

*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

Symphony No. 3 in F-sharp Minor . . . . . Louis Vierne  
IV. Adagio

### Introit

“Sing Out a Joyful Song” . . . . . Dale Wood  
*Sing out a joyful song in praise, and come to celebrate!*  
*With cheerful heart, give thanks to God for goodness ever great.*  
*Sing new songs of joy, to God lift your voice!*  
*Sing new songs of praise, give thanks and rejoice!*  
*Sing out the hymn, the joyful psalm, the canticle of praise,*  
*and with the builders of this house, your alleluias raise!*

\*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.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

### \*Invocation

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

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, you are always true to us in love,  
and we are left wanting to say we are sorry—  
for our faithlessness to you and to one another;  
for our forgetting of the poor and the broken;  
for our failure to cherish creation.  
Give us life, O God, to turn around, to face you,  
to receive your promised abundant life, through Christ. Amen.

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\*Stand as you are able. <sup>†</sup>Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

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

Anthem

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” . . . . . Richard DeLong

*Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.  
Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.  
Breathe on me, breath of God, 'til I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with the fire divine.  
Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 1 . . . . . Old Testament, page 463

\*Gloria Patri (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup>  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Mark 9:30–37 . . . . . New Testament, page 42

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Fessing Up” . . . . . Lucy Forster-Smith

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<sup>†</sup>Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 697 . . . . . “Take My Life”

\*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.

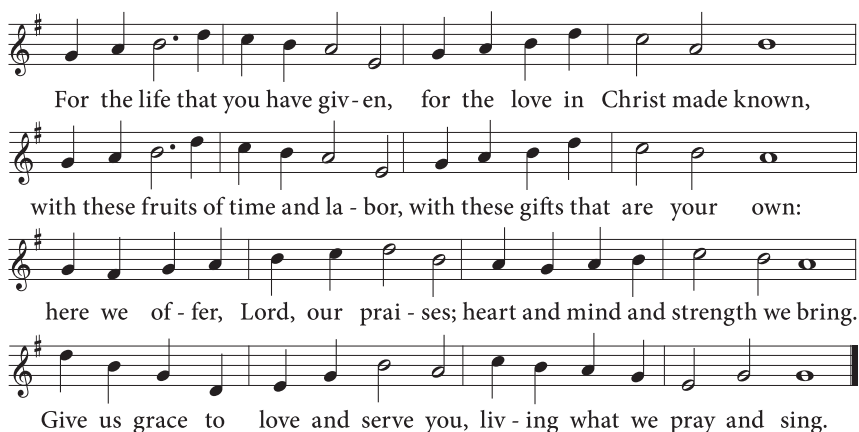
Minute for Discipleship

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Allegro from *Symphony I* . . . . . William Boyce

\*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

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

#### Prayer

Leader: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

*. . . forever singing to the glory of your name:*

Sanctus (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 565

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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.

Leader: . . . *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

“I Come With Joy” . . . . . Carl Schalk

*I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here. Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways, and as his people in the world we’ll live and speak his praise.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

O God, thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus, and for the life of sacrifice and love he gave to us. May we, who are his followers, be strengthened for our service through receiving this meal. May our hearts brim with gladness for the Word made flesh, and may our lives resemble Jesus’ love and care by reaching to those who need a kind word or a healing touch. For bounty and blessing we are so grateful! Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 529 . . . . . “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fugue in C Major (“Jig”). . . . . Dietrich Buxtehude

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. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

## Worship Leaders

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Victoria G. Curtiss, Joan Hall, Lucy Forster-Smith

## The Music Today

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Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Justin Taylor, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

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TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Larry Nicholson on behalf of the Officer Nominating Committee.

A DISASTER RELIEF OFFERING is being received today to help meet the emergency needs of those affected by recent disasters such as Hurricane Florence and Super Typhoon Mangkhut. Gifts, which will be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, can be made by using the Disaster Assistance envelopes in the pew racks, by writing "Disaster Assistance" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or online at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org)

LOUIS VIERNE (1870-1937) COMPOSED HIS THIRD SYMPHONY for the organ in 1911 while he was organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. The anguish of and pain of several life experiences are heard in the Adagio and Final offered in today's prelude and postlude, yet each of these movements turns away from those emotions to feelings of hope and even exuberance.

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