

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Sing to God with Gladness . . . . . Flor Peeters  
Salvation Belongeth to Our God . . . . . Pavel Chesnokov  
I Know I've Been Changed . . . . . Roy Belfield  
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot . . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. J. Edmund Hughes

### Introit

“The Lord Is Full of Compassion” . . . . . Iain Quinn  
*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come, let us adore him.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

\*Doxology (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 606

**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.**

### \*Call to Worship

Minister: *Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

People: **O Lord, my God, you are very great.**

Minister: *May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works—*

People: **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Minister: *Let us worship God!*

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 436 . . . . . “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, our refuge and fortress,  
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.  
Sometimes we fall to temptation.  
Other times we are swayed by false words  
and speak false words of our own.  
We might choose our ease and comfort  
over your demanding claims on us and this world.  
Yet in turning from you, we settle for less  
than the abundant generosity you intend.  
Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God.  
Hear us as we call to you, and show us your salvation.  
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Commissioning of Mission Trip Participants (11:00)

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“O Man, Thy Grief and Sin Bemoan” . . . . . Ralph E. Williams

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 22:23–31 . . . . . Old Testament, page 474

\*Gloria Patri (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 581

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.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 22:39–42, 45–53 . . . . . New Testament, page 82

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 215 . . . . . “What Wondrous Love Is This”

\*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.

### 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

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” . . . . . Ralph Manuel

\*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Almighty God, by your grace,  
 accept the fruit of our labor  
 and the offering of our lives.  
 Use these gifts, use us,  
 for your healing work in this world  
 so that all might know of your care,  
 your love, and your claim on creation.  
 Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 432 . . . . . “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Toccata in F Major . . . . . Dietrich Buxtehude

# Mission Trip Commissioning

Mission trips provide opportunities to build relationships, grow in cross-cultural understanding, share our faith in Christ, and serve our brothers and sisters internationally and in the United States.

Today we are commissioning persons active in the 2015 mission trips as ambassadors of faith from Fourth Church:

*Donald Allerton, Penny Applegate, Luke Beasley, Debra Campbell, Raymond Casey, Tamara Davis, Abigail Fassnacht, Joseph Feldman, Elizabeth Foster, Jose Garza, Renee Golas, Mary Jane Jones, Petyon Keller, Jonathan Kent, Judith Kerch, Shannon Kershner, Hardy Kim, Jo-El Lacy, Dala Lucas, Frank Lucas, Margaret McGuire, Judith Monroe, Jay Owens, Joseph Pixler, Sue Schemper, Tom Schemper, John Sherer, Laura Suess, Gretchen Wahl, Judith Watt, Roger Wilson*

## **Racial Reconciliation** ❖ Cincinnati, Atlanta, Memphis, Ferguson, May 2–9

Members of Fourth Church will form a multiracial choir with members from Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ (Trinity UCC) to share music from the African American tradition and promote dialogue toward racial reconciliation.

*Led by John Sherer and Hardy Kim*

## **Cuba** ❖ Sister Congregations in Faith, May 11–18

Participants will celebrate the new diplomatic relationship between the United States and Cuba and support the Christian witness of First Presbyterian Church of Havana, where we will deepen relationships with members of that church as they learn about the cultural, economic, and political context in which the church carries out its ministries.

*Led by Shannon Kershner and Roger Wilson; hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Havana*

## **Guatemala** ❖ Partnering with Common Hope, July 12–19

Participants will join Common Hope in serving Guatemalans through programs in education, health care, and housing.

*Led by Sue Schemper and Tom Schemper; hosted by Common Hope*

*For information about participating in upcoming trips or supporting mission trips sponsored by Fourth Church, contact Vicky Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission, at 312.981.3598 ([vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org)).*

## THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Social Service Center as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Victoria G. Curtiss, John Dallas Jr., Joyce Shin, Shannon J. Kershner

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## The Music Today

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The King's Choraliers; the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES TO WORSHIP the King's Choraliers, a male chorus from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Founded in 1950, the chorus is directed by Ronald Rogers and accompanied by Chuck Brower.

OUR LENTEN SERMON SERIES, "WE WERE THERE," looks at the events of Holy Week through the eyes of biblical characters who "were there." Each Sunday's lectern parament—created by Vicky Curtiss—evokes the theme of that day, and each week the parament from the previous Sunday is added to the Communion Table.

Sunday, February 22 "Anointing Woman" (Mark 14:3–9)

Sunday, March 1 "Slave with Cut-off Ear" (Luke 22:39–53)

Sunday, March 8 "Peter" (Mark 14:28–38, 66–72)

Sunday, March 15 "High Priest Caiaphas" (Mark 14:53–65)

Sunday, March 22 "Judas" (Matthew 26:14–16, 47–50)

Palm Sunday, March 29 "The Crowd/The Mob" (Mark 11:1–11, 15:6–15)

Good Friday, April 3 "The Centurion" (Mark 15:33–39)

Easter Sunday, April 5 "The Women at the Tomb" (Mark 16:1–8)

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