

*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

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

O Bread of Life from Heaven. . . . . Johannes Brahms

### Introit

“Cantate Domino” (9:30) . . . . . Brian Lewis

*Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.*

“A Canon of Praise” (11:00) . . . . . Natalie Sleeth

*Praise him, O come ye people, praise the Lord forever. Sing praises to his holy name.*

*To the God of glory, loudest praise now bring. Source of our salvation, our eternal King.*

\*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: *The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,*

People: **for we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.**

Leader: *The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,*

People: **for we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.**

Leader: *The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,*

People: **for we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.**

Leader: *The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to worship,*

People: **for we have not been called alone; we worship together.**

\*Hymn 440 . . . . . “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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

## Litany of Confession

Leader: *Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin  
and the sin of this world. God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *Even as Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided  
against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor  
and nation against nation. God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.  
God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *Speak to us in the silence, O Lord, that we might be set free  
to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ . . .  
(Please hold silence.)*

## Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle

Kyrie . . . . . The Hymnal, 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

## Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: “Hide Not Thou Thy Face from Us, O Lord” . . . . . Richard Farrant

*Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;  
for we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness.  
For thy mercy sake deliver us from all our sins.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

Psalter . . . . . Psalm 121

Leader: *I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?*

People: **My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: *The Lord will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.*

People: **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

Leader: *the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;*

People: **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

Leader: *The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.*

People: **The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

*Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri.*

\*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.

Sending Forth: Hymn 748. . . . . “Go with Us, Lord”

*Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.*

Scripture Lesson :: Luke 7:36–50 . . . . . New Testament, page 62

Lenten Sermon Series: Questions Jesus Asked

“Do You See This Woman?” . . . . . Stephen G. Ray Jr.

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## Responding to the Word

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### Silent Reflection

*Throughout the season of Lent we are practicing silence as a way to grow closer to God and one another.*

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†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*)

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 :: "In Thee, O Lord, Do I Put My Trust" . . . . . Stephen Sturk

*In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be confounded. Amen.*

Minute for Mission

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Call to Remembrance, O Lord" . . . . . Richard Farrant

*Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindness,  
which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth,  
but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.*

\*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*)

Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor.  
 Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your grace, that in the midst of  
 death all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Bearing the Word into the World

\*Hymn 761 ..... “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude ♯: Toccata in B Minor. .... Eugène Gigout

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

THIS MORNING WE ARE HONORED TO WELCOME AS OUR GUEST PREACHER Dr. Stephen G. Ray Jr., who is President of both the Chicago Theological Seminary as well as the Society for the Study of Black Religion. He has written and lectured broadly in the areas of systematic theology, African American religion, human rights, and the intersection of religion and politics. Dr. Ray’s current work focuses on reinvigorating the public square as a place for all and reclaiming a vital expression of progressive religion in that project.

## Worship Leaders

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Matt Helms, Shannon J. Kershner, Stephen G. Ray Jr.

## Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

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Evan Ocken (9:30); Ben Lukens (11:00)

## The Music Today

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Youth Choir (9:30); Children's Choir (11:00); Morning Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

## Worship Notes

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WE ARE LIVE STREAMING 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.

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Alex Cornwell, Executive Programs Director for Chicago Lights, on behalf of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering, which we are receiving throughout Lent, supports Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center as well as Fourth Church Meals and Shower Ministries and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a One Great Hour of Sharing gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Gifts can also be made online at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online)

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