

*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

- Let All the Nations Praise the Lord. . . . . Volckmar Leisring  
arr. David Baldwin
- Air from *Orchestral Suite No. 3*. . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach  
arr. Noel Rawsthorne
- Easter Hymn from *Cavalleria Rusticana*. . . . . Pietro Mascagni  
arr. Craig Garner
- Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach
- Praise God's Glorious Name . . . . . Louis Spohr  
arr. Douglas R. Frederick

### Introit

- "Open to Me the Gates of Righteousness" . . . . . Eric H. Thiman  
*Open to me the gates of righteousness. I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.*

- \*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: *Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."*  
People: And so we come to follow Christ.  
Leader: *Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."*  
People: And so we come to dwell in the light.  
Leader: *Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."*  
People: And so we come,  
leaving behind all else to which we cling,  
to worship and serve God with joy. Amen.

### \*Prayer of Praise

- \*Hymn 12 . . . . . "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God,  
that we breathe the proud spirit of the world,  
the spirit which scorns the way of weakness,  
boasts of its own cleverness,  
clings to knowledge as a means of power,  
and seeks to prove its worth by belittling others.  
Lord, have mercy on us. Holy God, we ask you to reveal yourself to us,  
to bring us wisdom to unsettle our values and to compel our love.  
So fill us with the desire to search for your Spirit of truth  
that, being content to be fools for Christ’s sake,  
we may transform the world. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“I Will Not Leave You Comfortless” . . . . . William Byrd  
*I will not leave you comfortless, alleluia. I go and come again to you, alleluia,  
and your heart shall rejoice, alleluia.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 66:8–20 . . . . . Old Testament, page 500

\*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

Acts 17:22–31 . . . . . New Testament, page 129

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Church, Not a Shrine” . . . . . Hardy H. Kim

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## Responding to the Word

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Hymn 320 . . . . . “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) . . . . . A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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.

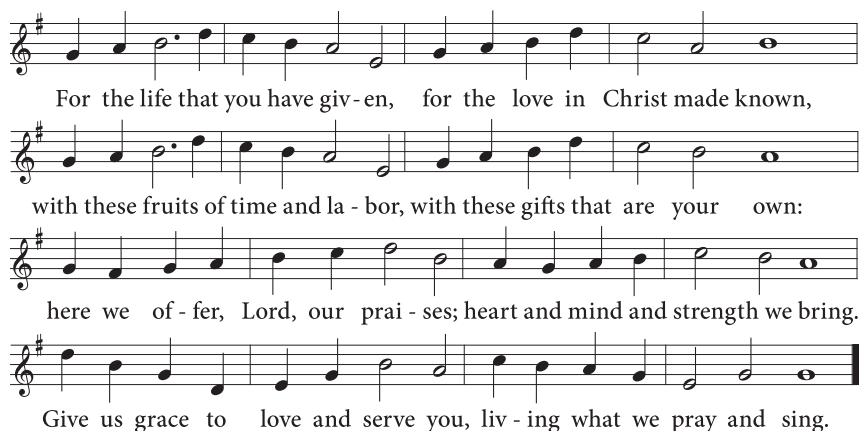
Prayer Response

“Amen” . . . . . Dale Wood

Offertory Anthem

“If Ye Love Me” . . . . . Philip Stopford  
*If ye love me keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
and he will give you another comforter, even the Spirit of truth.*

### \*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 Thanksgiving and Dedication (*unison*)

Hidden God,  
we rejoice that we can know you in Jesus Christ,  
who by eating with the outcast broke down barriers,  
by touching the leper brought wholeness,  
and by welcoming those society scorned proclaimed forgiveness.  
We give thanks that he also  
accepted a drink of water from a Samaritan woman,  
gained strength from a Roman soldier's faith,  
and received help from a stranger who carried his cross.  
Because of his example prejudice no longer binds us,  
and fear of the world around us has lost its power.  
We bring our offerings to you, acknowledging that all your gifts  
are given for our own growth and for the service of humankind.  
Receive them and our worship.  
Accept us and show us the gifts we do not know we have to offer.  
In the name and wisdom of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

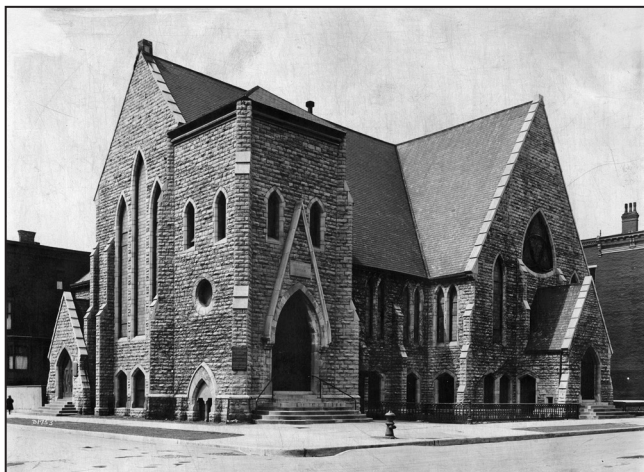
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\*Hymn 826 . . . . . "Lift High the Cross"

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Canzon noni toni . . . . . Giovanni Gabrieli  
arr. Robert King



Today is Dedication Commemoration Sunday at Fourth Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May.

After almost four decades in the sturdy stone structure the congregation had built at Rush and Superior shortly after the 1871 Chicago Fire (top photo), the congregation and its dynamic young pastor, John Timothy Stone, built a new campus on what was then called Lincoln Parkway and is now Michigan Avenue (see middle photo, taken in winter 1911 looking north from the Old Water Tower; Fourth Church would soon be built just this side of the ten-story building in the upper left; that building is where 900 North Michigan is now).



On Sunday, May 10, 1914, the Fourth Church congregation worshiped in the Michigan Avenue Sanctuary for the first time. A series of dedicatory services were held the remainder of that week, and later that month, the new Sanctuary and Parish House buildings were host to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, including the assembly's communion service attended by more than 1,800 worshipers.

Ninety-eight years later, in 2012, the congregation dedicated the Gratz Center addition to the Fourth Church campus (bottom photo).



# Worship Leaders

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Victoria G. Curtiss, Roger Wilson, Jeff Doane, and Hardy H. Kim

# The Music Today

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The Morning Choir; Tower Brass

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

# Worship Notes

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FOURTH CHURCH EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to Tower Brass and the Morning Choir for their musical leadership at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services throughout the academic year. This is the final Sunday for each ensemble this season. Beginning next Sunday, the Men's Choir will sing in worship until July 16, followed by the Women's Choir until September 3. The Morning Choir will return September 10; Tower Brass on September 17.

SHANNON KERSHNER AND MATT HELMS are leading worship this morning at our annual spring Family Camp at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

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 will next be held this Friday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

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