

*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

Comes Autumn Time ..... Leo Sowerby

### Introit

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” ..... South African song

*Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.*

*Christ the Lord to us said, “I am wine, I am bread; give to all who thirst and hunger.”*

\*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

Leader: *From north and south, from east and west, we come:*

People: **God’s people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.**

Leader: *From down the street to out in the suburbs,  
from single households to apartment dwellers,*

People: **God’s people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.**

Leader: *From every class, every race, every status;  
from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts,*

People: **God’s people are called to witness to God’s hope,  
to offer peace to a shattered world.**

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 396 ..... “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

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

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace,  
you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course.  
You have promised us the abundance of all creation,  
but in our greed and in our envy the world goes without.  
You have promised us the bread of life itself,  
but in our pride and in our arrogance the world goes hungry.  
You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,  
but in our violence and in our discord the world goes thirsty.  
And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.  
Transform us, at this table and for this table,  
and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness,  
by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## Declaration of Pardon

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

## Concerns of the Church

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### Listening for the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*) :: Psalm 37:1–9 . . . . . Old Testament, page 483

\*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 :: Luke 4:16–21, 28–30 . . . . . New Testament, page 57

## Sermon Series: Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

“Lift Up Your Voice: Our Public Witness” . . . . . 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 772 ..... “Live into Hope”

\*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;

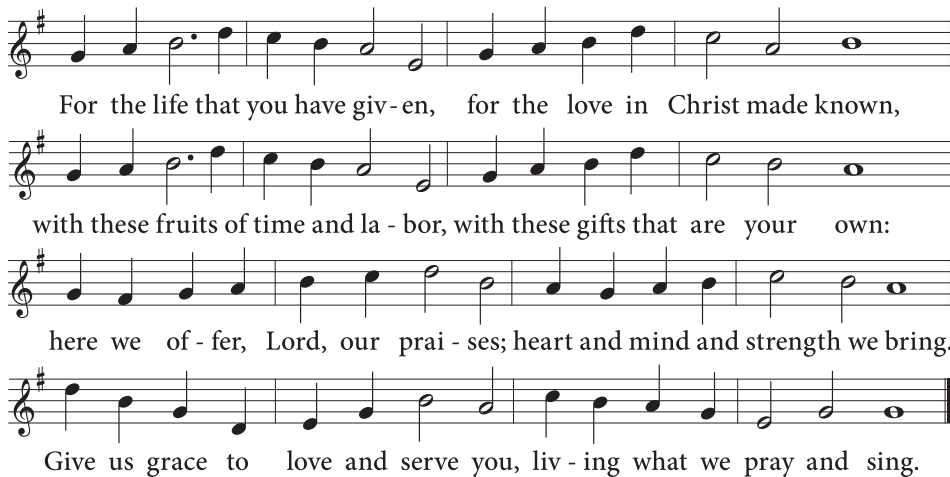
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall 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 Anthem :: “All You Works of the Lord, Bless the Lord” . . . . . Kenneth Jennings

\*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*) . . . . . The Hymnal, page 35

#### The Communion

Communion Anthem ♯ "Alleluia" . . . . . Eric Whitacre

Psalm 23 *(recited in unison after all have received the cup)*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

O God, through this bread and cup you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering and divided world. Help us find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 806 ..... “I’ll Praise My Maker”

\*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude :: Pageant ..... Leo Sowerby

TODAY FOURTH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT of the Lord’s Supper. All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering, are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper, in which we are assured of God’s love and grace. The congregation is served in the pews by Fourth Church elders and deacons. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshippers take the bread (which is gluten-free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty compostable glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Rocky Supinger, Roger Wilson, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Rocky Supinger, Robert Crouch, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Morning Choir; Drum Circle

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist; John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

## Worship Notes

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ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY we celebrate our oneness in Christ with our global family.

Reminding us of that unity, both the colorful cloth on the Communion Table and the stoles being worn by the pastors are from Guatemala, a frequent destination of Fourth Church service trips.

TODAY'S PEACEMAKING AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING supports efforts towards peacemaking by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as the local efforts of CureViolence to reduce violence in Chicago. Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes available in the pew racks or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

TODAY WE CONTINUE OUR SIX-WEEK SERMON SERIES, "Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future," as we explore defining moments in the story of Fourth Presbyterian Church.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo depicts the Japanese congregation that worshiped at Fourth Church during World War II. The photograph was taken on the west side of the room now known as Anderson Hall, in front of where the three Commons doorways are now. Fourth Church's pastor, Harrison Ray Anderson (after whom the hall is named), is in the second row center. The cover quote is from a letter written by the Japanese congregation to Fourth Church on December 20, 1942.

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