### MORNING WORSHIP

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

**Prelude** Sonata III in A Major Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Con moto maestoso-Andante tranquillo

INTROIT "O Come, Let Us Sing" Stephen Sturk

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

#### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 220 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy and love,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you

and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride,

for we see ourselves pure when we are stained

and great when we are small.

We have failed in love,

neglected justice,

and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness

through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### **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

ANTHEM "Baptism Prayer" Richard Shepherd

Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, look upon a little child;

pity my simplicity, suffer me to come to thee.

Hold me fast in thy embrace; let me see thy smiling face. Give me, Lord, thy blessings give; pray for me, and I shall live.

Loving Jesu, gentle lamb, in thy gracious hands I am;

make me, Savior, what thou art; live thyself within my heart.

**PSALTER** Psalm 23 (sung) (The Hymnal, 171)

\*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1–13 (page 164, N.T.)

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

**SERMON** "Texts for Life: The Hymn to Love"

CALUM I. MACLEOD

"The greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NRSV)

\*HYMN 335 "Though I May Speak" Tune: O WALY WALY

\*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;

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

"Incline Thine Ear unto Me"

S. Sturk

Incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily. Amen.

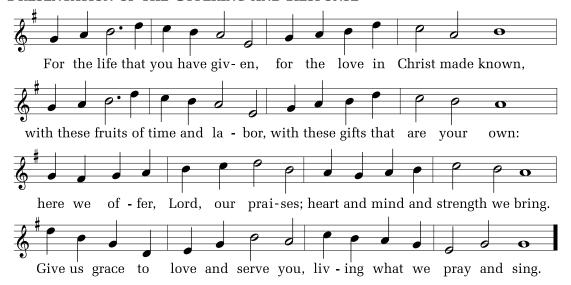
#### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "How Firm a Foundation"

American folk melody arr. Paul Louis Anderson

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled? "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply. The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine. The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never forsake.

#### \*Presentation of the Offering and Response



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#### \*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: God of all love,

we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.

Give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service
and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever.

\*Hymn 339 "Be Thou My Vision" Tune: Slane

#### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Postlude Carillon-Sortie Henri Mulet

"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

Willa Frances Dunagan, daughter of Chris and Melissa Dunagan Emma Rose Mellott, daughter of Ann Mellott Noah Jackson Mellott, son of Ann Mellott Willem Roy VanDerSchie, son of Nicholas and Stephanie VanDerSchie

# Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Avery Josephine Batts, daughter of Mark Batts and Julie Cirillo Andrew David Dee, son of David and Katrina Dee Whit Richmond Lopez, son of Derek and Kim Lopez Ethan Robert Francis McGuire, son of Michael and Cheryl McGuire Seraphina Grace Royer, daughter of Randall and Fiona Royer Xander Patrick Sargis, son of Michael Sargis

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

9:30 a.m. Judith L. Watt, Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod11:00 a.m. Judith L. Watt, Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod

#### THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, soloist11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

#### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. A jazz service with Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, except in December. The next Taizé service will be Friday, November 22.

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 images, 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 photo depicts rain-soaked fallen leaves on stairs in the Michigan Avenue courtyard this past week. The cover quote is from George Herbert's poem "Love (III)" from *The Temple* (1633).

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