

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God Dieterich Buxtehude
Serene Alleluias from a Soul Longing for Heaven. Olivier Messiaen

Introit

“O Thou Sweetest Source of Gladness” Louis Bourgeois; arr. Philip Ledger
*O thou sweetest source of gladness, light’s all-lovely fountainhead,
who, alike in joy and sadness, leavest none unvisited;
breath of Godhead, highest King, who, upholding everything,
wilt uphold with love undying, hear, O hear me humbly crying.*

*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.[†] Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: *God, the Lord God, has spoken.*

People: **God’s summons covers all the earth,
like the sun from its rising to its setting.**

Leader: *“Gather to me, my faithful ones,” says the Lord.*

People: **We gather to worship you, O God.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 13 “The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

^{*}Stand as you are able. [†]Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you see into our hearts.

You see the true selves we try to hide from others,
the sins we fear would destroy our images,
the unholy habits that have been with us so long
that they no longer prick our consciences.

Even knowing all truth about us, yet you love us.

Give us strength and conviction to walk toward you,
to change our ways. Forgive us and heal us.

Open us to your transforming grace
through the power and love of Christ Jesus. 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 :: “Simple Gifts” Shaker melody; arr. Aaron Copland

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 33:13–22

Leader: *The Lord looks down from heaven and sees all humankind.*

People: God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

Leader: *God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.*

People: A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

Leader: *The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.*

People: Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

Leader: *to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.*

People: Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.

Leader: *Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.*

People: Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Leader: *Amen.*

*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 :: Luke 12:32–40 New Testament, page 70

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

*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.

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

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.

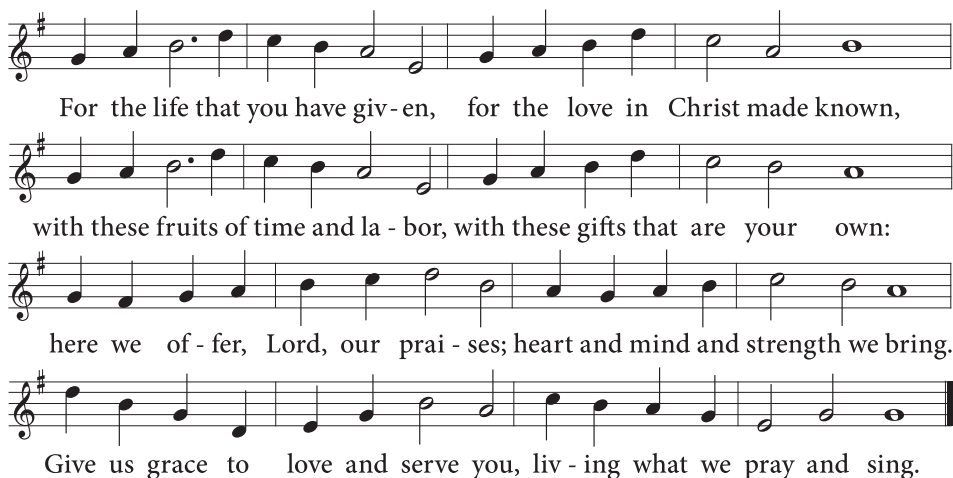
Prayer Response :: "Amen" Anonymous

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" . . . African American spiritual
arr. M. Roger Holland II

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.

*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)*

Generous God, in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical.
Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth
and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom.
Receive and bless our offerings that they may support your work in the world
and enable the sharing of grace and love. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude ♪ Alleuyas. Simon Preston

Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:

Ann Kyle Neeley Eberly, child of Kyle and Carrie Eberly
Emery Elizabeth Eberly, child of Kyle and Carrie Eberly
Cameron Max Giblin, child of Adam and Jenny Giblin
Alexandra Greer Miles, child of Aaron and Kristen Miles
Yurika Ikeda, child of Masato and Akiko Ikeda

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

Dean Lawrence Gardstrom, child of Erik and Lauren Gardstrom
Roman Griffey Guevara, child of Sam and Laura Guevara
Jacob Harwood Ledford, child of Jodan and Gavrielle Ledford
Lola Jane Ledford, child of Jodan and Gavrielle Ledford

Worship Leaders

9:30 Jeff Doane, Jennifer Ebie, Matt Helms, Nanette Sawyer

11:00 Jeff Doane, Cornell Wilson, Matt Helms, Nanette Sawyer

The Music Today

Women's Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

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. (On September 1 the 4:00 service will be held outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.) 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.

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