

*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

Concerto in A Minor . . . . . Antonio Vivaldi/Johann Sebastian Bach  
Allegro–Adagio–Allegro  
Partita No. 2 in D Minor . . . . . J. S. Bach  
Sarabande

Introit :: “Be Not Afraid” . . . . . Jacques Berthier  
*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, 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.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

### \*Call to Worship

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

Leader: *Joyful is the sound we make this morning!*  
*For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.*

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: *Thankful is the song we sing!*  
*For this day moves us past darkness and despair.*

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: *Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!*  
*For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.*

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: *Wonderful is our unity in worship!*  
*For Christ is risen! He is alive and is among us.*

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 246 . . . . . “Christ Is Alive!”

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

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of all mercy, in our baptisms you have marked us as your own;  
you have given us a new identity and made us part of the body of Christ.  
In doing so, you have called us to rise to new life and to live together in community.  
However, we have not been faithful to your call.  
We have forged our own identity and held to destructive habits.  
We confess we have failed to welcome others,  
broken bonds we have had with brothers and sisters,  
and served ourselves more than you.  
Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## Declaration of Pardon

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

## Concerns of the Church

## Sacrament of Baptism

## Unison Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew  
our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem ♯ “Alleluia” ..... Ralph Manuel

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## Listening for the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

Psalter ..... Psalm 18:1–8

Leader: *I love you, O Lord my strength,*  
People: O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven;  
my God, my rock in whom I put my trust,  
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge.

Leader: *I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.*

People: The breakers of death rolled over me,  
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

Leader: *The cords of Sheol entangled me,  
and the snares of death were set for me.*

People: I called upon the Lord in my distress  
and cried out to my God for help.  
From the heavens the Lord heard my voice;  
my cry reached God's ears.

Leader: *The earth reeled and rocked;  
the roots of the mountains shook;  
they reeled because of God's anger.*

People: Smoke rose from the Lord's nostrils  
and a consuming fire out of God's mouth;  
hot burning coals blazed forth.

*Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri.*

\*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.

Sending Forth: Hymn 748 . . . . . "Go with Us, Lord"

*Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.*

Scripture Lesson :: Galatians 2:15–21 . . . . . New Testament, page 177

Sermon :: "Are We Saved?" . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

*Part of the "Big Questions" sermon series*

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 239 . . . . . "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

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

\*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*)

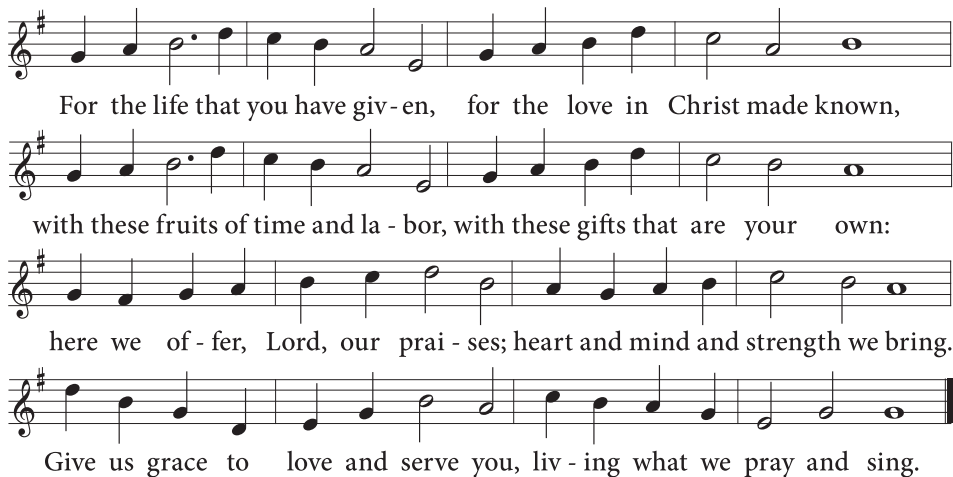
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will  
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive  
us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response :: "Hear, O Lord, When I Cry" . . . . . Eric H. Thiman

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Shout On" . . . . . F. C. Wood; arr. Alice Parker

\*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)*

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.  
As Jesus was lifted up from the tomb,  
draw us to your heart in the midst of this world,  
that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom,  
from darkness to light, and from death to life;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 248 ..... “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

\*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude :: Fanfare ..... William Mathias

**Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:**

- Virginia Holt Barker, child of Jeff and Elizabeth Barker
- Isabella Jane Barry, child of William and Christine Barry
- Caleigh Elizabeth Krivoshia, child of Patrick and Sara Krivoshia
- Shirley Grace Wood, child of Taylor and Grace Anne Wood

**Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:**

- Harper Leona Everage, child of Justin Everage and Carolyn Andrew
- Kieran Laurel Everage, child of Justin Everage and Carolyn Andrew
- Lila Everly Haynes, child of Christopher and Courtney Haynes
- Henry Allison Humphrey, child of Brian and Chelsea Humphrey
- Logan Matthew Kerndt, child of Matthew and Sara Kerndt
- Emilia Jane Robinson, child of Bryan and Katie Robinson

## Worship Leaders

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Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Matt Helms, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Rabia Brooke, violinist

Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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OUR “BIG QUESTIONS” SERMON SERIES, which continues today, invites us to explore the questions, topics, and biblical stories that members and friends have told us they would like to hear addressed from the pulpit. Today’s question is “Are we saved?” Next week we will consider the question “How can we be Church with differing political views?”

FOURTH CHURCH IS GRATEFUL TO RABIA BROOKE for sharing her musical talents during this morning’s prelude. Co-concertmaster for the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, she will begin undergraduate studies at the Juilliard School this coming fall.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo depicts a daffodil in the Michigan Avenue courtyard after a May rainstorm. The cover quote is from the book *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* by Rachel Held Evans, who died on May 4 at the age of thirty-seven.

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