

*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

Sonata in C Major . . . . . Gioacchino Rossini  
Aria . . . . . Giovanni Battista Martini  
Andantino . . . . . Michel Angelo Rossi  
Adagio and Allegro . . . . . Giovanni Battista Pescetti

### Introit

Vacation Bible School Medley (9:30)

“O Thou Sweetest Source of Gladness” (11:00). . . . . Louis Bourgeois  
arr. Philip Ledger

*O thou sweetest source of gladness, light's all lovely fountainhead,  
who alike in joy and sadness leavest none unvisited.  
Breath of Godhead, highest King, who, upholding everything,  
wilt uphold with love undying, hear, O hear me humbly crying.*

\*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: *Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.*

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: *Surely the Lord is in this place!*

People: **This is the house of God.**

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 8 . . . . . “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of mercy, God of love, in humility of heart we confess our sins.  
We forget to love and serve you, and wander from your ways.  
We are careless of your world and put its life in danger.  
We talk of our concern for others,  
but fail to match our words with action.  
Forgive us. Reform us inside and out,  
so that we may reflect your love before a watching world. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Unison Prayer (11:00)

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

“O God, My Heart Is Ready” . . . . . Simon Lindley  
*O God, my heart is ready; I will sing and give praise with the best music that I have.  
Awake, lute and harp; I myself will awake right early.  
My lips shall speak of thy praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.  
Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word, for all thy commandments are righteous.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 85:8–13 . . . . . Old Testament, page 514

\*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

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 . . . . . Old Testament, page 32

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 754 . . . . . “Help Us Accept Each Other”

\*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

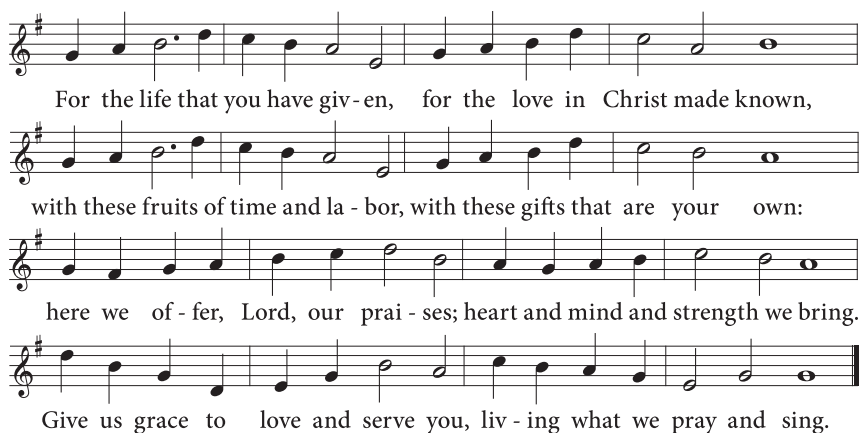
“O Thou, That Hearest Prayer” . . . . . Eric DeLamar  
*O thou, that hearest prayer, attend our humble cry;  
 and let thy servants share thy blessing from on high.  
 We plead the promise of thy word: grant us thy Holy Spirit, Lord. Amen.*

## Offertory Anthem

“Sweet Peace” . . . . . Mark Sirett

*Sweet peace, where dost thou dwell? I humbly crave, let me once know, where dost thou dwell. There was a prince of old at Salem dwelt, who lived of good increase of flock and fold; he sweetly lived, yet sweetness did not save his life from foes. And after death out of his grave, there sprang twelve stalks of wheat, which many wondering at got some of those to plant and set. It prospered strangely, did soon disperse, for they that taste it, they do rehearse, that virtue lies within, a secret virtue bringing peace and mirth. Take of this grain, which in my garden grows for you, make bread of it; take that repose, take that peace, which everywhere you pursue is only there. My peace I give to you, peace I leave with you, sweet peace.*

### \*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*)

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ our brother and our Savior. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 757 . . . . . “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major . . . . . Tommaso Albinoni

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“Let the little children come to me . . .  
for it is to such as these that the  
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

*Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

## **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 11:00 worship service:**

Jacob Thomas Dekker, child of Benjamin and Stephanie Dekker

Maxwell McLain Dekker, child of Benjamin and Stephanie Dekker

Nicholas Oscar Charles Perry, child of Don and Julie Perry

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## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Victoria G. Curtiss, Sarah Younger, Jeffrey Doane, Rocky Supinger

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## The Music Today

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Women's Choir; Vacation Bible School Chorus (9:30)

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth (9:30)

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist (9:30)

## Worship Notes

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FOR THE 9:30 INTROIT, children from Vacation Bible School are singing some of the songs they learned as part of this past week's VBS program on "Rome: Paul and the Underground Church."

THE FOURTH CHURCH WOMEN'S CHOIR is singing in worship through September 3. The Chancel and Morning Choirs will return on September 10.

THE BANNERS DISPLAYED IN THE SANCTUARY are based on seven statements attributed to Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to John in which Jesus declares "I am . . . the Resurrection and the Life; the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Gate; the Good Shepherd; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and the Vine."

The banners were designed and created by Associate Pastor Victoria G. Curtiss.

In the literature racks is a brochure explaining them, with accompanying prayers.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo depicts the carved stone arch above the pulpit.

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