

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *John Joubert*

INTROIT “Introit for Transfiguration Day” *Morgan Simmons*
Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels
praising. Alleluia! This is God’s beloved Son! Law and
prophets sing before him, first and last and only one.
All creation shall adore him! Alleluia!

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

***HYMN 443** “O Christ, the Great Foundation” *Tune: AURELIA*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Eternal God,
from the beginning of time
you have called your children
into communion with you.
Yet we confess that so often
we turn our own way,
refusing your love and grace.
Restore us to the joy of knowing you
and recognizing your reign among us,
through Jesus Christ,
bringer of your good news.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

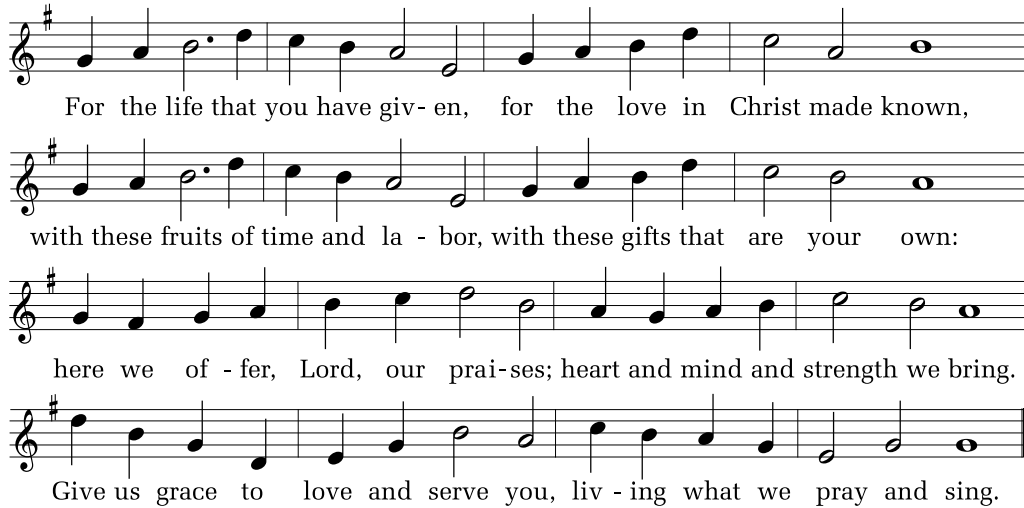
ANTHEM	“God Is Seen”	<i>Alice Parker</i>
	Through all the world God is seen all around; search hills and valleys through, there he’s found. The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn, the pleasant and forlorn, all declare, God is there; in meadows dressed in green, God is seen. See springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run, the mist that veils the sky hides the sun. Then down the rain doth pour, the ocean, it doth roar and beat upon the shore; and all praise in their ways the God who never declines his designs. The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies the comet in her blaze; “God,” she cries; the shining of the stars, the moon, when she appears, his awful name declares, see them fly through the sky, and join the solemn sound all around.	
PSALTER	Psalm 99 (<i>responsively</i>)	(page 522, O.T.)
*GLORIA PATRI		(The Hymnal, 579)
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 9:28–36	(page 65, N.T.)
	Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	Staying in Touch	SARAH A. JOHNSON
*HYMN 339	“Be Thou My Vision”	<i>Tune: SLANE</i>
*APOSTLES’ CREED	<i>(unison)</i>	
	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 “Laudamus Te” from *Gloria* *Antonio Vivaldi*

We praise thee, Lord. We give blessing to thee.
We adore the Lord; we glorify thy name.

*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 "Be Known to Us"

Richard Proulx

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. Alleluia. One body are we, though many; we share one bread. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Let All Together Praise Our God

Nikolaus Vetter

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 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, 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.

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

Donna Gray, Thomas C. Rook, Sarah A. Johnson

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Andrea Pokrefke and Carol Carpenter, soloists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

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. 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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