

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Johann Nicolaus Hanff

Introit :: “O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord” Stephen Sturk

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

*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: *God formed us into beings,
breathing life into the dust of the earth.*

People: **God formed us into the church,
breathing life into human community.**

Leader: *Our hearts open to the leading of Christ;
our minds open to the movement of the Spirit,
for God is not finished with us.*

People: **We are the church, reformed.
We are the church, always being reformed.
We worship the living God!**

*Hymn 275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of mercy, God of love, in humbleness of heart we confess our sins.
We forget to love and serve you; we wander from your ways.
We are careless of your world and put its life in danger.
We talk of our concern for others but fail to match our words with action.
Merciful God, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

**Stand as you are able.*

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 :: “Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep” John Rutter

*Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand; none can pluck me from thy hand.
I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey;
like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy perfect love.
Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.
Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,
'til before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 84:1–7



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 :: Mark 12:28–34 New Testament, page 46

Sermon Series: Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

“A Thinking Faith” Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 305 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

*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.

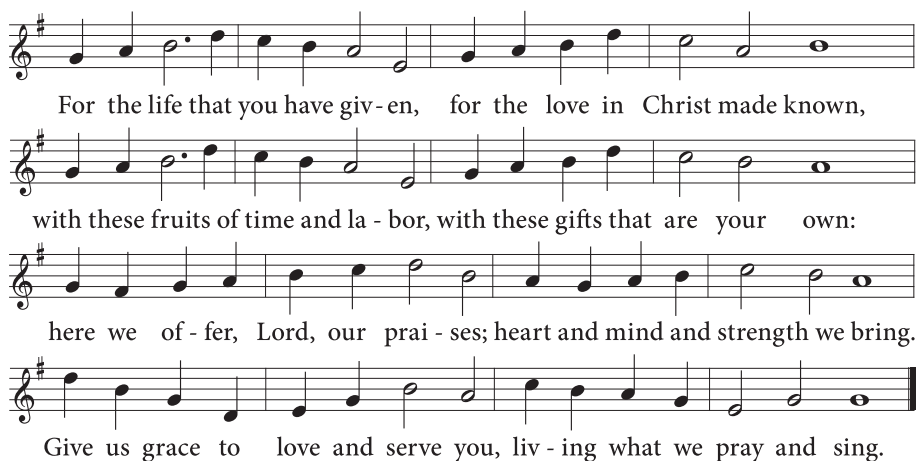
Commissioning of Seminary Intern

Minute for Discipleship

Offering

Offertory Solo :: Prelude on an Anthem Jean Langlais

*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

"Lamp of Our Feet" Robert J. Powell

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 321 "The Church's One Foundation"

*Benediction and Response

*Recessional (*please remain standing*)

Scotland the Brave Traditional Scottish song

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Traditional

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.

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, Lois Snavelly, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

Chancel Choir; Sarah van der Ploeg, soloist; George Sims, bagpiper

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Laura Bottei, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Margaret Laing on behalf of "Called to Be a Church Alive," the 2020 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights.

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.

TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY, a day when we recall the rich heritage of the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (USA) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, the watershed event sparking the Reformation. Luther later authored today's opening hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

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