Morning Worship

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

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in E Major
Vincent Lübeck

Festive Flutes
Everett Titcomb

Choral
Joseph Jongen

Introit

“Call to Remembrance, O Lord”
Eric DeLamarter

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindness which have been ever of old. Amen.

*Doxology and Invocation

*Hymn 471

“O Praise the Gracious Power”
Tune: ChristPraise Ray

(Verse 5 sung by women; verse 6 sung by men)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God,
we confess that we have shaped
our own standards and values
rather than seek to know your will.
We turn away from faith in you and
rebel against the agenda of your realm.
Our hearts focus on things we can accumulate
more than on your mission for us.
Forgive us for being content with ourselves.
Teach us what we need to know and do
to live faithfully in this troubled world.
Lead us, O God,
into acts of compassion and justice,
so that our attitudes are reshaped,
our actions further your purpose,
and a right relationship with you is restored.
Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

*Stand as you are able.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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  “Have Mercy upon Me, O Lord”  Thomas Tomkins
Have mercy upon me, O Lord, after thy great goodness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offenses.

PSALTER  Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23 (responsively)  (page 491, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI  (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON  Isaiah 1:1, 10–20  (page 592, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON  That All May Live  Victoria G. Curtiss

*HYMN 434  “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”  Tune: KINGSFOLD

*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” Morgan Simmons

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “My Voice Shalt Thou Hear” T. Tomkins

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and will look up to my salvation.

*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: Thank you, God,
    for welcoming us into your caring household,
    where you call us to claim
    the needs of others as our own.
    We find a homeland in your service,
    and we are grateful.
    May the offering of our lives and our money
    be pleasing in your sight
    and further your purposes for the world.
    Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
    Amen.

**Hymn 427**

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

_Tune: Blaenhafren_

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude** Toccata in G Major

_Theodore Dubois_
“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

- Samantha Grace Borg-Breen, daughter of Jonathan and Caryn Borg-Breen
- Campbell Payne Chocol, son of Marc and Tracy Chocol
- Kelsey Ella Ehrle, daughter of Michael and Megan Ehrle
- Maeve Dougherty Lingenfelter, daughter of Carl Lingenfelter and Stacia Smith
- Miles Payne Trost, son of Paul Trost and Meredith Payne-Trost

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

- Kayla Afua Akuffo, daughter of Opi and Akua Akuffo
- Poppy Blide Bayly, daughter of Graham and Brook Bayly
- Olivia Grace Davis, daughter of Mark and Ellen Davis
- Walker Grayson Kast, son of Mike and Emily Kast
- Grace Georgia Lorraine Siurek, daughter of Michael Siurek and Amanda Felt
- Alexandra Christine Zalik, daughter of Leonard and Kirsten Zalik
Worship Leaders

9:30 a.m.  Sarah A. Johnson, Adam Fronczek, Victoria G. Curtiss
11:00 a.m. Sarah A. Johnson, Adam Fronczek, Victoria G. Curtiss

The Music Today

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

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

Worship Notes

Festive Flutes, part of this morning’s prelude, was composed in 1958 by Everett Titcomb, organist at St. John the Evangelist in Boston. The piece is based on Isaiah 40:28 and it is a jubilant musical depiction of the text “Go out from Babylon, flee from Chaldea, declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it forth to the end of the earth; say, ‘The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob!’”

The men of the Morning Choir are singing during morning worship services in August. 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.

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