

## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Suite Gothique . . . . . Léon Boëllmann

Introduction–Choral

Menuet Gothique

Prière a Notre Dame

Hymn to Joy . . . . . Ludwig van Beethoven; arr. Jeffery Honore

Introit :: “Alleluia. The Lord Is Risen Indeed” . . . . . George Thalben-Ball

\*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.

### \*Call to Worship

*The congregation responds by singing “Alleluia” from the Hymnal, page 587*

Leader: *The brightness of God’s glory and exact image of God’s person,  
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison,  
has shared our frailty in human flesh. Alleluia!*

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: *Let no shadow of the grave terrify us and no fear of darkness  
turn our hearts from God, for Christ is risen. Alleluia!*

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: *Joyful is the sound we make this morning,  
for this day liberates us from doubt and fear.  
Thankful is the song we sing! Alleluia!*

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 233 . . . . . “The Day of Resurrection!”

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

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;  
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;  
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;  
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.  
We confess in the name of Christ, the Risen One. Amen.

## Declaration of Pardon

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

## Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: “Quia Vidisti Me, Thoma” ..... Luca Marenzio  
*Have you believed because you have seen me, Thomas?*  
*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.*

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## Listening for the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

Psalter ..... Psalm 150

Leader: *Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.*  
People: Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.  
Leader: *Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.*  
People: Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.  
Leader: *Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.*  
People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

\*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 :: John 20:19–31 ..... New Testament, page 108

Homily ..... Shannon J. Kershner

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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 254 ..... “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

**9:30**

\*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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*) ..... The Hymnal, page 35

Prayer Response :: “Alleluia, Amen” ..... Parke S. Barnard

Recognition and Blessing of Volunteers

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**11:00**

Call to Discipleship

Laying On of Hands

\*Profession of Faith (*unison; for words, see above*) ..... Apostles’ Creed

Welcome

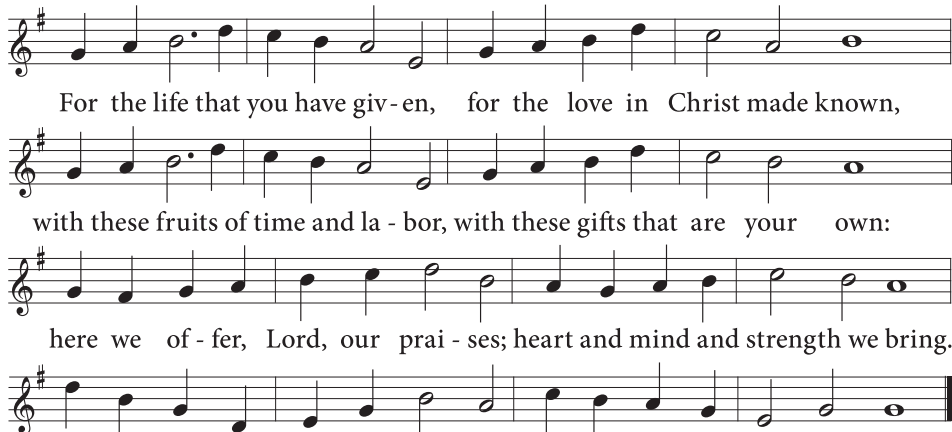
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## Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “Stetit Jesus” . . . . . Jacob Handl

*There came Jesus and appeared in the midst of his disciples, and he said to them,  
“Peace be with you.” Alleluia. “Behold the wounds in my hands and in my feet.  
Lo, I am indeed your Lord.” Alleluia. Joyous were they who saw and believed, alleluia.  
Christ is risen, alleluia.*

### \*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*)

Life-giving Spirit, bring to the bones of these gifts  
the flesh of our actions and the breath of our caring,  
that our church and our service to others  
may come to life in your name. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 244 . . . . . “This Joyful Eastertide”

### \*Benediction and Response

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude :: Phoenix . . . . . Dan Locklair

# Confirmation

TODAY THE 2019 CLASS of eighth-grade confirmands is being recognized and welcomed into the wider life of the congregation during 11:00 a.m. worship. Please keep these youth in prayer as they continue with us on their faith journey.

Joan Bahnfleth	Gunder D'hondt	Ryan Kershner	Amelia Prater
Elinor Brickman	Charlotte Ericson	Hudson Lin	Nathaniel Raub
Anna Calkins	Aaric Gray	Sally Morgan	Sean Richards
James Collins	Jacob Grissom	Addison Morley	Serena Thomas
Tim Cook	Chiara Gustafson	Sadie Nichols	Nate Von der Sitt
Jackie DeMille	Charless Keenan	Kees Ottens	Sara Charles Waterstraat
Henry Deverman	Alexandra Kerr	Eva Pinto	

Please also join us in giving thanks for the faith-filled dedication of the confirmation leaders, who accompanied the youth on their journey this past year: Luke Beasley, Carole Bekken, Jill Prater, Kjirstin Almos, Ned Morley, Karen Sabine.

## Presentation of Bibles to Fourth Graders of Fourth Presbyterian Church

The following children have been participating in the 2018–2019 fourth-grade Sunday School program at Fourth Church. Fourth graders receive Bibles from the congregation today as the congregation lives out its baptismal pledge to support the children and youth of the church. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith.

Claire Borovicka, Avery Bossert, Ryan Caldwell, Nicholas Cardinale, Lucille Chong, Willa Crosby, Cece Burt, Alexandra Cruise, Anne DeMarea, Oliver DeMarea, Frances Fairman, Emily Findler, Caroline Gaines, Mia Grady, Emmett Heaton, Christopher Hutchison, William Kerr, Lillian Knapp, Eva Koshy, Cora LaVigne, Ava Martin, Lila Massey, Peyton McAdams, Arden McLean, Virginia McTurnan, Keke Melstrom, Tommy Merritt, Graham Mertzlufft, Luke Nied, Evan Ocken, Jay Perry, Samuel Picciola, Peter Pinto, Hugh Powers, Ian Reatherford, Alexander Robinson, Victoria Ryan, Quinn Sansone, Alex Stamos, Evan Tax, Greta Temple, Alexander Therapos, Callie VanDerMeid, Audrey von der Sitt, Felix Vujasin, Greer Westmeyer, Luke Wilkey, Margaux Wilkey

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Victoria G. Curtiss, Robert Crouch, Rocky Supinger, Shannon J. Kershner

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## The Music Today

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Morning Choir; Handbell Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

## Worship Notes

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TODAY'S PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE are offered in honor of those affected by recent fires at houses of worship in the U.S. and abroad.

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. On the fourth Friday of each month we offer an evening service in the style of Taizé. The next Taizé service will be held on Friday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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