

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: I Call to You, O Lord Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit :: “Let the Words of My Mouth” Eric H. Thiman

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: *On this holy day, we gather,
not alone but as Christ’s body.*

People: We gather as people who, when one suffers,
we all suffer together.

Leader: *On this day of wonder and hope, we gather,
not in isolation but in community.*

People: We gather as people who,
when one is honored,
we all rejoice together.

Leader: *On this day of prayer and praise, of silence and song,
we gather, with caring hearts and one spirit.*

People: As those baptized in grace’s tears, we gather.

*Hymn 297 “In Christ Called to Baptize”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess, Source of all life, that we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others, nor seeing them as part of Christ's body. We have not cared for everyone in the same way. We form prejudices, thinking some are more gifted and better, more deserving and entitled. Forgive us for the intentional and unintentional ways we have conveyed that certain people do not fully belong in our church family. Heal the harm we have done to one another or experienced ourselves. Forgive us and make us new in your vision of oneness for your people. 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."

Concerns of the Church

Anthem ♯ "To God Be the Glory" Scottish tune; arr. George Bayley

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Canticle Isaiah 25:6–10a

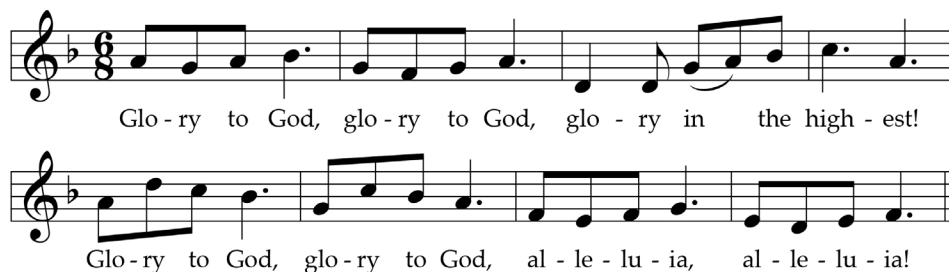


Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

*Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 583



Scripture Lesson :: 1 Corinthians 12:4–14, 26. New Testament, page 163

Sermon Series: Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

“The Body of Christ—The Beloved Community” Vicky Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

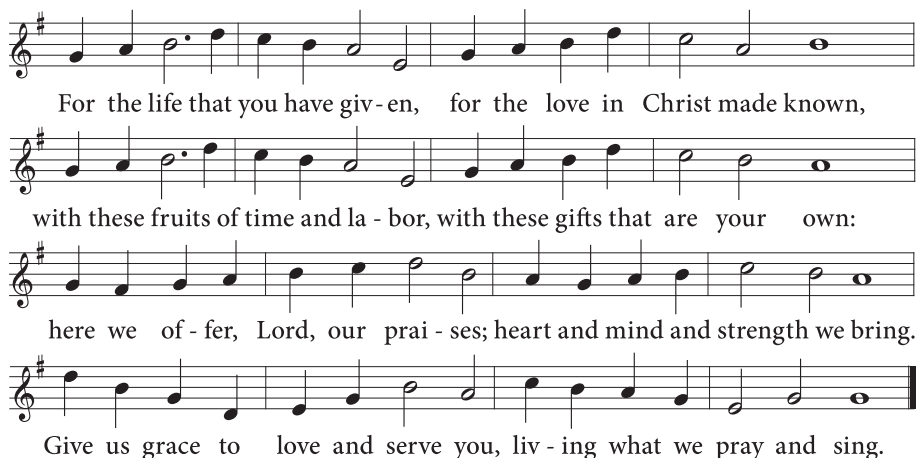
to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Solo :: “At the River” Aaron Copland

*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.

Sealing the Word

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 :: "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" Richard DeLong

Come, my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives us breath;

such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength; such a light as shows a feast;

such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart; such a joy as none can move;

such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ.

Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 644 "Give Thanks, O Christian People"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Trumpet Voluntary in D Major. William Boyce

Worship Leaders

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The Music Today

Chancel Choir; Bill McMurray, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist; Laura Bottei, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

TODAY WE CONTINUE OUR SIX-WEEK SERMON SERIES, “Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future.” Each week we are exploring defining moments in the story of Fourth Presbyterian Church that continue to influence our ongoing commitment to participate in God’s redemptive work.

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. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

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