MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on “Praise Ye the Lord”
Johann Sebastian Bach
Prelude and Fugue in G Major
J. S. Bach

INTROIT

“O Splendor of God’s Glory”
Plainsong
O splendor of God’s glory bright; O thou that bringest light from light;
O Light of light, light’s living spring; O Day, all days illumining.
O thou true Son of heavenly love, pour down thy radiance from above;
the Spirit’s sanctifying beam upon our earthly senses stream.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

*HYMN 483

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”
Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of love and justice,
we long for peace within and peace without.
We long for harmony in our families,
for serenity in the midst of struggle.
We long for the day when our homes
will be a dwelling place for your love.
Yet we confess that we are often anxious,
we do not trust each other,
and we harbor violence.
We are not willing to take the risks
and make the sacrifices that love requires.
Look upon us with kindness and grace.
Rule in our homes and in all the world;
show us how to walk in your paths,
through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

*Stand as you are able.
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 121 (responsively) (page 539, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Ecce, Nunc Benedicte Dominum”
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord. May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.

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

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 12:1–2 (page 212, N.T.)

SERMON Up All Night Adam Fronczek

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

*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”  Anonymous

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  “Fuerunt Mihi Lacrimae”  Alphonso Ferrabosco

My tears have been my food day and night, while people say
to me continually, “Where is your God?”

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE

For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la-bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of-fer, Lord, our prai-ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv-ing 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: **O Lord our God,**
the author and giver of all good things,
we thank you for all your mercies,
and for your loving care over all your creatures.
We bless you for the gift of life,
for your protection round about us,
for your guiding hand upon us,
and for the tokens of your love within us.
In all these things, O heavenly God,
make us wise for a right use of your benefits,
that we may render an acceptable thanksgiving unto you
all the days of our lives,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

*Hymn 260*  
“*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*”  
*Tune: Ein’ Feste Burg*

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**  
Toccata in B-flat Minor  
*Louis Vierne*
The Great East Window in the Fourth Presbyterian Church sanctuary was designed and made by renowned stained glass artist Charles J. Connick of Boston and dedicated in 1930. Also known as the Nettie Fowler McCormick Memorial Window, it illustrates the growth of Christianity from the four major prophets through the four evangelists, accompanied by the commanding figures of Peter and Paul.

Shown on this page is the fifth window panel from the left, in which Paul stands atop a representation (upper right above) of the New Testament parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29–27) and the Old Testament story of the eagle and the noble vine (Ezekiel 17).
Worship Leaders

9:30 a.m. Sarah A. Johnson, Joyce Shin, Adam Fronczek
11:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Joyce Shin, Adam Fronczek

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

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

The men of the Morning Choir are singing during morning worship services in August. The full choir will return in September.

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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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