

*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

Scherzetto . . . . . Louis Vierne  
Meditation in Memoriam . . . . . Zoltan Gárdonyi  
Morning Has Broken . . . . . Gaelic melody; arr. Michael Bedford

Introit :: “Rise Up, Ye Saints of God” . . . . . William H. Walter; arr. Kenneth Jennings

*Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things;  
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long;  
bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.  
Rise up, ye saints of God! The church for you doth wait,  
her strength unequal to her task; rise up, and make her great!  
Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;  
as children of the Son of man, rise up, ye saints of God!*

\*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: *This is our truth: we are not alone. God’s love is in us.*

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: *This is our truth: God knows our hopes, our fears, our questions.*

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: *This is our truth: God is leading us deep into justice and wonder.  
And we sojourn together.*

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 327 . . . . . “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

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

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, in you we live and move and have our being.  
Yet always in the midst of creation's glory  
we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness.  
It is around us in the earth, sea, and sky, in the abuse of matter.  
It is beside us in the broken, the hungry, and the poor,  
in the ways we hurt one another and your creation.  
Forgive us, loving God.  
Heal us, that we may become people of healing,  
and renew us, that we may be makers of peace. Amen.

## Declaration of Pardon

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

## Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" . . . . . Healey Willan; arr. Henry V. Gerike

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.*

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## Listening for the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

Psalter . . . . . Psalm 67

Leader: *May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.*  
People: Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.  
Leader: *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*  
People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.  
Leader: *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*  
People: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.  
Leader: *May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.*

\*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 :: Matthew 5:1–14 . . . . . New Testament, page 4  
Sermon . . . . . Archbishop Elias Chacour

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 346 . . . . . “For the Healing of the Nations”  
\*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 :: “Amen” . . . . . Anonymous  
Offering

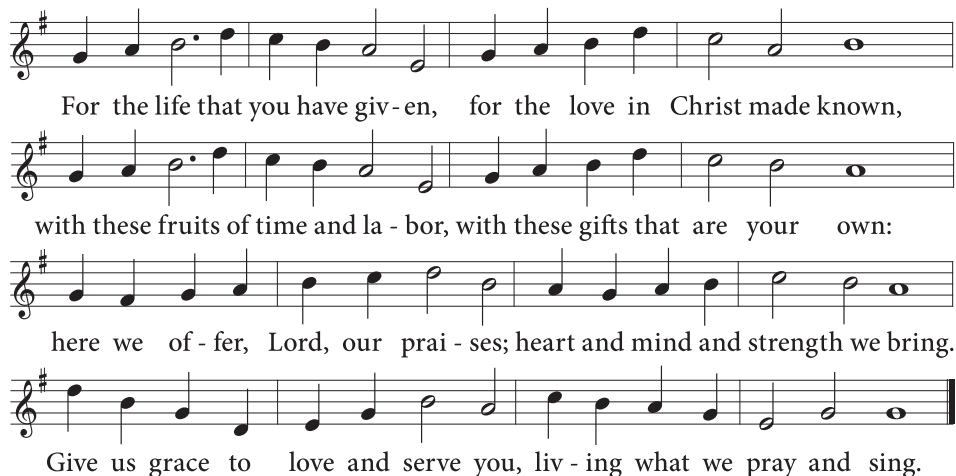
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†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.” | 5

## Offertory Anthem :: “Praise We Sing to Thee” . . . Franz Josef Haydn; arr. Morton J. Luvaas

*Praise we sing to thee, thou mighty ruler, King forever; praise we sing to thee, dear Lord, and we will fail thee never. All the joys of nature tell us of thy wonder-working power. Still thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour. Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forevermore! Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts thou dost ordain, Lord of hosts, who over the wondrous realm of heaven doth reign. Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forevermore!*

### \*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*)

O God, you have given us so very much—riches beyond imagination.  
You pour into our hearts grace amazing and divine,  
which is made known in your Son, Jesus Christ.  
May the bounty of this grace extend to all in need,  
and may these gifts bring hope and joy and life abundant to all they touch;  
through Christ we pray. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 756 . . . . . “O God of Every Nation”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Litanies . . . . . Jehan Alain

## Contemplating Sacred Space



The Great East Window in the Fourth Church sanctuary was designed and made by renowned stained glass artist Charles J. Connick of Boston and dedicated in 1930.

Also known as the Nettie Fowler McCormick Memorial Window, it illustrates the growth of Christianity from the four major prophets through the four evangelists, accompanied by the commanding figures of Peter and Paul.

Shown at left is the evangelist Saint Matthew, who stands in the leftmost opening of the window. (The identification "Saint Matthew" appears above his head.) The panel below him (*upper right on this page*) portrays the parable of the wedding attendants who did not know at what hour the bridegroom would come (Matthew 25:1–13). Below that is the prophet Isaiah, seated with scroll and staff.



*One in a series of expressions of faith as reflected in the Great East Window*

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Nanette Sawyer, Hope Daniels, Laura Sterkel, Shannon J. Kershner,  
Archbishop Elias Chacour

11:00 Nanette Sawyer, Kathryn Burkhardt, Susan Boggie, Shannon J. Kershner  
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## The Music Today

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Handbell Choir; Men's Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

## Worship Notes

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THIS MORNING WE WELCOME ARCHBISHOP ELIAS CHACOUR to the Fourth Church pulpit as our guest preacher. Author of *Blood Brothers* and founder of Mars Elias University in the village of Ibillin in northern Israel, Archbishop Chacour is internationally known for his work fostering peace and justice in Israel and Palestine through education. He served as the Archbishop of the Melkite Catholic Church for Akko, Haifa, Nazareth, and all Galilee from 2006 to 2014.

FOURTH CHURCH IS GRATEFUL to Briana Belding-Peck and all the members of the Handbell Choir for sharing their talents during this past season. This summer the Men's Choir is singing during worship services from May 26 through July 14; the Women's Choir will sing from July 21 through September 1.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo depicts the doors in Stone Chapel. The cover quote is from Elias Chacour's *Faith beyond Despair: Building Hope in the Holy Land*.

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