

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Major *Felix Mendelssohn*

INTROIT “Holy Is the Lord” *William B. Bradbury*
Holy is the Lord! Sing, O ye people, gladly adore. Let the mountains tremble at God’s word; let the hills be joyful before God; mighty in wisdom, boundless in mercy, great is Jehovah, King over all.

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

***HYMN 465** “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”
Tune: TOKYŌ

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God,
we confess that it is still too easy for us
to sacrifice our convictions for convenience,
your standards for status,
your principles for promotion,
your absolutes for our ambition,
our souls for unsatisfying success.
How easily we are seduced by power,
prestige, pleasure, or possessions—
seduced into violating our integrity
or harming our fellowship with you.
From the many distractions of our lives,
we turn to you again.
Forgive us our half-hearted devotion
and our double-minded spirit,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 52 (*responsively*) (page 493, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“I Will Sing New Songs” from *Biblical Songs*

Antonin Dvořák

I will sing new songs of gladness; I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery. Every day will I extol thee and will bless thy holy name. Great is God and great his mercy; who shall tell of all his greatness? Who shall his power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor and of thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yea, I shall tell of thy great kindness and of thy wondrous might; and my voice shall proclaim aloud thy glory.

FIRST LESSON

Amos 8:1–12

(page 807, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 10:38–42

(page 67, N.T.)

SERMON

JOANN H. LEE

Easily Distracted

“But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things.’”

Luke 10:41 (NRSV)

***HYMN 339**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Tune: SLANE

***APOSTLES' CREED**

(unison)

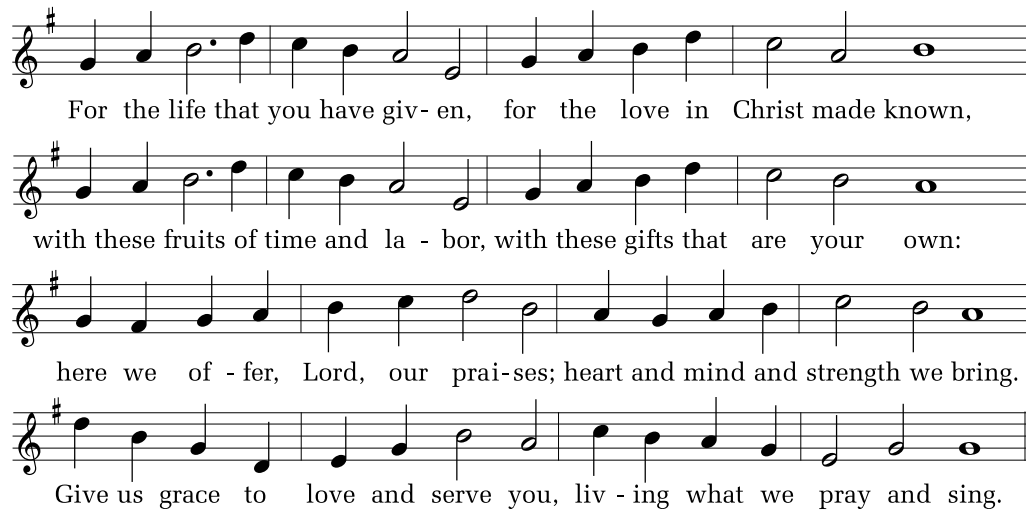
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; 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 “Ave Verum” *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross; whose pierced side flowed with water and blood. Be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, now and in the hour of our death.

*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.

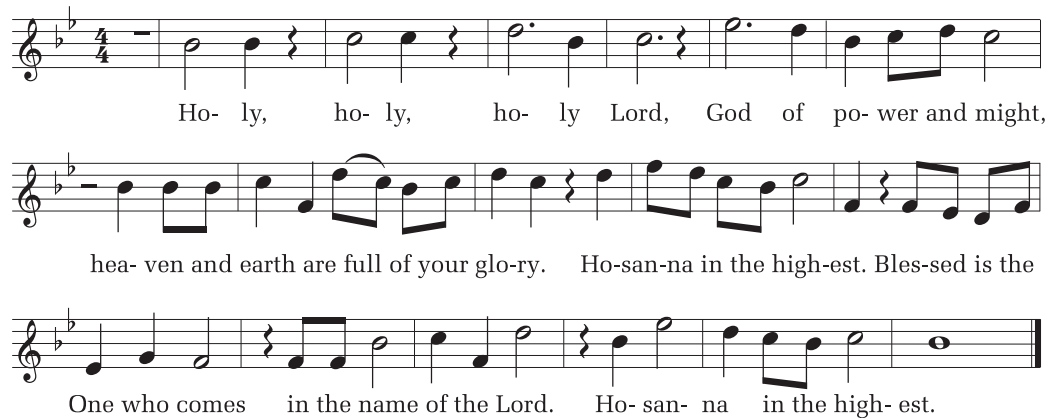
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 "A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester"

L. J. White

O holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we, who have feasted at this table, may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Major

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

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*

WORSHIP LEADERS

John H. Boyle, Thomas C. Rook, Joann H. Lee

THE MUSIC TODAY

Women of the Morning Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist

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

WORSHIP NOTES

The women of the Morning Choir are singing during morning worship services in July. The men of the Morning Choir will sing in August, and the Chancel Choir will return in September.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the south transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

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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