

*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 :: Vocalise . . . . . Sergei Rachmaninoff; arr. Patricia Bird

Introit :: “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” . . . . . German chorale; arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;*

*with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.*

*By God the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;*

*sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.*

\*Doxology (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 275 . . . . . “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of grace and love, we confess that we have failed to love you

with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods.

Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life,

that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your name. Amen.

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.”*

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\*Stand as you are able.

## Concerns of the Church

**Anthem** :: “There Is a Balm in Gilead” . . . African American spiritual; arr. Larry L. Fleming

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.  
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.  
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, “He died for all.”*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20



**\*Acclamation (sung)** . . . . . The Hymnal, 583



**Scripture Lessons** :: Genesis 3:1–13 . . . . . Old Testament, page 2

Philippians 4:4–9 . . . . . New Testament, page 187

**Sermon** :: “Is Satan for Real?” . . . . . Judith L. Watt

*Part of the “Big Questions” sermon series*

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 629 ..... “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

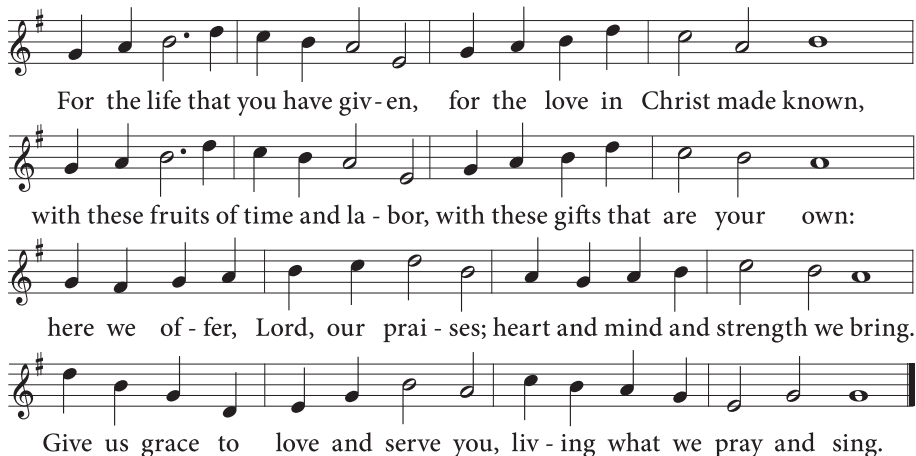
\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) ..... Apostles’ Creed

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.

### Offering

Offertory Voluntary ♯ I Stand at the Threshold. .... 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, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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, 553

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 :: “O God, Thou Faithful God” ..... German chorale  
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*O God, thou faithful God, thou fountain ever-flowing,  
who good and perfect gifts in mercy art bestowing,  
give me a healthy frame and may I have within  
a conscience free from blame, a soul unhurt by sin.  
Grant thou me strength to do, with ready heart and willing,  
whatever thou shalt command, my calling here fulfilling;  
to do it when I ought with all my might; and bless  
the work I thus have wrought, for thou must give success.  
If dangers gather round, still keep me calm and fearless;  
help me to bear the cross when life is dark and cheerless;  
and let me win my foe with words and actions kind.  
When counsel I would know, good counsel let me find.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God, you have so greatly loved us,  
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.  
Give us grace that in everything  
we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works,  
a continual thank-offering to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 331 ..... “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Trumpet Tune. .... David German

## Worship Leaders

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Rocky Supinger, Christopher Gernand, Judith L. Watt

## The Music Today

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Men of the Morning Choir

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

## Worship Notes

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OUR “BIG QUESTIONS” SERMON SERIES, which concludes today, has invited us to explore the questions, topics, and biblical stories that members and friends told us they would like to hear addressed from the pulpit. Today’s question is “Is Satan for real?” To read sermons exploring our earlier questions, go to [www.fourthchurch.org/worship/big-questions.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/worship/big-questions.html)

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.

THE BULLETIN COVER IMAGE depicts one of the pendants that hang from the chandeliers in the Sanctuary.

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