

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Christ Came to the Jordan River *Johann Sebastian Bach*
All Who Believe and Are Baptized *Richard Proulx*
Shall We Gather at the River *John Ferguson*

INTROIT “O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord” *Stephen Sturk*
O come, let us sing to the Lord. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

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

***HYMN 292** “All Beautiful the March of Days” *Tune: FOREST GREEN*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. 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

- PSALTER** Psalm 29 (*responsively*) (page 477, O.T.)
- ANTHEM** “At the River” *Aaron Copland*
Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels’ feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful river, gather with
the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.
Soon we’ll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
- FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 43:1–7 (page 631, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
- *GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)
- SECOND LESSON** Luke 3:15–17, 21–22 (page 56, N.T.)
- SERMON** JOHN M. BUCHANAN
What’s in a Name?
“*You are precious in my sight, . . . and I love you.*”
Isaiah 43:4 (NRSV)
“*You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.*”
Luke 3:22 (NRSV)
- *HYMN 300** “Down to Earth, as a Dove” *Tune: PERSONENT HODIE*
- *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 "Amen"

Richard Warner

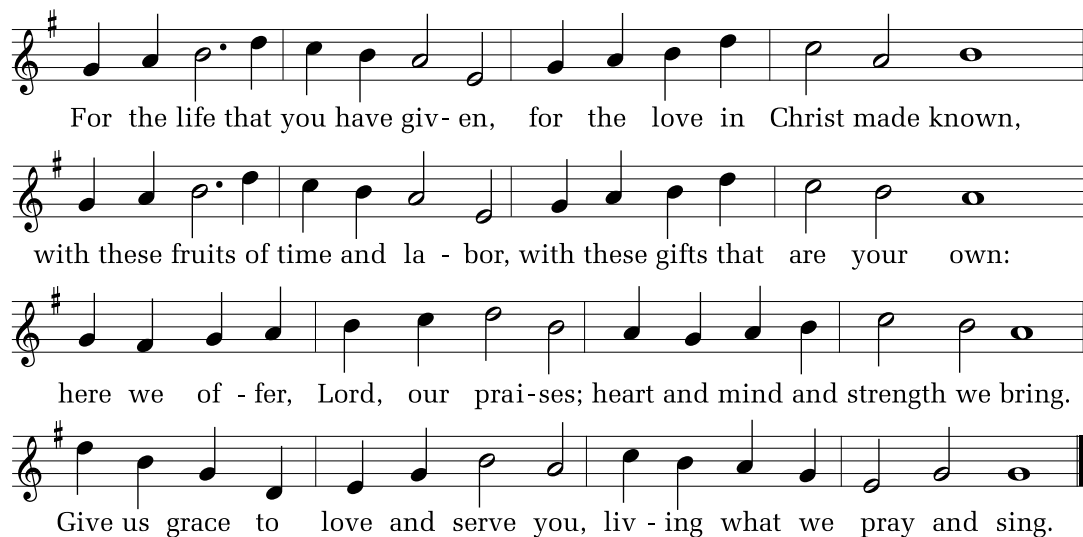
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Deep River" from *A Child of Our Time*

*African American spiritual
arr. Michael Tippett*

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want
to cross over into camp ground. O, children, don't you want to
go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace?
Walk into heaven and take my seat and cast my crown at Jesus' feet;
Lord, I want to cross over into camp ground.

*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: **God of heaven and earth,
you call us to come in humility before you,
bringing the offering of our very selves.
By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts
the witness that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord.
Accept all we have and are, O God,
in the service of Jesus Christ
and strengthen us with your Spirit's power,
now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 361**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Tune: FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Joy

Johann Sebastian Bach

“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

Each second Sunday of the 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

Caroline Leigh Choccol, daughter of Marc and Tracy Choccol
Yejune Joshua Kim, son of Hans Kim and Alison Lee

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Caroline Paige Dellin, daughter of Tomas and Becky Dellin
Scott Prescott Nicholson, son of Scott and Alice Nicholson

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Joyce Shin, John M. Buchanan

11:00 a.m. John H. Boyle, Joyce Shin, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist

11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist

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

WORSHIP NOTES

The music for the Doxology, sung by generations of Christians every Sunday, is attributed to Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510 – c. 1561). Bourgeois, a follower of John Calvin in Geneva, was particularly interested in singing the psalms. In 1545, he was paid to perform the psalms, and the following year he and the city pastors developed a list of psalms to be sung at worship. Bourgeois set to work improving psalm tunes but ended up in prison for having changed the tunes of some printed psalms without a license, a disturbing action to those who had learned and were attached to the already-printed “old” tunes. Calvin intervened to have Bourgeois released from prison after one day. Eventually Bourgeois’ alterations to the tunes were accepted and published in Geneva, including the Doxology tune, which is widely known as Old Hundredth.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

Bulletin 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.

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