MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude
Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue
Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit
“My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker!”
J. S. Bach
My soul, now bless thy maker! Let all within me bless his name, who maketh thee partaker of mercies more than thou darest claim.

*Doxology and Invocation
(The Hymnal, 592)

*Hymn 470
“O Day of Radiant Gladness”
Tune: Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

Prayer of Confession
(unison)
We are people of unclean lips, Holy Spirit, for we have not always spoken words of peace.
We are people of unclean hands, Lord Jesus, for we have not always worked for justice.
We are people of unclean hearts, O God, for we have not always loved as you call us to.
By your grace, cleanse us, Holy God; focus our lives on justice, peace, and love, that in forgiving our failures, you would confirm us anew as your people. Amen.

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

Concerns of the Church

Psalter
Psalm 138 (responsively) (page 545, O.T.)

First Lesson
Isaiah 6:1–8 (page 597, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri
(The Hymnal, 579)

Second Lesson

*Stand as you are able.
Surprise

“I am a sinful man!” Luke 5:8 (NRSV)

*HYMN 515

“Now to Your Table Spread”

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

*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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Caro Mea”

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

My flesh is the true food and my blood is the true drink;
whoever eats this bread lives forever.

*OFFERTORY 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
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.

PRAYER

Minister: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high . . .
. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:


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.

THE COMMUNION
**COMMUNION ANTHEM**  “Dominus Regnavit”  **Josquin Desprès**

The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord; the floods have lifted up their roaring. More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

**PSALM 23** (recited in unison after all have received the cup)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

O God, through this bread and this cup you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

*HYMN 313*  “Come Down, O Love Divine”  **Tune: DOWN AMPNEY**

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**  Carillon de Westminster  **Louis Vierne**
The Lord’s Supper at
Fourth Presbyterian Church

“Do this in remembrance of me.”  Luke 22:19 (NRSV)

The Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

In the act of remembering that is the Lord’s Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

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. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

This morning the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

“I am the bread of life.”
John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order
WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m.  Adam Fronczek, Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod
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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m.  The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m.  The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

John Buchanan is preaching this morning at First Presbyterian Church of Naples, Florida.

Fourth Church is pleased to welcome to the 9:30 service the eighth grade religious school class from Chicago Sinai Congregation.

The composer of this morning’s communion anthem, Josquin Després, lived from 1440 to 1521. He sang at Milan Cathedral from 1459 to 1472 and at the Papal Chapel in Rome from 1486 to 1499. “Dominus Regnavit,” a setting of Psalm 93, has vocal lines which soar in their lyricism and tender simplicity. The soothing ebb and flow of the vocal lines, as well as the repetition of phrases, creates a meditative, healing sound.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, “Unweavings” created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and image, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day.

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