Borrow?”**

Today at 12:15 p.m.

**Borwell Dining Room**

WFMT’s Carl Grapentine will lead us in exploring music for the season of repentance—from chant to Bach chorales to spirituals.

*A Lenten Contemplative Retreat*

**“Deep Calls to Deep”**

Friday, March 11–Saturday, March 12

**The Well in La Grange Park**

Refresh and renew your spiritual connection with God using spiritual practices of the church. Take part in worship, guided meditation, journaling, praying with images and psalms, or simply enjoying nature and solitude.

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*Shown above:* The cross in Buchanan Chapel

## Worship Leaders

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Layton Williams, Robert Crouch, Victoria G. Curtiss, Rocky Supinger

## The Music Today

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Tower Brass; The Morning Choir; Laura Perkett, oboist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

## Worship Notes

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EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to darkness as we make our way to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

TODAY THE MORNING CHOIR IS PRESENTING the premiere performance of Michael Allen’s setting of “The Lord’s Prayer” and is also singing his “Kyrie.” We are delighted to welcome Mr. Allen, a Chicagooan, to worship this morning.

THE BULLETIN COVER IMAGE of a bush in the Michigan Avenue courtyard during a snowstorm suggests the promise of fruitfulness, blossoming out of barrenness, in a new year. The cover quote is from Justo Gonzalez’s *Luke: Belief—A Theological Commentary on the Bible*.

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