

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"

Thomas Morley

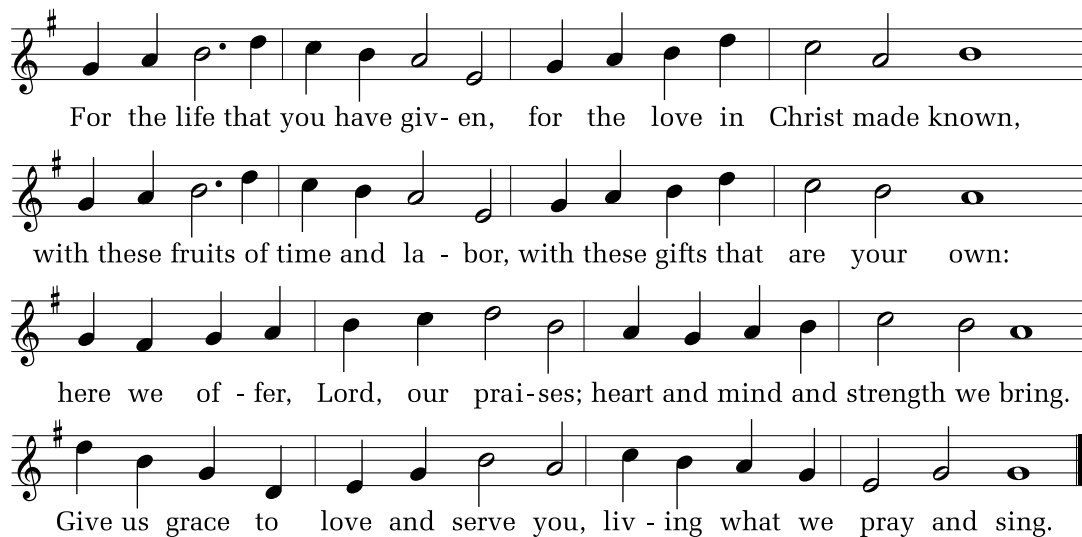
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Miserere Mei"

William Byrd

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

*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 compassion,
we praise you that you look upon our frail lives
with love and understanding,
and that you desire for us all
new life in Jesus Christ.
We are overwhelmed by your love,
which goes to the cross for us,
endures the grave,
and leads us to new life.
By your Spirit,
strengthen our souls to be brave
and bold in Christ's service.
Take our offerings and use them,
and us, for your purposes,
In the name of Jesus Christ,
our crucified and risen Lord.
Amen.**

***HYMN 76**

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Marcia Celtica

Eric H. Thiman

“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

Tate William Glendinning, son of Brent and Paige Glendinning
Olivia Emerson Hartley, daughter of Ryan and Katie Hartley
Gavin Christopher Heck, son of Mark Heck and Gina Louis
Gennings Grace Luban, daughter of Jeff Luban and Melonie Collmann
Sara Jane Wallace, daughter of Joseph and Susan Wallace
Carter Benjamin York, son of Benjamin and Claire York

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Charles Edward Bugielski, son of Michael and Tracy Bugielski
Aurelia Mae Corsello, daughter of Kevin and Beth Corsello
Eleanor B. Detlefsen, daughter of Hans Detlefsen and Emily Bradley
Braden Blair Eklund, son of Blair and Kristina Eklund
Georgia Camille Gordon, daughter of Brodie and Jennifer Gordon
Bennett Robert Miller, son of Eric and Christine Miller

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, John Buchanan

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Sugar Strings; the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Director

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's prelude is played by the string trio SugarStrings. Fourth Church welcomes to worship this talented trio of cousins: Adé Williams (age 12, violin), Mira Williams (age 12, violin and viola), and Ayanna Williams (age 18, cello).

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Elam Davies Social Service Center as well as the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs. To make a gift to this offering, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

John Buchanan's current sermon series is 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* (copies of which are available during Coffee Hour). Previous sermons in the series are available in the literature racks and in both audio and transcript formats at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html.

March 21: New Commandment

March 28: On Trial: Who Is Your King?

April 4: A New World at First Light

The prayer by Walter Brueggemann that appears on the bulletin cover is reprinted from *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*.

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