

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Dearest Jesus, We Are Here *Frederick Frahm*

INTROIT “Praise the Lord, His Glories Show”
William Henry Monk
arr. Donald Kettering

Praise the Lord, his glories show, alleluia.
Saints within his courts below, alleluia;
angels round his throne above, alleluia;
all that see and share his love, alleluia!

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 472** “O Sing to the Lord” *Tune: CANTAD AL SEÑOR*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from
neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin,
and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM “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 bide with you forever: even the Spirit of truth.

PSALTER Psalm 98 (*responsively*) (page 521, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 15:9–17 (page 103, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by John W. Vest

FROZEN CHOSEN FREEZER BURN

“You did not choose me but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will last.” John 15:16 (NRSV)

***HYMN 343** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” *Tune: BEECHER*

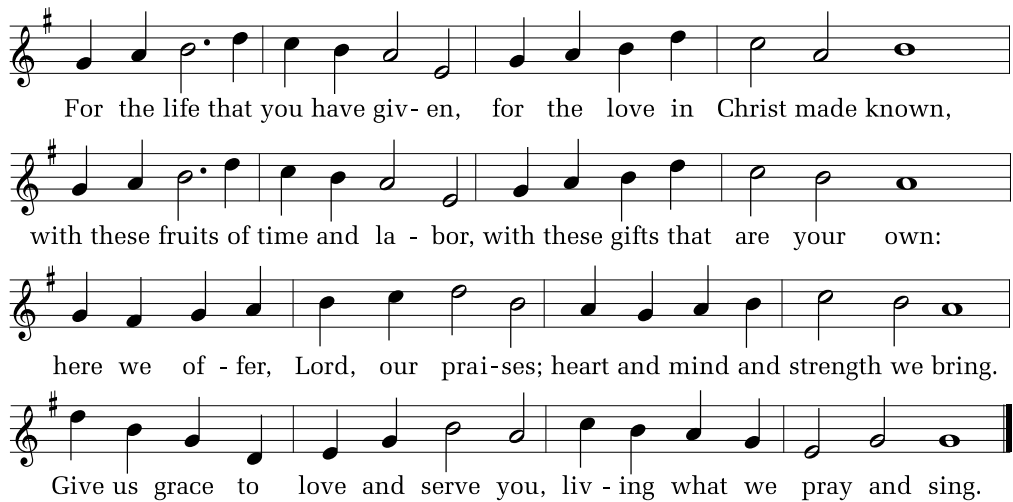
***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

**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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO “Morning Song” *Edward Elgar*

*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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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.

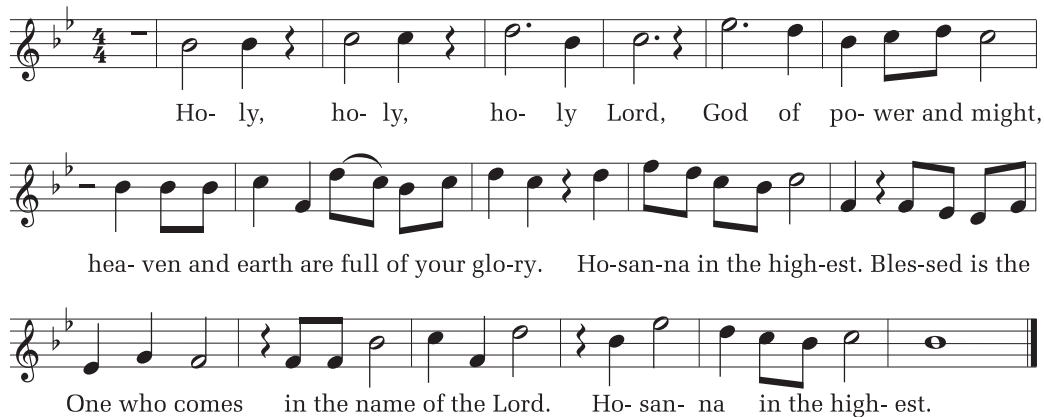
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

PRAYER

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

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 Am the Resurrection and the Life”

William Croft

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall
he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall
never die. I know that my Redeemer liveth and that he
shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though
after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh
shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself, and mine
eyes shall behold and not another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we thank you for the love
that brings us food from heaven,
gives us the life of your dear Son,
and assures us that we belong to the company
of all his faithful people in heaven and on earth.
Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship
and by the power of his Holy Spirit,
we may continue his work in the world,
until we come to the glory of your eternal kingdom.
Amen.**

***HYMN 516**

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Intermezzo in C Major

Hermann Schroeder

The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

THE LORD’S SUPPER is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of the bread.

In the act of remembering that is the Lord’s Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order

WORSHIP LEADERS

Joann H. Lee, Adam Fronczek, John W. Vest

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

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

WORSHIP NOTES

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. 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 buildings were host to 1,800 attendees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. In addition to observing the 95th anniversary of the dedication of the sanctuary, the congregation also celebrates today the 100th anniversary of John Timothy Stone's ministry at Fourth Church. Dr. Stone served this congregation from 1909 to 1930.

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