# MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude Petite Suite Gabriel Pierné

Pastorale—Gavotte—Guardian Angel

Introit "O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips" Bruce Neswick

\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *Tune:* St. Denio

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the sufferings of the ages, with the crusades and the holocausts of a thousand years; the cries of anguish still fill the night. We have squandered the gift of life. The good life of some is built on the pain of many; the pleasure of a few on the agony of millions. Our quest to possess ever more things and our pursuit after our own security and survival deny your life-giving love. We confess before you our failure to live as your children, brothers and sisters bound together in love. Teach us anew what it means to be your people in this world. Have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

#### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

#### MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

ANTHEM "Sing to the Lord" Alice Parker

**P**SALTER Psalm 124 (responsively) (page 540, O.T.)

\*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

<sup>\*</sup>Stand as you are able

**Scripture Lesson** Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22 (page 427, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.** 

**SERMON** by Joann H. Lee

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

\*Hymn 285 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

Tune: Austrian Hymn

\*Apostles' Creed (unison)

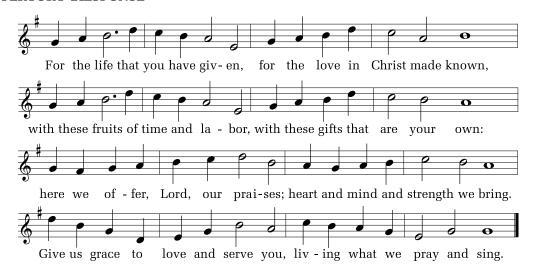
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; 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.

#### **O**FFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "Sicilienne"

Gabriel Fauré

#### \*Offertory Response



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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:



hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the



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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** "Bread of the World"

Clifford Harker

Bread of the world in mercy broken; wine of the soul in mercy shed; by whom the words of life were spoken and in whose death our sins are dead: look on the heart by sorrow broken; look on the tears by sinners shed; and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

We bless you, O God, for gifts of bread and cup, for sustaining us in hope every day of our lives. We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN 488 "The God of Abraham Praise" Tune: Leoni

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Aria Pastorella Valentin Rathgeber

# 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 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 grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order





# Fourth Presbyterian Church is a church alive—

in worship, education and discipleship, and mission and service.

Join us in the month ahead as we celebrate and share stories of "church alive," including the one presented this morning by Stewart Bradley, and as we kick off the 2010 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, embracing our call to be a church alive.

When you give, your church comes alive.

When you give, you come alive.

www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Calum I. MacLeod, Alice M. Trowbridge, Joann H. Lee

## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, flutist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

Bulletins covers for this worship service feature photographs taken at Fourth Church. In the spirit of financial and environmental stewardship, the bulletins and the "News and Opportunities" inserts utilize recyclable paper that contains recycled post-consumer waste and is acid-free. The printing is done with inks having low volatile organic compounds and formulated with soy and vegetable oils. All bulletins and inserts left in the baskets by the doors are recycled.

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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