**MORNING WORSHIP**

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

**Prelude**

- The King of Love My Shepherd Is
  - *Kenneth Leighton*
- Lord, Take My Heart, It Beats for Thee
  - *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*
- Pastorale
  - *Valentin Rathgeber*
- O God of Love
  - *John Corigliano*
- Love Divine, All Love's Excelling
  - *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

**Introit**

*(9:30 a.m.)*

- “Gloria”
  - *David Giardiniere*


**Introit**

*(11:00 a.m.)*

- “Get on Board!”
  - *African American spiritual*  
  - *Earlene Rentz*

  *The gospel train's a-comin', I hear it close at hand; I hear those car wheels movin' and rollin' through the land. Get on board, little children, there's room for many-a-more. I hear the train a-comin'; it's comin' 'round the bend, and all aboard the gospel train have joy that never ends. The price is right and all can go; the rich and poor are there; no second-class aboard this train; there's freedom everywhere.*

**Doxology and Invocation**

*(The Hymnal, 592)*

**Hymn 412**

- “Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds”  
  - *Tune: Forest Green*

**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. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. 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.

*Stand as you are able.*
DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

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

PSALTER  Psalm 119:1–8 (responsively)  (page 535, O.T.)

ANTHEM  “Shall We Gather at the River?”  Robert Lowry  arr. Robert H. McIver

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel's feet have trod; with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. When we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down, grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

FIRST LESSON  Isaiah 58:6–9a  (page 647, O.T.)

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

*GLORIA PATRI  (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON  Matthew 5:13–20  (page 4, N.T.)

SERMON  Salt of the Earth . . . Light of the World

“You are the salt of the earth. . . . You are the light of the world.” Matthew 5:13–14 (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**

“God Is Light”

God is light and in God is no darkness at all.

**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 sun, 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 sun to see. Hail, O sun, O blessed light, sent into the world by 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 Sun of righteousness.”
**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: Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever. Today we thank you for calling us into your church. We thank you for this church and for all who, going before us, have been faithful and generous. We thank you for the challenging and exciting future ahead and ask you to bless us as, together, we aspire to be your faithful people and a light in the city. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

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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.

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**Hymn 420**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**

Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling

Christopher Pardini
“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

Declan Chase Daniels, son of Ranjan and Kalen Daniels
Delaney Nell Vancura, daughter of Tim and Lesley Vancura
Henry Nicholas VanDerSchie, son of Nick and Stephanie VanDerSchie
Dario James Vujasin, son of Srecko and Jamie Vujasin

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Holton Thomas Jackson, son of Jonathan and Kate Jackson
Max Michael Riva, son of Michael Riva and Hanna Lee-Riva
Brooke Alexandra Sandison, daughter of Stephen and Amy Sandison
Greta Caroline Suckow, daughter of Scott and Melissa Suckow
**Worship Leaders**

9:30 a.m.  Adam H. Fronczek, Victoria G. Curtiss, John Buchanan  
11:00 a.m.  Adam H. Fronczek, Victoria G. Curtiss, John Buchanan  

**The Music Today**

9:30 a.m.  The Youth Choir; the Morning Choir; Ryan Loeckel, violinist  
11:00 a.m.  The Children’s Choir; the Morning Choir; Ryan Loeckel, violinist  

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director  
Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth  

**Worship Notes**

*Fourth Church welcomes* to the 9:30 service eighth grade students from Chicago Sinai Congregation, who will be joining the Fourth Church Rising eighth graders at the 737 building after the service.

*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* depicts the Fourth Church steeple as viewed from the Garth on a foggy night in March.

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