**MORNING WORSHIP**

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

**PRELUDE**
- Petite Suite  
  Darius Milhaud
- Prière
  César Franck
- Choral in B Minor

**INTROIT**

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<td>“Let the Broken Ones Be Healed”</td>
<td>Marilyn Haskel</td>
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<td>Let the broken ones be healed; let the lost be found and fed. Let the grace of God roll on. Let the river rise and spread. Step into the stream with me. Let God’s gracious purpose be.</td>
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<td>11:00</td>
<td>“We Will Sing for Joy”</td>
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<td>We will sing for joy. We’ll sing to the Lord with psalms of praise. We’ll sing to the Lord our King. The earth, the sea, the sun, the moon, all show his might. To the Lord we will sing for joy. Alleluia! Sing alleluia. Let all who serve the Lord rejoice and sing. Be glad that we belong to him. Let all who serve the Lord extol his name. He is our God, the Lord of all, who made us and protects us with his constant love. Give thanks and praise, clap hands, rejoice. All nations bow before the Lord and sing for joy.</td>
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*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION*  
(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 489*  
“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”  
*Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
(unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Stand as you are able.*
CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER

Psalm 19:7–14 (congregation sings the refrain) Hal H. Hopson

The statutes of the Lord are just; they rejoice the heart.

The statutes of the Lord are just; they rejoice the heart; the commandments of the Lord shine clear; they enlighten the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, may it endure forever; the decrees of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

They are more precious than gold, more than abundant, pure gold. The word of the Lord is sweeter than honey, than honey fresh from the comb.

By them your servant is guided, in keeping them there is great reward. Who can know all my offenses? Wash me from my secret wrongdoing.

Above all, keep your servant from foolish pride; let it not rule over me; then shall I be whole and innocent of all my transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, find favor before you, O Lord, my redeemer and rock.

Anthem

“Praise”  Alec Rowley

To the Master of music and loveliness: praise, power, dominion forever. To the Lord of the word of creation be praise, power, dominion forever. To the Maker of movement, color, and light: praise, power, dominion forever. To the Builder, Designer, Creator, be praise, power, dominion forever. To the Theme of all song, Inspiration of love; to the Artist of life, to the greatest and least: praise, power, dominion forever. For he is the greatest upon his high throne, and he was the least as the child of a maiden; praise then to Jesus, whose mother was Mary, and praise now to Christ, who is God in the midst of us. Praise. Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to thee; give us thyself both in time and eternity. Lord of all beauty adoring, we come to thee, offering all that we are or can hope to be.
FIRST LESSON  John 1:1–5, 14  (page 86, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI  (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON  John 3:1–21  (page 88, N.T.)

SERMON  JOHN M. BUCHANAN
Appointment after Dark
“How can anyone be born after having grown old?”
John 3:4 (nrsv)

*HYMN 402  “Now Praise the Hidden God of Love”
Tune: DICKINSON COLLEGE

*APOSTLES’ CREED  (unison)
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**

“Amen”

Eric DeLamarter

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“The Spirit of the Lord Is upon Me” from *The Apostles*

Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response*

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,

with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:

here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.

Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

All: Almighty and merciful God, 
from whom comes all that is good, 
we praise you for your mercies, 
for your goodness that has created us, 
your grace that has sustained us, 
your discipline that has corrected us, 
your patience that has borne with us, 
and your love that has redeemed us. 
Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts 
by serving you and delighting to do your will, 
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Hymn 376*  
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  
*Tune:* Hyfrydol

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**  
Suite Gothique  
Toccata  
*Léon Boëllmann*
Worship Leaders

9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Alexia Kruger, soloist
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; the Children’s Choir; Alexia Kruger, soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
Beverly Escuder, Children and Youth Music Director

Worship Notes

The quotation that appears on the bulletin cover is from Frederick Buechner’s “Nicodemus” in Peculiar Treasures: A Biblical Who’s Who.

Today’s Minute for Mission is presented by Elena Carbajal-Gaule and Martha Sabol, co-chairs along with Rick Sabol of the Carnaval 2010 Committee.

John Buchanan’s sermons up through Easter will be based on incidents in the life of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John and inspired by Frances Taylor Gench’s book Encounters with Jesus: Studies in the Gospel of John (copies of which are available during Coffee Hour). Previous sermons in the series, which began January 17, are available in the literature racks and in both audio and transcript formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

February 21: Conversation at a Well
February 28: Confrontation with the Accused and Her Accusers
March 7: Two Angry Sisters and Their Recently Deceased Brother
March 14: Extravagant Intimacy with Dearest Friends
March 21: New Commandment
March 28: On Trial: Who Is Your King?
April 4: A New World at First Light

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