

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Sonata I in E-flat Major *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Allegro Moderato-Adagio-Allegro

INTROIT “Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee” *Plainsong*
Thee we adore, O hidden Savior; thee, who at this blessed feast
art pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

***HYMN 488** “The God of Abraham Praise” *Tune: LEONI*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of all creation,
you call us into communities of care and
bind us together as one body with your love,
yet we fail to accept the responsibilities of this covenant life.
Our first thoughts are always our own desires,
not the needs of our sisters and brothers.
When we make mistakes, we deny wrongdoing
or try to evade the consequences of our actions.
We live as individuals, not as members of your family.
Help us to lay aside our egos and live in humility,
grace, and peace with all of your children. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 51 (*sung*) (The Hymnal, 195)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Samuel 11:26–12:15a (page 272, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Stand as you are able.*

SERMON

by John W. Vest

IF THE PARABLE DOESN'T FIT, YOU MUST ACQUIT

*HYMN 386

“O for a World”

Tune: AZMON

*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 ANTHEM “Tantum ergo”

Gabriel Fauré

Therefore we, before him bending, his great sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their end, for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.
Amen.

*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.**

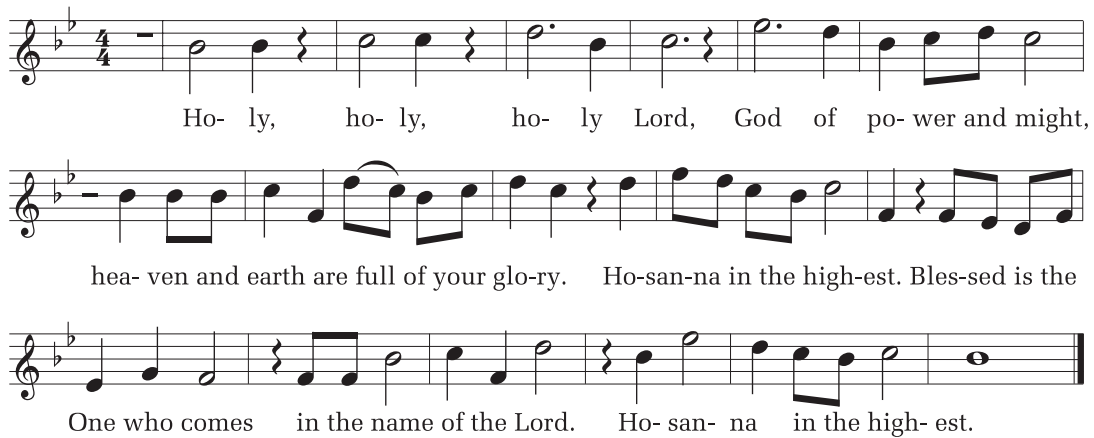
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PRAYER

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

. . . 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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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 “Cantique de Jean Racine”

G. Fauré
arr. D. G. Mason

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, eternal light of the earth and the sky and from the peaceful night, our voices break the silence, divine Savior. Upon us turn your eyes, divine Savior; pour out on us the fire of thy grace, strong and mighty, that hell shall flee, shall flee at thy command. Dispel the slumber from souls that languish, that leads our souls to depart from thy laws. O Christ, bestow thy favor upon thy people, faithful, for we bless you as we now congregate. Receive the songs we offer to thine immortal glory and from these gifts we return unto thee.

PSALM 23 (*recited in unison after all have received the cup*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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: **Gracious God of love, we thank you for the many ways you care for us and make yourself known to us in the love we share with each other. You make us one with all your children. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service in the world. Help us to be faithful disciples of Christ, so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world. Alleluia! Amen.**

***HYMN 375**

“Lord of All Good”

Tune: TOULON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Prelude to a Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 (NRSV)

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 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. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. 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 the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

"I am the bread of life."

John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Linda C. Loving, John W. Vest

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Women of the Morning Choir

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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The women of the Morning Choir will be singing during morning worship services in August; the full Morning and Chancel choirs will return in September.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. An afternoon Communion service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel on the fourth Friday of each month.

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). Through their combination of scripture texts and image, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day.

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