

*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

Now Thank We All Our God . . . . . Heinrich von Herzogenberg

### Introit

“Jesu, Tawa Pano” . . . . . Patrick Matsikenyeri  
*Jesus, we are here. Savior, we are here. Teacher, we are here.*

\*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 394 . . . . . “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Awesome and compassionate God,  
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,  
but we have not always loved you.  
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.  
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need.  
Help us to live as you require:  
to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.  
Keep us faithful in your service  
until your vision for this world comes to full fruition.  
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, we pray.  
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

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 93 . . . . . Old Testament, page 519

Anthem

“Cantate Domino” . . . . . Hans Leo Hassler

*O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name;  
tell of God’s salvation from day to day.  
Declare God’s glory among the nations,  
God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.*

First Lesson

Revelation 1:4–8 . . . . . New Testament, page 230

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

\*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.

Second Lesson

John 18:33–37 . . . . . New Testament, page 106

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

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

## Sermon

“Is, Was, and Will Be” . . . . . Matt Helms

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 766 . . . . . “The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

\*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;  
on 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.

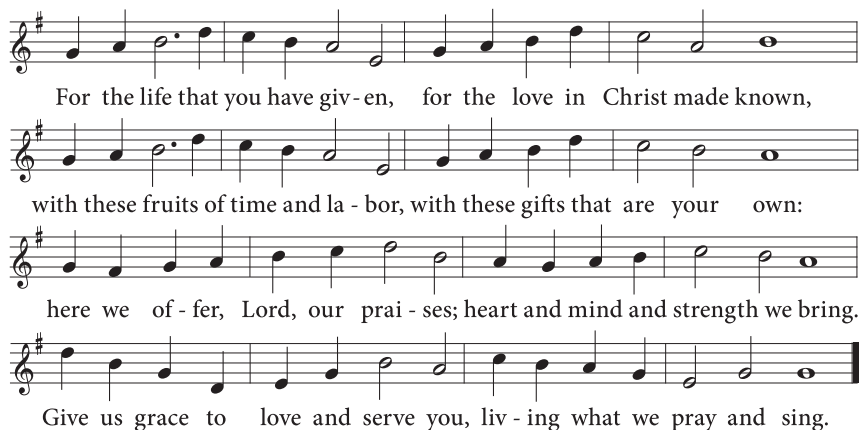
Minute for Mission

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Sheep May Safely Graze . . . . . 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

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*) . . . . . The Hymnal, page 35

#### The Communion

#### Communion Anthem

"The Lord Is Good" . . . . . Christopher Tye

*The Lord is good, his love will raise a joyful harvest song.*

*Sing, "He is good" and let his praise from every tongue be heard.*

*The Lord is good, he gives us bread, he gives his children more.*

*The Lord is good, by him their souls with grace are fed an endless store.*

\*Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament  
and given a glimpse of the kingdom to come.

May your holy vision become our vision,  
and may you send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 378 . . . . . “We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Choral Improvisation on “Now Thank We All Our God” . . Sigfrid Karg-Elert

## Worship Leaders

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Victoria G. Curtiss, Margaret Laing, Matt Helms

## The Music Today

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Chancel Choir

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

Justin Taylor, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

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TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION highlights year-end giving opportunities.

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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