

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Fanfare	<i>Paul Dukas</i> <i>arr. Robert King</i>
Fantasy in E-flat Major	<i>Camille Saint Saëns</i>
I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i> <i>arr. Charles Schuchat</i>
Canon in B Minor	<i>Robert Schumann</i>
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	<i>Franz Joseph Haydn</i> <i>arr. Richard Webster</i>

INTROIT

“Loving Creator” *Philippino song*
arr. John Bell

Loving Creator, grant to your children mercy and blessing, songs never ceasing, grace to invite us, peace to unite us, loving creator, parent, and God.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

*HYMN 455

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
(verse 3: women; verse 4: men) *Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
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

“With a Voice of Singing”

Kenneth Jennings

With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this; utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah! The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah! Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 96 (*congregational sings the refrain*) (The Hymnal, 217)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 1:1–27, 31; Matthew 6:25–29

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

JOHN BUCHANAN

The God Who Creates

“In the beginning when God created the heavens and earth . . .”

Genesis 1:1 (NRSV)

*HYMN 220

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

*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"

Richard Warner

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O How Beautiful, This Finely Woven Earth" *Greg Jasperse*

O how beautiful, this finely woven earth. We are bound in threads of joy, threads of grief, of soul. Your tears fall from my eyes; my joy rings in your laughter. We are bound together. Give me your sorrow; I will stretch across to you over green pine and sparkling lake. How my heart beats with yours. You will feel how my heart beats with yours. I know your heart's journey; it is my own.

***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: **Eternal God,**

creator of the world and giver of all good,

we thank you for the earth,

our home, and for the gift of life.

We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ,

who came to heal this broken world,

who died rejected on the cross

and rose triumphant from the dead.

Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever.

Gracious God, who called us from death to life,

we give ourselves to you;

and with the church through all ages

we thank you for your saving love

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***HYMN 469**

“Morning Has Broken”

Tune: BUNESSAN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Praise God’s Glorious Name

*Louis Spohr
arr. Donald R. Frederick*

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in worship, education and discipleship, and mission and service.
Join us as we celebrate and share stories of “church alive,” and as
we continue with the 2011 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church
and Chicago Lights, embracing our call to be a church alive.

Commitment Sunday: Sunday, October 31

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WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Victoria G. Curtiss, John Buchanan

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Tower Brass; the Morning Choir; Suzanne Brown, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

WORSHIP NOTES

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, participates in worship leadership this morning, as it does during 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 September 12 and continues through November 21. The previous weeks' sermons are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html. Next week's sermon will be "The God Who Hopes and Expects and Can't Stop Caring," based on Genesis 2:15—3:13, 20–24.

The bulletin cover depicts a sparrow beneficiary of the fountain in the Fourth Church Garth. The quotation is from Mary Oliver's poem "The Singular and Cheerful Life," which appears in her book *Evidence*.

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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