

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Four Quiet Interludes Lloyd Webber
1. Elegiac
 2. Dorian
 3. Pastorale
 4. Choral

Introit

- Vacation Bible School Medley (9:30)
- “O, Bless the Lord, My Soul” (11:00) Aaron Thomas
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel
- O, bless the Lord, my soul. Let all within me join and aid my tongue
to bless his name whose favors are divine.*

- *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: *The world belongs to God,*
People: **the earth and all its people.**
- Leader: *How good it is, how wonderful,*
People: **to live together in unity.**
- Leader: *Love and faith come together;*
People: **justice and peace join hands.**
- Leader: *Open our lips, O God,*
People: **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

*Prayer of Praise

- *Hymn 301 “Let Us Build a House”

*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving and gracious God, we confess that we have turned away from your will for our lives. For hurts we have hidden, for promises we have never kept, for poor stewardship of your abundant gifts, for kindly words we have refused to share, forgive us. For we are bearers of your image for this world. Grant that, by your grace, we would amend our ways and step into your fullness as bearers of goodness, fullness, joy, and peace; through Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

“The Garden Hymn” Ronald Perera

The Lord into his garden comes, the spices yield a rich perfume, the lilies grow and thrive; amazing love and grace divine, from Jesus flow to every vine, and make the dead revive. Come, children, ye that love the Lord, who taste the sweetness of his word, in Jesus’ ways go on; our troubles and our trials here will only make us richer there, when we arrive at home. The glorious time is rolling on; the gracious work is now begun, my soul a witness is; I taste and see the pardon free for all mankind as well as me, who come to Christ to live.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 34:1–8 Old Testament, page 480

*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.

†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Scripture Lesson

Acts of the Apostles 17:1-15 New Testament, page 128

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: “A Spirit Revolution”

“Turning the World Upside Down” Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 305 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

*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

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” Camille Saint-Saëns

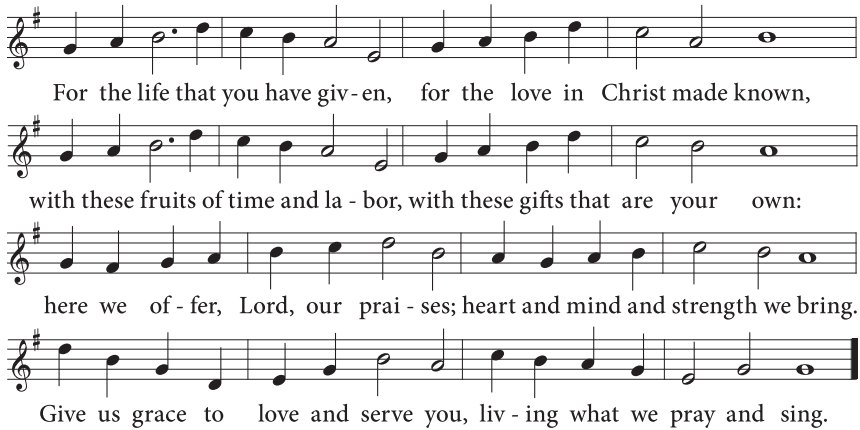
Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Amazing Grace” American folk hymn; arr. John Coates

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

*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*)

Gracious God, all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above!
And so we thank you for your abundant love, abundant life, and abundant
grace. In these moments we dedicate these gifts to you. May they extend
your realm on this earth, and may they remind us of our commitment
to be agents of grace and gratitude in all we do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

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

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Postlude in G Major E. S. Hosmer

“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 9:30 worship service:

Nikolas Giovanni Coleman, child of Joseph and Elizabeth Coleman
Lucas Quiney Dow, child of Bill and Madelyn Dow
James Thomson Farrell, child of Matthew Farrell and Rebecca Thomson
Avi Levin, child of Jonathan Levin and Catherine Lind
Ariel Levin, child of Jonathan Levin and Catherine Lind
Ben Hogan Taylor, child of Brandon and Leslie Taylor

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

Theodore Stephen Dunbar, child of Curtis and Jennifer Dunbar
Dominick Joseph Monge, child of Joseph and Katie Monge
Milly Margaret Moore, child of John and Elizabeth Moore
Claire Eleanor Szafranec, child of John and Mary Christina Szafranec

Worship Leaders

9:30 Shawn Fiedler, Sue Thompson, Judith L. Watt, Lucy Forster-Smith

11:00 Shawn Fiedler, Kathi Rodak, Judith L. Watt, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

Men's Choir

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

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 Old Testament prophets.

THIS SUMMER'S SERMON SERIES on the Acts of the Apostles, "A Spirit Revolution," invites us to widen our imaginations about what God might do through us as individuals and as a church.

THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent).

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