

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Voluntary in D Major William Boyce
Larghetto – Vivace

Introit

“Love Is Little” Shaker melody
arr. Kevin Siegfried

*Love is little; love is low; love will make my spirit grow.
Grow in peace; grow in light; love will do the thing that’s right.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Invocation

*Hymn 451 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Have mercy on us, Lord:
You have set your way before us, and we tremble to see it.
It is not just suffering we are afraid to bear,
but also the weight of your call:
your command to excel in love,
rejoice in hope, and live peaceably with all—
your appeal to overcome evil with good.
Merciful God, forgive our fear and faithlessness.
Help us to see what you see, to follow where you go,
and to live in awe at your presence,
which is our help and encouragement.
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 105:1-11 Old Testament, page 525

Anthem

“Blessing” Katie Moran Bart

*May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be always at your back;
may the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again, my friend, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

First Lesson

Romans 12:9-21 New Testament, page 151

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28 New Testament, page 17

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 393 “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

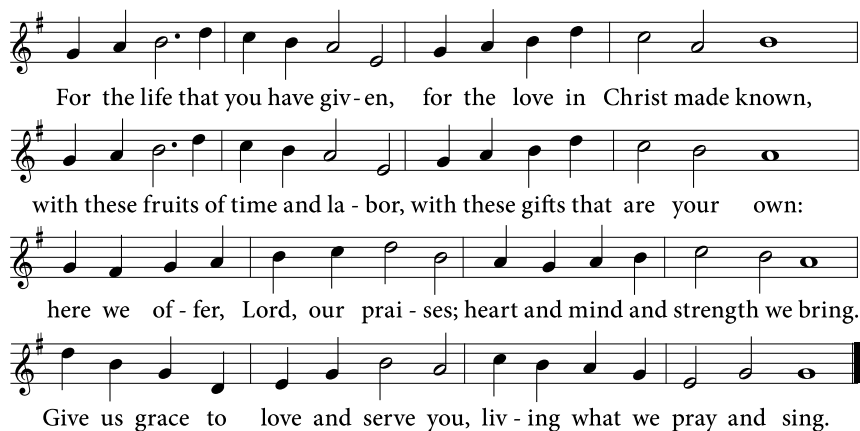
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Prière (Prayer) Jean Langlais

*Offertory 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.

Sealing the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

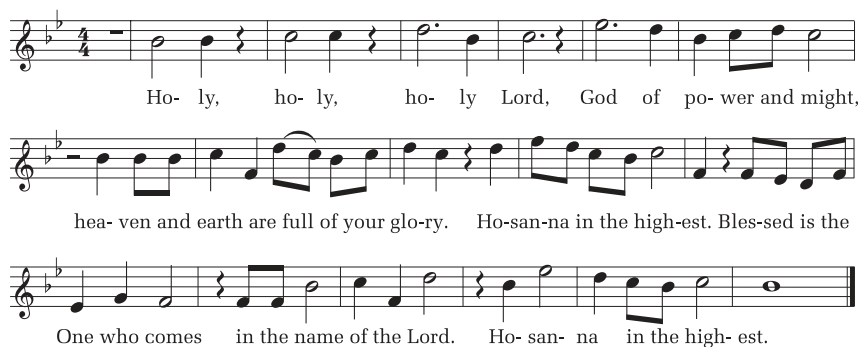
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer

Minister: *Holy God, we praise you . . .*

*. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs
of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:*



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

Minister: *With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup . . .*

*. . . We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word
made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.*

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“A Gaelic Prayer” David Lowry
*Deep peace of the rolling wave to you; deep peace of the flowing air to you;
deep peace of the quiet earth to you; deep peace of the shining stars to you;
deep peace of the gentle night to you;
moon and stars pour their healing light on you;
deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you;
deep peace of Christ to you.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother and Savior. Amen.

*Hymn 371 “Lift High the Cross”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Cebell Henry Purcell

The bulletin cover image depicts the cross in Stone Chapel.

Worship Leaders

Victoria G. Curtiss, Chris Gernand, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Women of the Morning Choir

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

Thom Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH THANKS the women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs for their uplifting music these past weeks. The full Chancel Choir will return to worship leadership next Sunday, September 7. Anyone interested in singing with the Chancel Choir during 8:00 a.m. services is invited to attend the Thursday evening rehearsals, which begin September 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary loft.

THIS MORNING, COMMUNION IS SERVED BY INTINCTION. The congregation comes forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles.

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

SOURCES AND CREDITS: Hymn tune names—as well as composers of the music and authors of the text—are listed in the hymnal with each hymn. The words to "For the Life that You Have Given" are by Carl P. Daw Jr. © 1987; music is by Morgan Simmons © 1990, 1992 by Hope Publishing Co. The music for "Holy, Holy, Holy" is by John Sherer © 1997.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Victoria G. Curtiss Associate Pastor for Mission

Matt Helms Minister for Children and Families

Hardy H. Kim Associate Pastor for Evangelism

Joyce Shin Associate Pastor for Congregational Life

John W. Vest Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

Judith L. Watt Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Layton Williams Pastoral Resident

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

This worship bulletin is printed on recyclable paper that contains recycled post-consumer waste and is acid free. All bulletins and inserts left in the baskets by the doors are recycled.

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO
Church office: 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014
www.fourthchurch.org | www.facebook.com/fourthchurch
312.787.4570 | Voicemail 312.787.2729 | Fax: 312.787.4584