

THE CENTRAL CHRISTIAN BELIEF is that Christ's death has somehow put us right with God and given us a fresh start. Theories as to how it did this are another matter. A good many different theories have been held as to how it works: what all Christians agree on is that it works.

C. S. Lewis
Mere Christianity

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church.

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets for 900 parking must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, April 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, April 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399.

Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

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MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Sung by the Central State University Chorus

INTROIT

“Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”

Giovanni Croce

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth.
O knit my heart unto thee that I may love thy name.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

*HYMN 76

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race,
you sent your Son to take our nature
and to suffer death upon the cross.
In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience
to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ,
our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: 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

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

ANTHEM Sung by the Central State University Chorus

PSALTER Psalm 51:1–12 (*responsively*) (page 492, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 12:24–33 (page 100, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD
“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to myself.” John 12:32 (NRSV)

***HYMN 101** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *Tune:* HAMBURG

***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)
**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

“Kyrie Eleison”

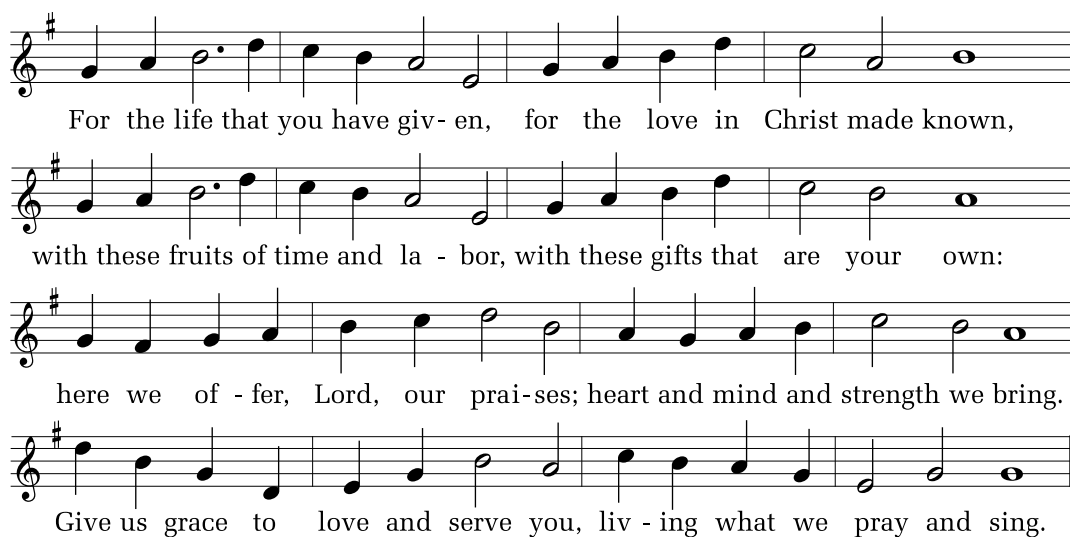
Morgan Simmons

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Sung by the Central State University Chorus

*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.

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

All: **Great God, we thank you for Jesus,
who suffered shameful death to rescue us.
We praise you for the trust we have in him,
for mercy undeserved,
and for the love you pour out on us and on all.
Give us gratitude, O God,
and a great desire to serve you by taking our cross
and following in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

***HYMN 98**

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Tune: PASSION CHORALE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Joseph Jongen

BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

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.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

Mia Alexandra Yaung Grady, daughter of Kerry Grady and Kim Yaung Grady

Wilson Robert Truong Hinchsliff, son of James and Megan Hinchsliff

Charlie Jungles Krause, son of Eric and Susan Krause

Matthew James Sinclair, son of David and Renata Sinclair

Stephanie Amber Sinclair, daughter of David and Renata Sinclair

Jane Mae Skattum, daughter of TJ and Kate Skattum

Lucy Ann Skattum, daughter of TJ and Kate Skattum

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Charlie Scott Blomquist, son of Scott and Andee Blomquist

William Yunhyung Choi, son of Edward Choi and Mira Lee

Drew Elizabeth Crane, daughter of Kyle and Rebekah Crane

Katherine Jane Goltra, daughter of Andrew and Melissa Goltra

Lila Elizabeth Dorothy Massey, daughter of Aaron and Susan Massey

Kate Elizabeth Retterer, daughter of Peter and Cindy Retterer

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. John W. Vest, Victoria G. Curtiss, John M. Buchanan

11:00 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Victoria G. Curtiss, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Central State University Chorus; the Morning Choir

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

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Moment for Discipleship is presented by Marilee Hopkins, who serves as treasurer for Fourth Church.

Fourth Church extends its appreciation to the Central State University Chorus for its music leadership this morning. Central State University is located in southwestern Ohio, and its chorus, led by William Caldwell, has sung with numerous orchestras, including the Cincinnati Symphony and the Cleveland Orchestra. The chorus twice toured Europe and is in Chicago on its spring tour, which will include performances in New York, Washington, D. C., Detroit, and Indianapolis.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program and Elam Davies Social Service Center, the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The unfolding flower growing out of a crown of thorns, shown on this week's bulletin cover, provides an apt metaphor for the new life arising from Christ's death and resurrection. It is carved into the underside of the octagonal sounding board over the Fourth Church pulpit.

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