

*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

Gaudeamus, Let Us Rejoice! . . . . . Richard Proulx  
Trio in G Minor . . . . . Josef Rheinberger  
Generosity . . . . . Georg Philipp Telemann; arr. Jerome Naulais  
Prelude in G Major . . . . . Hermann Schroeder  
In the Name of God . . . . . Orlando Gibbons; arr. Charles Schuchat

### Introit

“Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join Christ” . . . . . Morgan Simmons  
*Come, and let us sweetly join Christ to praise in hymns divine.  
Give we all, with one accord, glory to our common Lord.*

\*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: *As we offer a welcome to stranger and friend,  
as we are embraced in their kindness,*  
People: **we choose to be people of life and blessing.**  
Leader: *As we serve others in God’s name,  
as we receive blessings from those we do not know,*  
People: **we choose to walk in God’s way.**  
Leader: *As we forgive those who have hurt us,  
as we reach out to those we have harmed,*  
People: **we choose to be reconciled to our siblings in Christ.  
Let us worship God.**

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 409 . . . . . “God Is Here!”

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

## Litany of Confession

Leader: *For failing to love others as you have loved us, God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods, God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For plundering the earth and abusing the planet, God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need,  
God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For losing heart and abandoning hope, God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For all the ways we turn from you, God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *We offer our prayers in the name of the one who saves us,  
Jesus our Christ. Amen.*

## Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

## Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: “The Call of Wisdom” . . . . . Will Todd

*Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy, walk beside us down the years 'til we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger, I am here, I am with you. I have called; do you hear me? Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value, jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love; those who seek me find their answer. God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal, glory be ascribed to you now and to the end of ages.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

Psalter ..... Psalm 119:1–8

Leader: *Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the Lord!*

People: **Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts,**

Leader: *who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.*

People: **You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**

Leader: *O that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!*

People: **Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

Leader: *I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.*

People: **I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

\*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 :: Matthew 5:21–37 ..... New Testament, page 4

Sermon ..... Shannon J. Kershner

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 663 ..... “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

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<sup>†</sup>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.

New Members (11:00)

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 :: "Hear My Prayer, O Lord" . . . . . M. Simmons

*Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my supplication.*

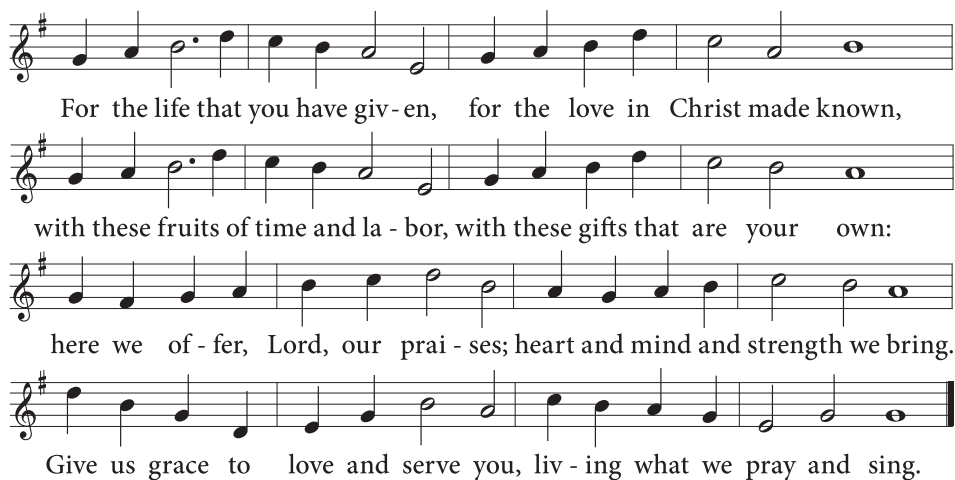
Minute for Discipleship

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Light" . . . . . Greg Jasperse

*Light. Divining light, light of truth, illuminating light, warming light, softening light, soothing light, serene, revealing light, light which pierces the dark shadows. Shadows of ignorance, the shadows of intolerance, shadows of indifference. Night falls. I awaken from darkness, I awaken to peace, I awaken to love, I awaken to life, to hope, to deep knowing, to light.*

## \*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*)

Eternal God, you who are not far from each one of us,  
as you welcome us into your presence,  
so we welcome you into our hearts and lives.  
As you give to us in Jesus Christ your gifts  
of forgiving grace and unconditional love,  
so we give to you our adoration, worship, and praise.  
As you call us to be your healing presence in the world,  
so do we with gratitude commit ourselves and these gifts anew  
to the service of your peace with justice for all people everywhere.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 611 ..... “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

## \*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude :: La Mourisque ..... Tylman Susato; arr. C. Schuchat

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Jeff Doane, Eloise Foster, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Jeff Doane, Doug Whitmer, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Morning Choir; Tower Brass

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

## Worship Notes

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TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented on behalf of the Spiritual Formation Council.

AT THE TIME OF THE OFFERING, whether you give through Venmo (@Fourth-Church), online via our website, or electronically via automatic debits to your bank or credit card, we encourage you to take part in the communal offering of our gifts by placing in the offering plate an "I give" card, which you will find in the pew racks.

WE ARE LIVESTREAMING today's 11:00 a.m. service at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship), where it can also be watched in the coming week.

THE BANNERS DISPLAYED IN THE SANCTUARY are based on seven statements attributed to Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to John. The banners were designed and created by Associate Pastor Victoria G. Curtiss.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo depicts the large hanging sculpture in Buchanan Chapel, as photographed from Chestnut Street at night. The cover quote is from N.T. Wright's book *For All God's Worth: True Worship and the Calling of the Church*.

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