**Morning Worship**

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

**Prelude**

Prelude in D-flat Major  
*John Knowles Paine*

Variations on “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”  
*J. K. Paine*

**Introit**

“All Praise We Sing to Thee”  
*Franz Joseph Haydn*

*Doxology and Invocation*

*Hymn 492*  
“Baptized in Water”  
*Tune: Bunessan*

**Prayer of Confession**  *(responsively)*

Minister: Lord, we have failed to be people who live by your story of forgiveness. We have hoarded our bitterness and used our energies to find ways to strike back at others.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: Lord, we have failed as your peacemakers; we have continued to live by violence, in our homes, our country, and our world.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: Lord, we have refused your freedom; we have stayed in our own boxes, excluding others; we have not learned to trust one another or reached out to those who are different.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: Lord, we have failed to love; we have turned from those who love us and hurt them; we have chosen not to see those who need us.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: God, we confess these and all the ways by which we have turned from you and from each other.

People: **God of the turning tide, change us so that the energy of your forgiveness flows into our living and our loving. 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.*
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.

ANTHEM

“My Holy Wings”

Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. O, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my every moment be lived within thy grace. O, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. O, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care. O, wash me in the waters of Noah’s cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. O, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all. Thy holy wings, spread gently over me.

PSALTER

Psalm 133 (responsively)  (page 543, O.T.)

GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 32:22–32  (page 29, O.T.)

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

SERMON

Show Your Scars  JOHN W. VEST

HYMN 85

“What Wondrous Love Is This” Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

*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  “May the Grace of Christ”  Morgan Simmons

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  “Wade in the Water”  African American spiritual
arr. A. D. Miller

Wade in the water, children; God's going to trouble the water.
Now see that host all dressed in white; the leader looks like
the Israelite. Look over yonder, what do I see? The Holy Spirit's
coming for me. Now see that band all dressed in red; it looks like
the band that Moses led. If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
just follow me down to Jordan's stream. Come on and wade in
the water, children; God's going to trouble the water.

*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.**

Minister: There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

All: **God, you work through different people in different ways,**
but your purpose is achieved through us all.
You give each of us gifts by the Spirit to use for the common good,
and it is only together that we can be the body of Christ.
Though we have different gifts, together we are a community of reconciliation led by Christ.
In Christ's name, we dedicate all of our work to your service.
Give us wisdom and courage to follow where Christ leads,
so that in all we say and do we may spread your peace in the world.
Amen.

*HYMN 339*  
“Be Thou My Vision”  
*Tune: Slane*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**  
Toccata in D Minor  
*Gordon Balch Nevin*
“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

On the second Sunday of each 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

Quinn Angelica Bolthouse, daughter of Matthew and Jessica Bolthouse
Jacqueline Anne Dean, daughter of Matthew and Katherine Dean
Jacob Ryan DeCorte, son of Michael and Kathleen DeCorte
Sofia Isabella Fajardo, daughter of Javier and Kathryn Fajardo
Joshua Paul Hanzlik, son of Blair and Jodie Hanzlik
Olivia Lynn Hundt, daughter of Brian and Stacy Hundt

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

William Henry Baker, son of Michael and Heather Baker
Ada Claire Hill, daughter of Christopher and Deborah Hill
Victoria Gail Sax, daughter of Jason Sax and Aimee Yager
Ethan Brody Wilde, son of Elijah and Diana Wilde
Tristan Blaine Wilde, son of Elijah and Diana Wilde
Worship Leaders

9:30 a.m.  Joyce Shin, John H. Boyle, John W. Vest
11:00 a.m. Joyce Shin, Victoria G. Curtiss, John W. Vest

The Music Today

9:30 a.m.  Men of the Morning Choir; Craig Palmer, soloist
11:00 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir; Craig Palmer, soloist

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

Worship Notes

This morning’s prelude, written in the early 1860s, was composed by John Knowles Paine (1839–1906). Paine was the first person appointed to a music chair position at an American university (Harvard) and the first American-born musician to compose music of high rank, garnering attention abroad.

The Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication are adapted from Travelling The Road of Faith: Worship Resources from the Corrymeela Community, edited by Jacynth Hamill (2001).

The men of the Morning Choir will be 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).

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