

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Three African American Spirituals

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Joe Utterback

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

arr. Calvin Taylor

Variations on Kum Ba Yah

arr. John Behnke

1. Someone's Praying, Lord

2. Someone's Crying, Lord

3. Someone's Singing, Lord

INTROIT

Sung by the Vacation Bible School Chorus

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

*HYMN 457

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

Tune: TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Almighty God,

we confess how hard it is to be your people.

You have called us to be the church,

to continue the mission of Jesus Christ

to our lonely and confused world.

Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,

isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,

obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.

Remove the obstacles preventing us from being

your representatives to a broken world.

Awaken our hearts to the promised gift

of your indwelling Spirit.

This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.

Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM	“Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!”	<i>Aaron Williams</i> <i>arr. Beryl Red</i>
	Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things; give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings. Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long; bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; as brothers of the Son of man, rise up, ye saints of God!	
PSALTER	Psalm 71:1–6 (<i>responsively</i>)	(page 503, O.T.)
*GLORIA PATRI		(The Hymnal, 579)
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Jeremiah 1:4–10	(page 656, O.T.)
	Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	Yesterday, Today, and Forever	ADAM FRONCZEK
*HYMN 263	“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	<i>Tune: ST. DENIO</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.	

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"

Anonymous

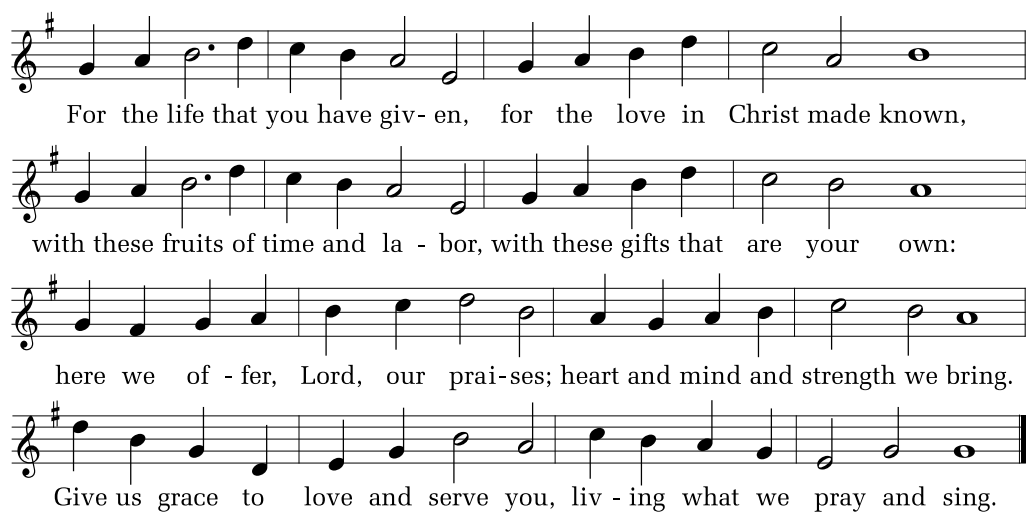
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*John Hughes
arr. Andrew Hawryluk*

Guide us, O thou great Jehovah, guide us to the promised land.
We are weak, but thou art able; hold us with thy powerful hand.
Holy Spirit, feed us till the Savior comes. Open, Jesus, Zion's
fountains; let her richest blessings come. Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
guide us to this holy home. Great redeemer, bring the welcome day!
When the earth begins to tremble, bid our fearful thoughts be still.
When thy judgments spread destruction, keep us safe on Zion's hill.
Singing praises, songs of glory unto thee.

***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 extravagant mercy,
with hands outstretched
you have poured out wonder
and pleasure and delight,
goodness and beauty and bounty.
So take these offerings, we pray,
as our protest against all that is evil
and ugly and impoverished,
trivial and wretched and tyrannical,
in our world and in ourselves—
and thus may we and others
know ourselves to be blessed.
Amen.**

***HYMN 262**

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

Tune: NATIONAL HYMN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Hold On!

*African American spiritual
arr. C. Taylor*

IN THE DETAILS



A close-up look at the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels atop the aisle piers reveals their distinctive expressions, patterns, and instruments. Shown above are the pair of angels closest to the chancel.

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, John W. Vest, Adam Fronczek

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The composer of this morning's prelude, Calvin Taylor, has arranged many African American spirituals for the organ. While widely recognized as a composer, Dr. Taylor, who began playing organ for church services when he was fourteen, has also performed in concerts around the world.

This morning's Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication are from *The Worship Sourcebook* (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship).

The men of the Morning Choir are singing during morning worship services in August. The full choir will return in September.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. sermons in text and various audio formats. Also posted on the website is the text of all worship bulletins and "News and Opportunities" as well as information about upcoming worship services.

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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