

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness
Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT

“I Would Find Thee” *George Thalben-Ball*
I would find thee, whom here no eye can see; only the heart can rise and reach thy throne beyond the skies.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 230

“This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made”
Tune: NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Eternal God,
our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves
and apart from you.
We have turned away from our neighbors,
ignoring the pain and suffering of the world.
In your great mercy forgive us our sins,
free us from ourselves,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM "I Sought the Lord" *Wilbur Held*
I sought the Lord, and afterward, I knew he moved my soul
to seek him, seeking me. It was not I that found, O Savior
true; no, I was found of thee. Thou didst reach forth thy hand
and mine enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed
sea. 'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold, as thou,
dear Lord, on me. I find, I walk, I love, but O, the whole of
love is but my answer, Lord, to thee! For thou wert long
beforehand with my soul; always thou lovedest me.

PSALTER Psalm 66:1–12 (*responsively*) (page 499, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Timothy 2:8–15 (page 200, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON The Word of God Is Not Chained KERRI N. ALLEN

***HYMN 276** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *Tune: FAITHFULNESS*

***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.**

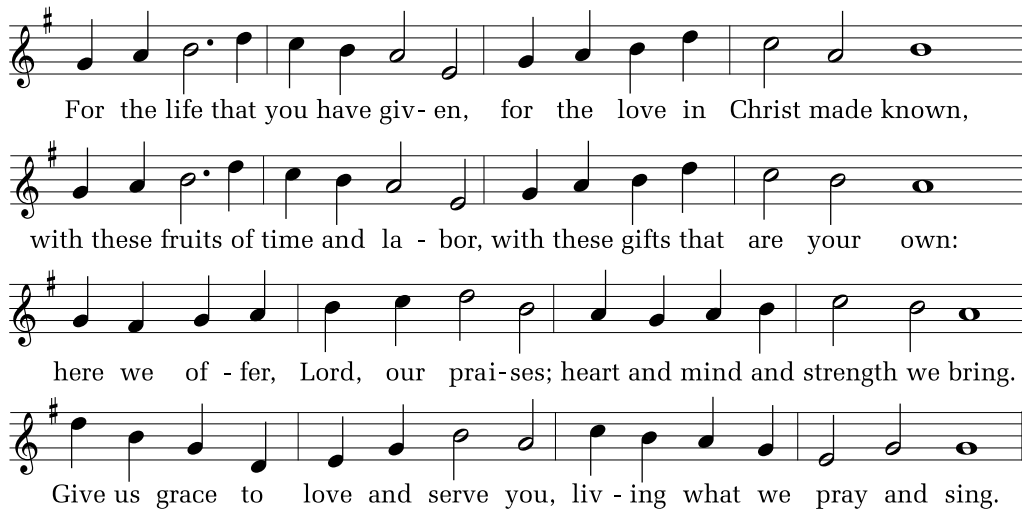
OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

J. S. Bach

*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 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" *Korean song
arr. John Bell*

Come now, O prince of peace, make us one body;
come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people. Come now,
O God of love, make us one body; come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people. Come now and set us free, O God,
our Savior; come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.
Come, hope of unity, make us one body; come, O Lord
Jesus, reconcile all nations.

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 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.**

***HYMN 432**

“Song of Hope”

Tune: ARGENTINA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G Minor

Johann Pachelbel

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Calum I. MacLeod, Joyce Shin, Kerri N. Allen

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

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. 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. 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.

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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