

*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

Air from *Orchestral Suite No. 3*. . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach  
arr. Noel Rawsthorne

### Introit

“If Ye Love Me” . . . . . Thomas Tallis  
*If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father, and he shall give  
you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth.*

\*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: *Bless the Lord, O people sing!*  
People: Let the sound of praise ring out.  
Leader: *Come and hear what God has done.*  
People: Our God, in whom we live and move and have our being.  
Let us praise God’s glorious name.

\*Hymn 694 . . . . . “Great God of Every Blessing”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

People: Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments,  
we fail to love you with our whole heart,  
and we do not love our neighbors as ourselves.  
Our conscience is not clear.  
Wash us in the water of life that we may live again,  
freed from past patterns and burdens.  
Hear us now as we make silent confession . . .  
(*please hold silence*)

Leader: *Through the grace and mercy of Jesus,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Baba Yetu” . . . . . Christopher Tin

*Our Father, who art in heaven. Amen! Our Father, hallowed by thy name.*

*Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us of our trespasses,  
as we forgive others who trespass against us.*

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one forever.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 66:5–12, 16–20 . . . . . 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

1 Peter 3:8–12 . . . . . New Testament, page 220

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Blessed to Be a Blessing . . . . .Victoria G. Curtiss

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 231 . . . . . “Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

\*Affirmation of Faith . . . . . from Philipians 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 should confess to the glory of God:  
 Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me . . . . . arr. Edward Boatner

\*Offertory 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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation

#### Great Thanksgiving

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Prayer

Minister: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

*. . . forever singing to the glory of your name:*

Sanctus (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

#### 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.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“I Will Not Leave You Comfortless” . . . . . Everett Titcomb  
*I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you again, alleluia,  
and your heart shall be joyful, alleluia.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God, you provide the true bread from heaven,  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood  
may abide in him and he in us,  
that we may be filled with the power of his endless love,  
now and forever. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 822 . . . . . “When We Are Living”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in G Major . . . . . Georg Philipp Telemann

TODAY IS DEDICATION COMMEMORATION SUNDAY at Fourth Presbyterian Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May.

One hundred and three years ago, on Sunday, May 10, 1914, the Fourth Church congregation worshiped in the Michigan Avenue Sanctuary for the first time, having moved from its smaller facility on Rush at Superior. 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.

The bulletin cover image is based on a photograph taken in May, 1914.

# Worship Leaders

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Juidth L. Watt, Jim Kendzel, Victoria G. Curtiss

# The Music Today

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The Chancel Choir; Beena David, Laura Kubelka, and Cole Seaton, soloists  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

# Worship Notes

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FOURTH CHURCH IS GRATEFUL TO THE CHANCEL CHOIR for their commitment and musical leadership throughout the year. This morning is the final Sunday for the Chancel Choir 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 volunteer Chancel Choir, which invites singers to join them, will then return September 10.

THE ANTHEM “BABA YETU” was composed in 2005 by Christopher Tin to be the theme song of the video game Civilization IV. The text for this Grammy-award-winning song is an adaptation, by Chris Kiagiri, of the Lord’s Prayer and sung in Swahili.

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