

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Concerto in F Major George Frideric Handel

Allegro—Andante—Adagio—Allegro

Passacaglia in C minor Fred Gramann

Introit :: “Through Love to Light” Jean Sibelius

Through love to light; O wonderful the way that leads from darkness to the perfect day; from darkness and from sorrow of the night to morning that comes singing o’er the sea. Through love to light; through light, O God, to thee, who art the love of love, the eternal light of light.

*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: *Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;*

People: **Jesus calls us to worship.**

Leader: *Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;*

People: **Jesus calls us to love.**

Leader: *Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;*

People: **Jesus calls us to justice.**

Leader: *Let us heed the call of Christ.*

People: **Let us worship together with joy.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of all creation, we lay before you the burdens of our hearts.

Forgive us and heal us from the disunity in our churches,
in our communities, in our countries.

We ask for your Spirit to unite us wherever fear prevents us
from caring for our neighbor,
from meeting with respect
people of different ethnicities, cultures, and faith communities.

We bring to you the brokenness of human relationships
and our own failures and anxieties that prevent us
from living fully into your communion with all creation.

Strengthen and redeem us, Holy God. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Antem :: “The Lamb” John Tavener

*Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead;
gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright;
gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice?
Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Little lamb, I'll tell thee; he is called by thy name, for he calls himself a lamb.
He is meek and he is mild; he became a little child.
I, a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name.
Little lamb, God bless thee.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 27:1, 4–9

Leader: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

People: **One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

Leader: *For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high upon a rock.*

People: **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Leader: *Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.*

People: **My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.”
Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

Leader: *Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of my salvation.*

*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 :: Matthew 4:12–23 New Testament, page 3

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 170 “You Walk along Our Shoreline”

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

*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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) The Hymnal, page 35

Prayer Response :: "Amen" William Byrd

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Agnus Dei" Karl Jenkins

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*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*)

We give you thanks, O loving God,
that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people
the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will.
Receive these offerings, the fruit of our labors,
and the dedication of our hearts for loving service
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 725 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Crown Imperial William Walton; arr. Herbert Murrill

Worship Leaders

9:30 Lucy Forster-Smith, Joe Fong, Victoria G. Curtiss, Nanette Sawyer

11:00 Lucy Forster-Smith, Ed Schimmelpfennig, Victoria G. Curtiss, Nanette Sawyer

The Music Today

Morning Choir; Handbell Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

Worship Notes

WE ARE LIVE STREAMING TODAY'S 11:00 A.M. SERVICE at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, where it can also be watched in the coming week.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo, taken at night, depicts a snow-covered tree in the Walter Family Courtyard, by the Delaware entrance.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Victoria G. Curtiss Mission

Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

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