MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE
Voluntary in D Major
Larghetto—Vivace
William Boyce

Fugue in D Major
George Frideric Handel

Voluntary in D Minor
John Stanley
Allegro—Adagio—Allegro

INTROIT
“Lift Thine Eyes” from Elijah
Felix Mendelssohn
Lift thine eyes to the mountains whence cometh help; my help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He hath said thy foot shall not be moved. Thy keeper will never slumber.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

*HYMN 486
“When the Morning Stars Together”
Tune: Weisse Flaggen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
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.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*Stand as you are able.
MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER Psalm 138 (*responsively*) (page 545, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Laudamus te” from *Gloria* Antonio Vivaldi
We praise you, Lord, we give you thanks; we praise you for your glory.

FIRST LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:12–19 (page 193, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI* (The Hymnal, 579)


SERMON Calum I. MacLeod
To Boldly Go
“Father, hallowed be your name . . .” Luke 11:2–4 (NRSV)

*HYMN 349* “Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught” *Tune: CHESHIRE*

*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.
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”  Anonymous

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  “Wir Eilen mit Schwachen doch Emsigen Schritten”
from Cantata No. 78  Johann Sebastian Bach

We hasten with eager yet faltering footsteps, O Jesus, O Master,
for help unto thee. Thou faithfully seekest the ill and the erring.
Ah, hear us, we pray. Our voices exalt thee. For succor, we pray
to thee. Now grant us thy gracious and merciful favor.

*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 418**

“God, Bless Your Church with Strength!”

*Tune: Ich Halte Treulich Still*

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude** Crown Imperial  
*William Walton*
A close-up look at the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels atop the aisle piers reveals their distinctive expressions, patterns, and instruments. Shown above are the pair of angels third from the rear of the church. The south angel (left) plays a drum, while the north angel (right) plays a pair of cymbals.
Worship Leaders

9:30 a.m.  Sarah A. Johnson, John W. Vest, Calum I. MacLeod
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The Music Today

9:30 a.m.  Women of the Morning Choir
11:00 a.m.  Women of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

This morning's Minute for Mission is presented by Kelley Lynch on behalf of the School Supply Drive sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee.

Thank you to the women of the Morning Choir, who have sung during morning worship services in July. The men of the Morning Choir will sing in August, and the full choir will return in September.

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.

The bulletin cover features a south-aisle ceiling canvas painted by the renowned artist Frederic Clay Bartlett.

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