**MORNING WORSHIP**

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

**Prelude**

- Processional Fanfare
  - *Jiri Ignac Linek arr. Bob Rada*
- Dearest Jesus, We Are Here
  - *Johann Sebastian Bach*
- Invocation
  - *Ernest Bryson arr. Rich Mays*
- Cloister–Garth
  - *Herbert Brewer*
- All Creatures of Our God and King
  - *Geistliche Kirchengesäng arr. Richard Webster*

**Introit**

- “Halle, Halle, Halle”
  - *Caribbean melody arr. John Bell*
- Hallelujah!

*DOXOLOGY AND Invocation*

*HYMN 482*

- “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
  - Tune: Lobe Den Herren

**Sunday School and Youth Ministry Commissioning**

(9:30)

**HYMN 304**

- “Jesus Loves Me!”
  - Tune: Jesus Loves Me

(9:30)

**Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Stand as you are able.*
DECLARATION OF PARDON
Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM
“Teach Me, O Lord”        Stephen Sturk

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. How sweet are your words to my taste! They are sweeter than honey to my mouth. O blest Creator of the light, who makes the day with radiance bright and over the forming world didst call the light from chaos first of all. Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path. They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

PSALTER
Psalm 84 (congregation sings the refrain)        Hal H. Hopson

1. My soul longs for your courts, O Lord of Hosts;
my heart and my soul sing out; I sing to the living God.

Refrain: Lord, how lovely is your dwelling place.

2. There the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a house for her brood; they nest their young by your altars, my Lord, the mighty God. Refrain

3. All are blest who dwell in your house, who ever sing your praise.
How blest are those who trust in you, as they press to Zion’s hill.
Refrain

4. When they walk through the valley of tears, springs of water give new life. They march to Zion’s hill; the God of gods be praised.
Refrain

*GLORIA PATRI
(The Hymnal, 579)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Giants Ahead and We Are Merely Grasshoppers

“All the people that we saw in it are of great size . . . and to ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers.”
Numbers 13:32–33 (nrsv)

*Hymn 413

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”  Tune: Charlestown

*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”  Dale Wood

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Pilgrim’s Hymn” from The Three Hermits  Stephen Paulus
Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God, when we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer; unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name, and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you; endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream. Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages. Amen.
*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE*

**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:** Merciful God, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.

We thank you for this church and for visionary and strong leaders who planned and built in this place.

We thank you for all those who have loved this church and whose faithful generosity has sustained it over the years.

We thank you for the challenge in our day to continue to build and provide a church for the future.

Receive and bless the gifts of our hands and the commitment of our resources.

We present them in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 420*  
“God of Grace and God of Glory”  
*Tune: CWM RHONDDA*

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**  
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
*Samuel Scheidt  
arr. Charles Schuchat*
Today’s commissioning of Sunday School teachers, staff, and youth leaders is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors.

Sunday School Teachers

Liz Adams  Julie James  William Ohlhaber
Agnes Boateng  Erica Kuhlmann  Hilary Richardson
Marta Bonner  Dawn Kulich  Blasko Ristic
Irene Bumpus  Ji Inn Lee  Amy Roberts-Paeth
Anne Marie Canfield  Amanda Love  Mark Schimmelpfennig
Dennis Canfield  Missy MacLeod  Stacey Shonkwiler
Rhonda Carlson  Heather Major  Wilson Sinclair
Chrissy Cerasale  Lisa McClung  Pam Taylor
Carol Collins  Andrew McGaan  Ned Thomas
Jim Garner  Pam McGaan  Susan Van der Meulen
Lies Garner  Mark Meyer  Julie Vander Weele
Charlie Gonzalez  Don Nelson  Debbie Whitmore
Ann Grissom  Michelle Stromberg  Todd Zimmerman
Marci Hanzlik  Ohlhaber

Sunday School Staff and Office Assistants

Josie Phelps, Sunday School Superintendent
Sharon Mistele, Pianist for Children’s Chapel
Rita Bennett, Gayle Engberg, Jennifer McCrea, Linda Thornton, Charlotte Wager
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families

Youth Leaders

Nicholette Andrews  John Howard  Eran Wade
Michelle Becker  Karen Kath  Gretchen Wahl
Andrea Bradshaw  Dala Lucas  Debbie Whitmore
Ben Carlisle  Mark Nelson  Katie Whitmore
Amber Hacker  Kathi Rodak
Jason Hacker  Mark Schimmelpfennig

Youth Ministry Staff

John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Kimberlee Frost, Youth Ministry Associate
Katie Jasa, PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer
**Worship Leaders**

9:30 a.m.  Adam Fronczek, Sarah A. Johnson, John Buchanan  
11:00 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Sarah A. Johnson, John Buchanan

**The Music Today**

9:30 a.m.  Tower Brass; the Morning Choir  
11:00 a.m. Tower Brass; the Morning Choir  

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

**Worship Notes**

*Tower Brass*, Fourth Church’s brass octet, returns to worship leadership this morning. Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month during the academic year.


The bulletin cover photograph was taken in 1913 looking west from the site where the John Hancock Center is now. The William Sloane Coffin quotation is from his book *A Passion for the Possible*.

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