

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Three Liturgical Preludes George Oldroyd
Tranquillamente – Andante – Con moto
Contemplation Karen Lakey Buckwalter

Introit

- “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord” Giovanni Croce
*Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth;
O knit my heart unto thee, that I may love thy name.*

- *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: *Here in this place . . . new light is streaming;*
People: **now is the darkness vanished away.**
Minister: *Gather us in and hold us forever;*
People: **gather us in and make us your own.**
Minister: *Gather us in, all peoples together,*
People: **fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**
Minister: *Let us praise and worship God.*

*Prayer of Praise

- *Hymn 401 “Here in This Place”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, you have called us to be a people, to be the church.
But we confess that we can be a people, a church, with problems.
We can seem to be too strong for the weak,
too unadventurous for the young,
too respectable for the poor,
too divided for mission,
too obsessed with our own lives to think of the lives of others,
too proud of our power,
too unsure of our message to speak to the world.
So God, we pray you might move us.
Move us on our journey from where we are to where you want us to go,
and give us courage to practice what we preach. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Song of the Passion” G. Oldroyd
*When I think on Jesu’s blood, that he shed upon the rood, I let tears smart.
Who of us can be unkind if Christ’s blood we have in mind, entirely in our hearts.
Sweet Jesu Christ, what is thy guilt, that thou for me art spilt, flower of
unloithfulness? But thou diest; I am guilty, but thou abuyest all my wickedness.
Why gavest thou so much for thine? What winnest thou for thy hard pine,
rich in bliss above? Love thy heart so deep has sought, that pain of death
doth let thee naught of man to win the love, sweet Jesu Christ.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22. Old Testament, page 528

*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

Mark 14:53–65 New Testament, page 49

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Were There: The High Priest Caiaphas Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*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.

Reception of New Members (11:00)

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

“Kyrie Eleison” Morgan Simmons

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

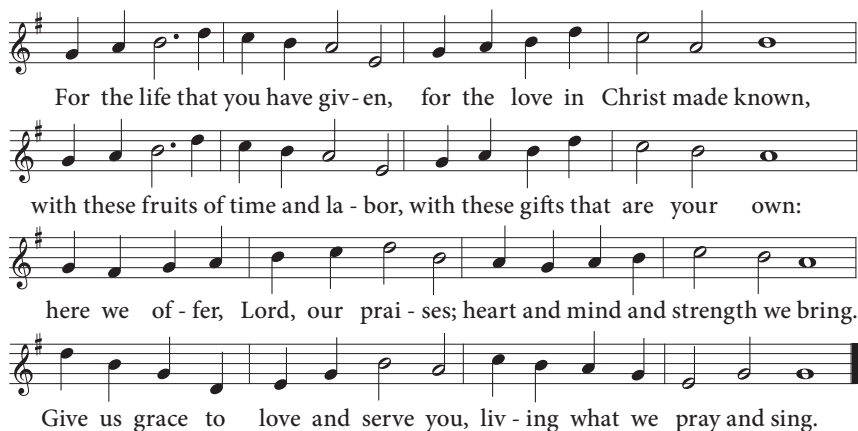
Offering

Offertory Anthem

“O Crux” Mark Jennings

*O cross, more radiant than the stars, celebrated throughout the earth,
beloved of the people, holier than all things, which alone was found worthy to
bear the light of the world; blessed tree, blessed nails, blest the weight you bore.
Save the flock which today is gathered to praise you.*

*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*)

Dear God, receive our offering.

Guide those who use it, that it may help to bring fullness of life
to all who live in need and who long for your care. Amen.


Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 733 “We All Are One in Mission”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Toccata in G Major Théodore Dubois



Join us as we answer the Lenten call to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross.

Lenten Taizé Service

Friday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

in Buchanan Chapel

A candlelit service of quiet meditation, prayer, and song.

The service is preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Services

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

in Buchanan Chapel

“Deep Calls to Deep”

A Lenten Contemplative Retreat

Friday, March 27–Saturday, March 28
The Well in La Grange Park

Refresh and renew your spiritual connection with God using spiritual practices of the church. Take part in worship, guided meditation, journaling, praying with images and psalms, or simply enjoying nature and solitude.

Details are available in the literature racks and at
www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter

Worship Leaders

9:30 Joyce Shin, Walt Bay, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Hardy H. Kim, Walt Bay, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Handbell Choir; the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

Worship Notes

OUR LENTEN SERMON SERIES, “WE WERE THERE,” calls us to engage with biblical characters who encountered Christ in his final journey to the cross: the anointing woman, the slave with a cut-off ear, Peter, High Priest Caiaphas, Judas, the crowd/mob, the centurion, and the women at the tomb. Each Sunday’s lection 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.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Elam Davies 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.

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