

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River John Ferguson

Introit

“You Belong to Christ” Robert A. Hobby
You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

*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 156 “Sing of God Made Manifest”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, we are precious in your sight,
yet we often forget that we are your beloved.
We confess our love can be fickle and inconsistent.
We tend to follow selfish goals and
forget we are all part of your family, your beloved creation.
We are sorry and we want to change.
Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve,
reconcile us to one another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Exchange of Peace

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*
People: And also with you.

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Anthem

“Down to the River to Pray” American folk song
arr. Robert Lee

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 29 Old Testament, page 477

*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

Mark 1:4–11 New Testament, page 32

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 488 “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

A REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Baptismal Litany

Leader: *Remember your baptism and be glad!*

People: The waters of God’s mercy have flowed
and we have been cleansed and refreshed.

Leader: *Remember the waters that God gathered together
and called seas, the mothers of rivers, lakes, and springs
that quench the thirst of the earth and all its inhabitants.*

People: We drink of the water of God’s creation
and praise God’s name for life.

Leader: *Remember the waters of the Red Sea and God's salvation.*

People: With the people of old,
we have been freed from our oppression
and brought to a new land.

Leader: *Remember the well where our Samaritan sister found Jesus
and received her blessing.*

People: We know that sacred place,
for Jesus has also encountered us there,
speaking truth to us and loving us.

Leader: *Remember Jesus at the River Jordan;*

People: the One who was without sin took upon himself our sin.

Leader: *We are redeemed by Jesus, called to live his righteousness.*

People: May God be our help.

Leader: *Remember God's grace:
we are redeemed by Jesus and not by who we are or what we do.*

People: Thanks be to God for unmerited grace!

Leader: *Remember your baptism and be glad!*

People: We remember and our lives are filled with joy!

*Affirmation of Faith 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.

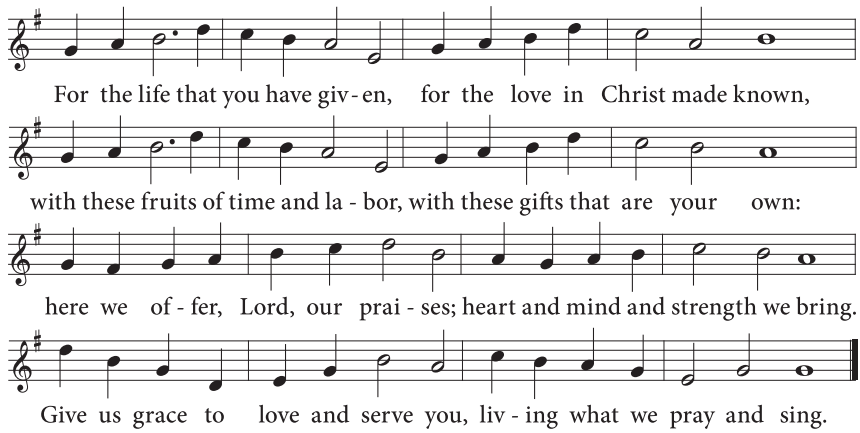
Invitation for Remembrance

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

"Dearest 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.

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 up 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: *Into the shadows of silence, you hummed the first chords
of creation . . . forever singing to the glory of your name:*

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 565

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, 566

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 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.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

"The Baptism of Jesus" Peter Hallock

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane. (Jesus returned from the Jordan today.)

When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father's

voice was heard in the place: Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende (This is my Son,

listen to him.) There were three persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one

accord, the Father said this blessed word: Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende

(This is my Son, listen to him.) Now Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and

were baptized in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then: Hic est

filius meus, ipsum intende. (This is my Son, listen to him.)

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God, in this meal we have been given a foretaste

of the feast that is to come.

Help us always to be alert to your gifts in our midst;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 163 "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

The Water Music Suite George Frideric Handel

Allegro Maestoso

Worship Leaders

Victoria G. Curtiss, Sue Thompson, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir

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

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Marsha Heizer on behalf of the Spiritual Formation Council.

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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 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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