MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude My Lord, What a Morning

African American spiritual arr. Richard Billingham

Introit "Christ within Us" Donald Bryant

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.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

"Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name"

African American spiritual arr. Eric Budzynski

Hush, hush, somebody's calling my name. O my Lord, what shall I do? I'm so glad I got my religion in time.

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 LESSONJohn 2:1–11

(page 87, N.T.)

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

SERMON

John M. Buchanan

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)

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.

OFFERING

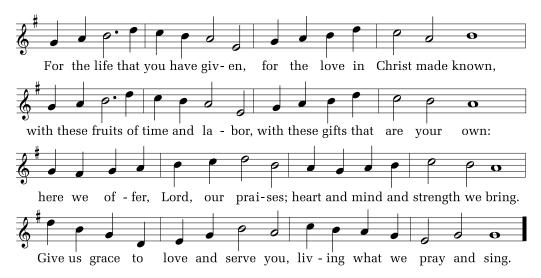
OFFERTORY SOLO

"Deep River"

African American spiritual arr. Harry Burleigh

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, hard, I want to cross over into campground. O, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land, where all is peace?

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

Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

African American spiritual arr. William Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say "He died for all."

Prayer after Communion (unison)

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 Trumpet Tune

Flor Peeters

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

"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. . . . 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."

—1963 Letter from the Birmingham Jail, first published in the Christian Century

WORSHIP LEADERS

Joann H. Lee, John H. Boyle, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter and Cole Seaton, soloists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

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. All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper.

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.

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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