**MORNING WORSHIP**

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

**Prelude**

Jesus Bids Us Shine  
Be Thou My Vision  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
Gabriel’s Oboe  

Kenneth Leighton  
Zsolt Gárdonyi  
John Joubert  
Ennio Morricone  

**Introit**

“Introit for Transfiguration Day”  

Morgan Simmons  

Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing; let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising, Alleluia! This is God’s beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before him, first and last and only one. All creation shall adore him! Alleluia!

**Doxology and Invocation**

(The Hymnal, 592)

**Hymn 75**

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”  

Tune: Deo Gracias

**Prayer of Confession**

(unison)

Eternal God,  
we confess that we do not expect and long  
for the transforming power of your love  
to work miracles in these hard hearts of ours.  
Yet we secretly long for a rescue, an escape, a miracle, to relieve us of the responsibilities and the challenges you set before us.  
Healing Spirit, renew our confidence in your power and in the power of love to change our lives, and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons Christ calls us to be.  
Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

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

**Sacrament of Baptism**

*Stand as you are able.*
**Unison Prayer**

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Concerns of the Church**

**Anthem**

“The Best of Rooms”
Randall Thompson

Christ, he requires still, wheresoever he comes, to feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms. Give him the choice; grant him the nobler part of all the house; the best of all’s the heart.

**Psalter**

Psalm 42:1–5 *(responsively)*
(page 487, O.T.)

**Gloria Patri**

(The Hymnal, 579)

**Scripture Lesson**

(page 65, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

Transfiguration

“Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” Luke 9:35 (NRSV)

**Hymn 189**

“As Deer Long for the Streams”
Tune: Rockingham

**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**

“*Amen*”

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

> “Chanticleer”

*Richard Dirksen*

All this night, shrill Chanticleer, day’s proclaiming trumpeter, claps his wings and loudly cries, “Mortals, wake and rise!”

See a wonder heaven is under; from the earth is risen a Son, shines all night though day be done. Wake, O earth, wake everything! Wake and hear the joy I bring; for all this night heaven and every twinkling light, all amazing still stand gazing, angels, powers, and all that be, wake, and joy this Son to see. Hail, O Son, O blessed Light, sent into the world this night! Let thy rays and heavenly powers shine in these dark souls of ours; for most duly thou art truly God and man we do confess, Hail, O Son of righteousness!

*Presentation of the Offering and Response*

*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: God of extravagant mercy,
    with hands outstretched
    you have poured out wonder
    and pleasure and delight,
    goodness and beauty and bounty.
So take these offerings, we pray,
as our protest against all that is evil
and ugly and impoverished,
trivial and wretched and tyrannical,
in our world and in ourselves—
and thus may we and others
know ourselves to be blessed.
Amen.

*HYMN 288*  “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”  
*Tune: Ellacombe*

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**  We Are Marching in the Light of God  *South African song*
*arr. John Behnke*
“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

Baptism
at Fourth Presbyterian Church

Each second Sunday of the month, Fourth Church includes the
Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal
of God's grace and covenant in Christ. As The Book of Order of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness
of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment
of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims
people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on
behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the
baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the
congregation makes such a promise during the service.

In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and
as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

Grant Alexander Murray, son of Andrew and Nikki Murray
Graham Vincent Rose, son of Jason and Megan Rose
Camilla Knight Sheftel, daughter of Brad and Kristin Sheftel
Addelyn Millie Skinner, daughter of Jeff and Jen Skinner
Alexander Reid Weir, son of Josh and Marisela Weir
Blake Stephen Wood, son of Kevin and Stacey Wood

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

William Castle Allen, son of David and Megan Allen
Caroline Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Chris and Erin Clark
Addison Paige Hundt, daughter of Brian and Stacy Hundt
Frederick MacAdam Lindner, son of Richard and Emily Lindner
Gavin Michael Panveno, son of Bret and Erin Panveno
WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m.  Victoria G. Curtiss, Joann H. Lee, Adam Fronczek
11:00 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Thomas C. Rook, Adam Fronczek

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m.  The Morning Choir; Jelena Dirks, oboist
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Jelena Dirks, oboist

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

WORSHIP NOTES

John Buchanan is preaching this morning at the Memorial Church at Harvard University.

This morning’s Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication are from The Worship Sourcebook (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship).

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio of the previous Sunday morning’s 11:00 a.m. worship service, including the sermon. Also posted on the website is the text of all worship bulletins and “News and Opportunities” as well as information about upcoming worship services.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

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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