MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude Adagio Tommaso Albinoni

Introit "Blessed Be God's Glorious Name"

George Thalben-Ball

Blessed be God's glorious name forever, and let the whole earth be filled with God's glory. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*Hymn 343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Tune: Beecher

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creator God,

you have woven your creation together

using your relationship with us

and ours with each other to give rich,

intricate, and diverse patterns to all of life.

Forgive us when our choices tear the fabric of our lives;

forgive us when we want only to connect

with those who are like us.

Challenge us to accept our differences

as divine gifts, for all are created in your image.

Help us to weave our lives together

as we connect through these special gifts from you.

Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PSALTER Psalm 77:11–20 (responsively) (page 508, O.T.)

ANTHEM "Verily, Verily I Say unto You" Thomas Tallis

Verily, verily I say unto you: except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. They that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth

in me, and I in them.

First Lesson Luke 9:51–62 (page 66, N.T.)

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

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

Second Lesson Galatians 5:1, 13–25 (page 179, N.T.)

SERMON Free to Bear Fruit JOANN H. LEE

*HYMN 438 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Tune: Dennis

*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.

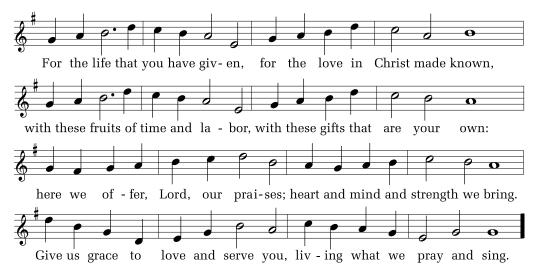
OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY "Bist Du Bei Mir"

Johann Sebastian Bach

You are with me, my joy forever, until my death and unto my rest. O, how content all of my earthly days, and at the end will your warm and loving hand reach to gently close my eyes.

*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:





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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 "O Lamb of God"

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

O God, you have bound us together in common life, which we have celebrated at your holy table. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to stand together, to walk together, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect. Teach us to abide in your love and to share your love with one another and the world. Amen.

*Hymn 386 "O for a World" Tune: Azmon

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Postlude Cebell Henry Purcell

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. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) 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

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Calum I. MacLeod, Thomas C. Rook, Joann H. Lee

THE MUSIC TODAY

Members of the Morning Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

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