

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	Jesu, Friend of Sinners	<i>Edvard Grieg arr. Donald R. Frederick</i>
	My Lord, What a Morning	<i>African American spiritual arr. Richard Billingham</i>
	A Rose Tree Blossoms	<i>Alan Hovhaness arr. Christine Worthing</i>
	Swing Low, Sweet Chariot	<i>African American spiritual arr. Calvin Taylor</i>
	There Is a Balm in Gilead	<i>African American spiritual arr. Robert Walters</i>

INTROIT	“Christ within Us”	<i>Donald Bryant</i>
	Christ within us; Christ beside us; Christ before us;	
	Christ to guide us; Christ in rising; Christ in sleeping;	
	Christ in working; Christ in speaking.	

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

***HYMN 138** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” *Tune: NICAEA*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart
and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

“Steal Away”

African American spiritual
arr. Dale Adelman

Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me; he calls me by the thunder; the trumpet
sounds within my soul. I ain't got long to stay here. Steal away
to Jesus. O, green trees bending, poor sinner stands trembling,
the trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.
Steal away to Jesus; steal away home.

PSALTER

Psalm 36 (*congregation sings the refrain*)



Your love, Lord, reaches to heaven, your truth to the skies.
Your justice is like God's mountain, your judgments like the deep.

Refrain:

Your love, Lord, reaches to heaven, your truth to the skies.

To mortals and beasts you give protection. O Lord, how precious
is your love. My God, the children of the earth find refuge in the
shelter of your wings. (***Refrain***)

They feast on the riches of your house; they drink from the stream
of your delight. In you is the source of life, and in your light we
see light. (***Refrain***)

Keep on loving those who know you, doing justice for upright hearts.
Let the foot of the proud not crush me, nor the hand of the wicked
cast me out. (***Refrain***)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:1–11

(page 87, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Miracle at a Wedding

“On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.” John 2:1–2 (NRSV)

***HYMN 367**

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Tune: CHEREPONI

***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

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

George Brandon

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and
grant us thy peace. Amen.

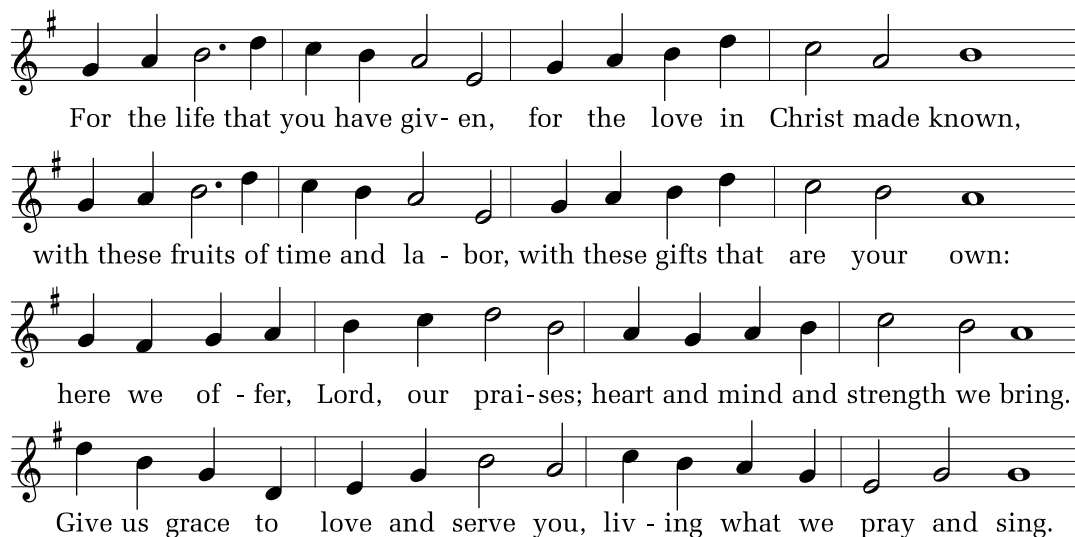
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Sound the Full Chorus” from *Solomon*

George Frideric Handel

Sound the full chorus to sing the Lord’s praise. For God is our King
and the sun of our days. Flow sweetly the numbers that dwell on
his name and rouse the whole nation in songs to his fame.

***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: **Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good,
we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life.
We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to
heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross
and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives,
we live to praise you, our God forever. Gracious God,
who called us from death to life, we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through all ages, we thank you
for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***HYMN 563**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Sonata pian’e forte

*Giovanni Gabrieli
arr. Robert King*

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Eighty-one years ago, on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta. Only thirty-five years later, this pastor and civil rights leader became the youngest individual to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. On this weekend when we join churches and communities across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., we read here again the words he wrote from the Birmingham Jail in April 1963, excerpted from his letter, which was first printed in the Christian Century.

“We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be coworkers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. . . .

“If today’s church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. . . . Is organized religion too inextricably bound to the status quo to save our nation and the world? Perhaps I must turn my faith to the inner spiritual church, the church within the church, as the true *ekklesia* and the hope of the world. But again I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom. . . . They have acted in the faith that right defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment.”

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Tower Brass; the Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist

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

Matthew Comerford, Director of Tower Brass

WORSHIP NOTES

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month during the academic year.

The hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing," based on the poem written by James Weldon Johnson for a 1900 celebration of Lincoln's birthday that was attended by Booker T. Washington, later became the anthem of the civil rights movement.

John Buchanan's sermons up through Easter will be based on incidents in the life of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John and inspired by Frances Taylor Gench's book *Encounters with Jesus: Studies in the Gospel of John* (copies of which are available during Coffee Hour).

January 17: Miracle at a Wedding

January 24: Appointment after Dark

February 21: Conversation at a Well

February 28: Confrontation with the Accused and Her Accusers

March 7: Two Angry Sisters and Their Recently Deceased Brother

March 14: Extravagant Intimacy with Dearest Friends

March 21: New Commandment

March 28: On Trial: Who Is Your King?

April 4: A New World at First Light

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