

*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

Suite on the Second Tone . . . . . Louis-Nicolas Clérambault  
Basse de Cromorne

### 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, 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: *Come, let us sing to the Lord.  
Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving.*

People: **Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise,  
for the Lord is a great God, high above all others.**

Leader: *In God’s hands are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.*

People: **The sea is his, for he made it.  
The dry land as well, which his hands formed.**

Leader: *O come, let us worship our Lord and our maker!*

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 409 . . . . . “God Is Here!”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us  
with a love beyond our understanding,  
setting us on paths of righteousness for your name’s sake.  
Yet we have strayed from your way;  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
through what we have done and what we have left undone.  
As we remember your grace in the waters of baptism,  
we praise you and give thanks that you forgive us yet again.  
Help us once more to rise daily to new life in Christ,  
serving you and your world however you might call to us. 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

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 89:1–8. . . . . Old Testament, page 516

Anthem

“Let Us Love One Another” . . . . . Michael Allen  
*Lord, hear our humble plea, “Pray, let us love one another.” In all the things we can see, we see you love us. Lord, join our hearts and our minds, that we may know one another. In love let each of us bind, so we may know you. And in the times that are gray, let us be grateful and say, “We know you’ll show us the way through love and with each other, Lord.” Lord, as we stand here today, let us embrace one another; though we may not see your ways, we know and trust you. Combine our lives into one. Let us complete one another. We know in each day to come we’ll grow together, and in the days yet to see, we hope together that we’ll be a light for others to see your love, your light, through us, Lord.*

## First Lesson

Mark 1:14–20 . . . . . New Testament, page 33

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

\*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.

## Second Lesson

Mark 9:30–35 . . . . . New Testament, page 42

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

On a Wing and a Prayer . . . . . Matt Helms

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 39 . . . . . “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*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

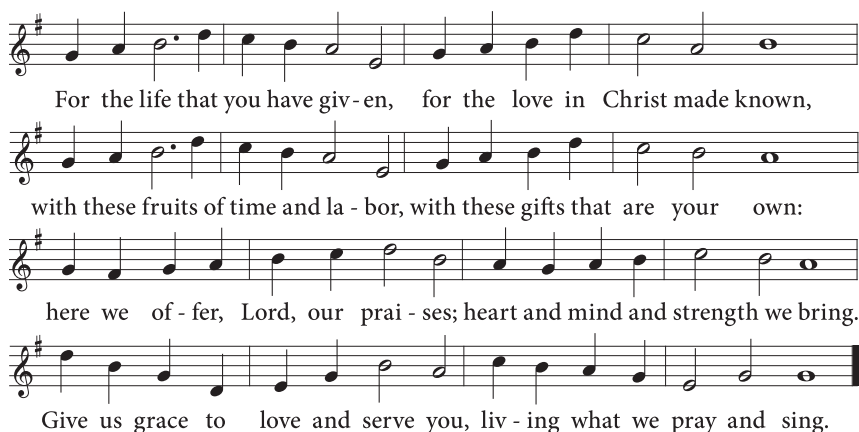
"Amen" . . . . . Anonymous

## Offertory Anthem

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" . . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. M. Roger Holland II

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.*  
*I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.*  
*I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.*  
*I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

## \*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*)

God of love,  
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,  
so may we give ourselves to you,  
living according to your will.  
Keep our feet firmly in the way  
where Christ leads us,  
and may our offerings, words, and deeds  
help to spread your love, hope, and grace. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 691 . . . . . “Lord, When I Came into This Life”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Prelude to a Te Deum . . . . . Marc Antoine Charpentier

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# 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.

### **Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:**

Keaton Elizabeth Melstrom, child of Troy and Courtney Melstrom

Madeleine Jane Melstrom, child of Troy and Courtney Melstrom

James Ronald Woodring, child of Lera and Robert Woodring

### **Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:**

John Reichert McCleary, child of Ryan and Elizabeth McCleary

Nathaniel Patrick O’Donnell, child of Joshua O’Donnell and Jayme McKellop

Camden Bear Rupp, child of Joshua and Ashley Rupp

Sawyer David Stern, child of Benjamin and Carrie Stern

## Worship Leaders

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Judith L. Watt, Jeffrey Doane, Matt Helms

## The Music Today

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The Women's Choir

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

## Worship Notes

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THE WOMEN'S CHOIR is providing musical leadership during worship through July 17. The Women's Choir consists of women from the three adult choirs at Fourth Church: the Chancel Choir, Morning Choir, and Choral Society. The Men's Choir will sing on July 24 and the remaining days of the summer.

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We also offer a monthly fourth-Friday prayer service in the style of Taizé, which meets this month on July 22 at 7:30 p.m.

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