

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Festive Flutes *Everett Titcomb*

INTROIT “Call to Remembrance, O Lord” *Eric DeLamar*
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and
thy loving-kindness which have been ever of old. Amen.

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

***HYMN 483** “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”
Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God,
you have made us in your image
with minds to know you, hearts to love you,
and wills to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love conditional,
and our obedience incomplete.
Too often we ignore the needs of others,
live only for ourselves,
and fail to grow in your likeness.
Yet you accept us as we are,
and in spite of what we are not.
Do not hold our sins up against us,
but hold us up against our sins,
and grant us now your forgiving grace,
that we might live by your truth
and love with your love. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 103:6–14 (*responsively*) (page 524, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Have Mercy Upon Me, O Lord” *Thomas Tomkins*
Have mercy upon me, O Lord, after thy great goodness,
and according to the multitude of thy mercies do away
mine offences.

FIRST LESSON Romans 3:21–26 (page 144, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON 2 Kings 5:1–14 (page 320, O.T.)

SERMON Hokum, Humility, and Healing JOHN H. BOYLE

***HYMN 370** “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” *Tune: WOODWORTH*

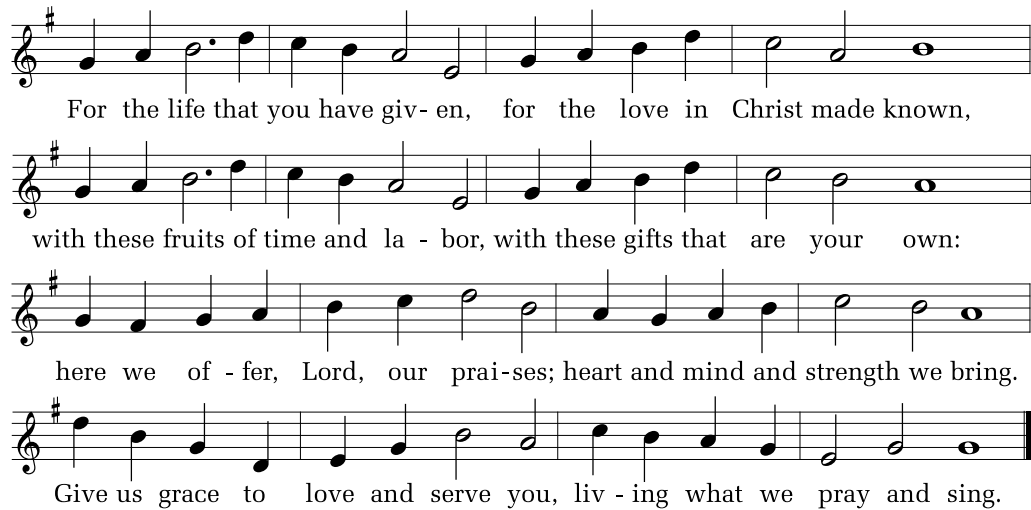
***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

**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 Prelude in B-flat Major *Pierre Camonin*

*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.**

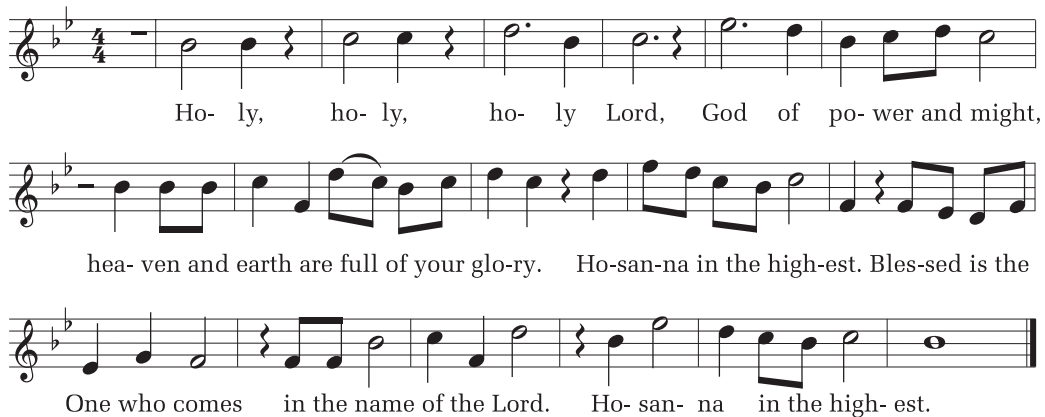
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 "Rock of Ages" *Thomas Hastings*

Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which
flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt
and power. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill the law's
demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears
forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save,
and thou alone. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to
thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless,
look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me,
Savior, or I die. While I draw this fleeting breath, when my
eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne, rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
once again with this bread and with this cup,
we have received the healing gift of your salvation.
As you have not withheld yourself from us,
so may we not withhold ourselves from others
who need acceptance and care.
Grant that our daily living may reflect
the life of your kingdom,
and that our love may be your love
reaching out into the life of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 539

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

Tune: ELLERS

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Gavotte from *French Suite No. 5*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Donna Gray, Joyce Shin, John H. Boyle

THE MUSIC TODAY

Men of the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Prelude, Festive Flutes, was composed in 1958 by Everett Titcomb, organist at St. John the Evangelist in Boston. The piece is based on Isaiah 40:28 and it is a jubilant musical depiction of the text, "Go out from Babylon, flee from Chaldea, declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it forth to the end of the earth; say, "The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob!"

The men of the Morning Choir will be singing during morning worship services in August. 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).

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