

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Choral III in A Minor César Franck

Introit

“Rise Up in Early Morning” German chorale
arr. Richard Proulx

*Rise up in early morning; sing of the risen Savior.
Sing tidings of salvation with alleluias ringing, in cymbalis bene sonantibus.*

*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

Leader: *Glory be to you,*

All: God, our strength and our redeemer.

Leader: *The vacant cross and the empty tomb vindicate your claim*

All: that the love which suffers is the love that saves.

Leader: *So fill your people with joy and your church with celebration,*

All: that by our praise and our actions the world may know
that your Son Jesus is not a dead hero we commemorate
but the living Lord we worship.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 233 “The Day of Resurrection!”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Save us, Lord,
from the temptation to buy what we do not need;
from confusing what we need with what we want;
from wasting what we do not own;
from owning what we will never use;
from mistaking our own agendas for your holy will;
from idealizing the past as a golden age;
from bequeathing those who come after us a sorry inheritance.

Strengthen the arm and the will of all who,
for the good of the world you made and love,
challenge our busyness and greed
and inform us about appropriate living.

May their words gain a good hearing
so that the world may have a good future. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe this good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

“Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One” Healey Willan
*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear upon the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 30 Old Testament, page 478

*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
John 21:1–19 New Testament, page 109
Minister: *The Word of the Lord*.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Peter Macdonald

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 257 “The Risen Christ”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from Philippians 2:5–11
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but
emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Commissioning of Mission Trip Participants (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.

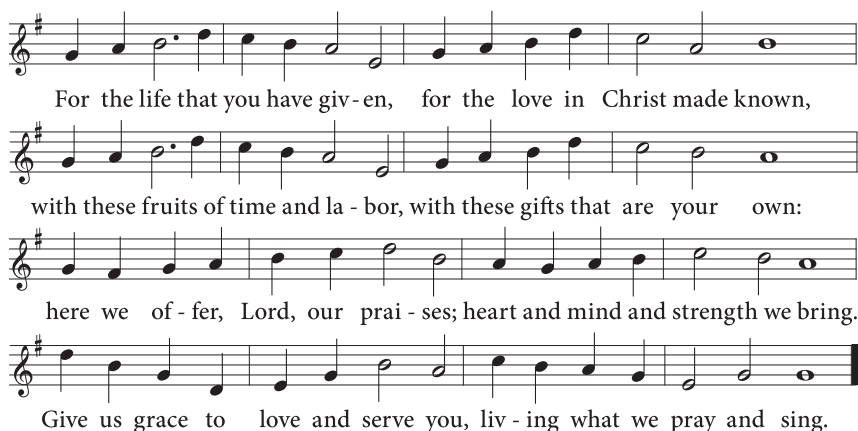
Prayer Response
“Amen” John W. W. Sherer

Offertory Anthem

“O Sing unto the Lord a New Song” H. Willan

O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things. With his own right hand and with his holy arm hath he gotten himself the victory, alleluia. It behoveth Christ to suffer and to rise again from the dead and so to enter into his glory, alleluia. Christ, being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him, alleluia. With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be known, utter it even unto the ends of the world; the Lord hath delivered his people. O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of his name. Make his praise to be glorious, alleluia. Amen.

*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*)

This morning, in the multicolored company of your church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us. So this day we pray that, by your power and by these gifts we offer, you would bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard-hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded, and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are the prisoners of ourselves. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Symphony II in D Major. Charles-Marie Widor

Finale

Mission Trip Commissioning

Mission trips provide opportunities to build relationships with Christians around the world, grow in cross-cultural understanding, support mission partners, further peacemaking efforts here and abroad, and strengthen community among participants.

Today we are commissioning persons active in the 2016 mission trips as ambassadors of faith from Fourth Church:

Luke Beasley, Erin Bennett, Rita Bennett, Norma Borcharding, Matt Helms, David Johnson, Mary Jane Jones, Jonathan Kent, Hardy Kim, Elizabeth Kurman, Carol Lobbes, Allison Maxwell, Linden Moot, Elizabeth Patton, Corella Payne, Howard Sass, Stanley Smith, Linda VanderWeele, Emma Vis, Layton Williams, Nora Wiltse, Shanna Wood

Havana, Cuba ❖ April 16–23

Continuing a partnership with the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, travelers will deepen relationships with members of that church as they learn about the context in which First Church carries out its ministries.

Chicago ❖ Saturday, May 14

For the sixth year, members of Fourth Church will work alongside members of First Presbyterian Church (which founded this congregation as a mission church) to do spring cleanup of their grounds and to share meals and fellowship. (*Spots are still available; sign up by May 9.*)

Northern Ireland ❖ July 9–17

Hosted by 174 Trust, young adults of Fourth Church will meet with communities in Northern Ireland to learn about peacemaking and reconciliation there as well as how to build peace and promote justice in our own communities.

China ❖ October 15–22

Participants in this trip hosted by Opportunity International will experience firsthand how financial services and training offered through that organization are helping people in China break free from poverty and create brighter futures for their families. (*Spots are still available; sign up by August 5.*)

*For information about participating in upcoming trips
or supporting mission trips sponsored by Fourth Church,
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Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim, Walt Bay, Victoria G. Curtiss, Peter Macdonald

The Music Today

The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

BAPTIZED TODAY during the 9:30 a.m. service are

August Terence Lankheet, child of Christopher and Rebecca Lankheet

Elsie Rose Ochoa, child of John and Christie Ochoa

Eleanor Rose Patterson, child of William and Kaylyn Patterson

BAPTIZED TODAY during the 11:00 a.m. service are

Savannah Rae Edwards, child of Matthew and Laurie Edwards

Lucas Singh Gill, child of Bobby and Jessica Gill

Thomas Edwin Janulis, child of Jonathan and Claire Janulis

Eden Mae Knox, child of Reed and Stephanie Knox

Greta Ann Kueck, child of Matt and Kristine Kueck

TODAY WE WELCOME TO THE FOURTH CHURCH PULPIT Peter Macdonald, leader of the Iona Community in Scotland. Associated with the Church of Scotland, the Iona Community is an international ecumenical Christian movement committed to working for peace and social justice issues.

SHANNON KERSHNER is in Birmingham, Alabama, today meeting with Presbyterian pastors who gather annually for continuing education and sermon reflections.

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