

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	Processional Fanfare	<i>Jiri Ignac Linek arr. Bob Rada</i>
	Dearest Jesus, We Are Here	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
	Invocation	<i>Ernest Bryson arr. Rich Mays</i>
	Cloister–Garth	<i>Herbert Brewer</i>
	All Creatures of Our God and King	<i>Geistliche Kirchengesäng arr. Richard Webster</i>
INTROIT	“Halle, Halle, Halle”	<i>Caribbean melody arr. John Bell</i>
	Hallelujah!	

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

***HYMN 482** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” *Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN*

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRY COMMISSIONING (9:30)

HYMN 304 “Jesus Loves Me!” *Tune: JESUS LOVES ME*
(9:30)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

“Teach Me, O Lord”

Stephen Sturk

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. How sweet are your words to my taste! They are sweeter than honey to my mouth. O blest Creator of the light, who makes the day with radiance bright and over the forming world didst call the light from chaos first of all. Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path. They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

PSALTER

Psalm 84 (*congregation sings the refrain*)

Hal H. Hopson



1. My soul longs for your courts, O Lord of Hosts; my heart and my soul sing out; I sing to the living God.

***Refrain:* Lord, how lovely is your dwelling place.**

2. There the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a house for her brood; they nest their young by your altars, my Lord, the mighty God. ***Refrain***
3. All are blest who dwell in your house, who ever sing your praise. How blest are those who trust in you, as they press to Zion's hill. ***Refrain***
4. When they walk through the valley of tears, springs of water give new life. They march to Zion's hill; the God of gods be praised. ***Refrain***

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 13:1–3, 17–20, 25–33; 14:1

(page 126, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Giants Ahead and We Are Merely Grasshoppers

*“All the people that we saw in it are of great size . . .
and to ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers.”*

Numbers 13:32–33 (NRSV)

***HYMN 413**

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Tune: CHARLESTOWN

***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.**

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”

Dale Wood

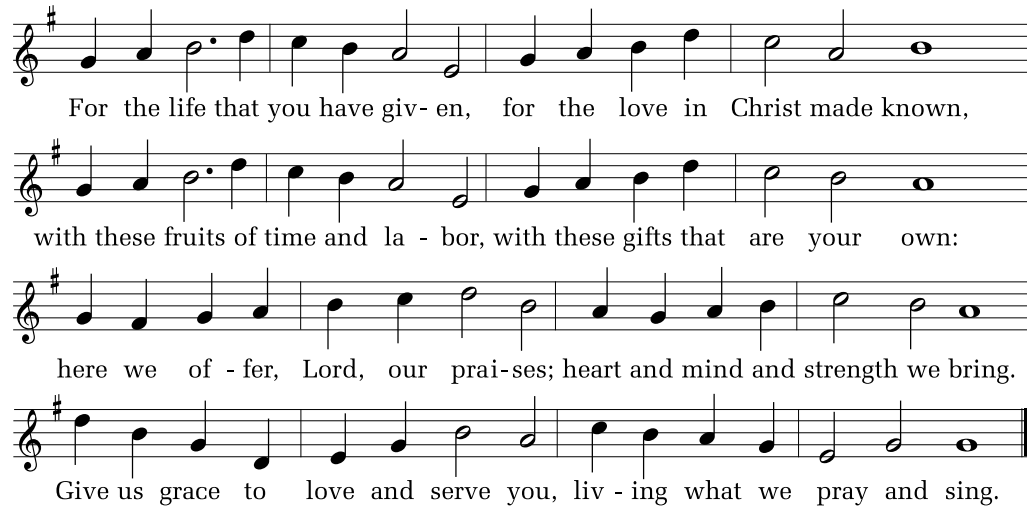
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Pilgrim’s Hymn” from *The Three Hermits* *Stephen Paulus*

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God, when we seek
for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer; unceasing love,
O unceasing love, surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to
the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Even with darkness sealing us in,
we breathe your name, and through all the days that follow so fast,
we trust in you; endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all
mortal dream. Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages. Amen.

***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: **Merciful God, we give you humble thanks for
all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We thank you for this church
and for visionary and strong leaders
who planned and built in this place.
We thank you for all those
who have loved this church
and whose faithful generosity
has sustained it over the years.
We thank you for the challenge in our day
to continue to build and provide a church for the future.
Receive and bless the gifts of our hands
and the commitment of our resources.
We present them in the name and for the sake
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 420**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Samuel Scheidt
arr. Charles Schuchat*

Sunday School and Youth Ministry Commissioning

*Today's commissioning of Sunday School teachers, staff, and youth leaders
is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members,
and those who are among us as visitors*

Sunday School Teachers

Liz Adams	Julie James	William Ohlhaber
Agnes Boateng	Erica Kuhlmann	Hilary Richardson
Marta Bonner	Dawn Kulich	Blasko Ristic
Irene Bumpus	Ji Inn Lee	Amy Roberts-Paeth
Anne Marie Canfield	Amanda Love	Mark Schimmelpfennig
Dennis Canfield	Missy MacLeod	Stacey Shonkwiler
Rhonda Carlson	Heather Major	Wilson Sinclair
Chrissy Cerasale	Lisa McClung	Pam Taylor
Carol Collins	Andrew McGaan	Ned Thomas
Jim Garner	Pam McGaan	Susan Van der Meulen
Lies Garner	Mark Meyer	Julie Vander Weele
Charlie Gonzalez	Don Nelson	Debbie Whitmore
Ann Grissom	Michelle Stromberg	Todd Zimmerman
Marci Hanzlik	Ohlhaber	

Sunday School Staff and Office Assistants

Josie Phelps, *Sunday School Superintendent*
Sharon Mistele, *Pianist for Children's Chapel*
Rita Bennett, Gayle Engberg, Jennifer McCrea,
Linda Thornton, Charlotte Wager
Donna Gray, *Minister for Children and Families*

Youth Leaders

Nicholette Andrews	John Howard	Eran Wade
Michelle Becker	Karen Kath	Gretchen Wahl
Andrea Bradshaw	Dala Lucas	Debbie Whitmore
Ben Carlisle	Mark Nelson	Katie Whitmore
Amber Hacker	Kathi Rodak	
Jason Hacker	Mark Schimmelpfennig	

Youth Ministry Staff

John W. Vest, *Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry*
Kimberlee Frost, *Youth Ministry Associate*
Katie Jasa, *PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Sarah A. Johnson, John Buchanan

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

WORSHIP NOTES

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, returns to worship leadership this morning.

Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month during the academic year.

“What the Bible Says, and What We Believe, about God” is the title of the sermon series by John Buchanan that began last Sunday and continues through November 21. Last week's sermon, “The God Who Is,” is available in the literature racks and, in audio and print format, at www.fourthchurch.org/recentsermons.html. The next sermon in the series, “The God Who Hides,” based on Exodus 33:1–23 will be on Sunday, October 10.

The bulletin cover photograph was taken in 1913 looking west from the site where the John Hancock Center is now. The William Sloane Coffin quotation is from his book *A Passion for the Possible*.

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