

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ
Johann Sebastian Bach

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** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 244** “Let Us with a Gladsome Mind” *Tune: MONKLAND*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Forgiving God,
once more we seek your pardon and protection.
We find ourselves in exile from the best we know.
We have focused so much of our attention
on our own concerns that we have neglected
the welfare of our community.
We see our own hardships more readily
than we feel the vast suffering around us.
We forget the mercy you have showered upon us.
We are angry when we should be grateful.
In your steadfast love, we ask that
you restore us to covenant faithfulness.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM “Lord, Thy Servants Praise Thee”
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Lord, thy servants praise thee and sing the glory of thy
wondrous name and of thy love and thy mercy. Alleluia.

PSALTER Psalm 119:97–104 (*responsively*) (page 537, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 31:27–34 (page 691, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON VICTORIA G. CURTISS

The God Who Refuses to Remember

***HYMN 298** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
Tune: IN BABILONE

***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.**

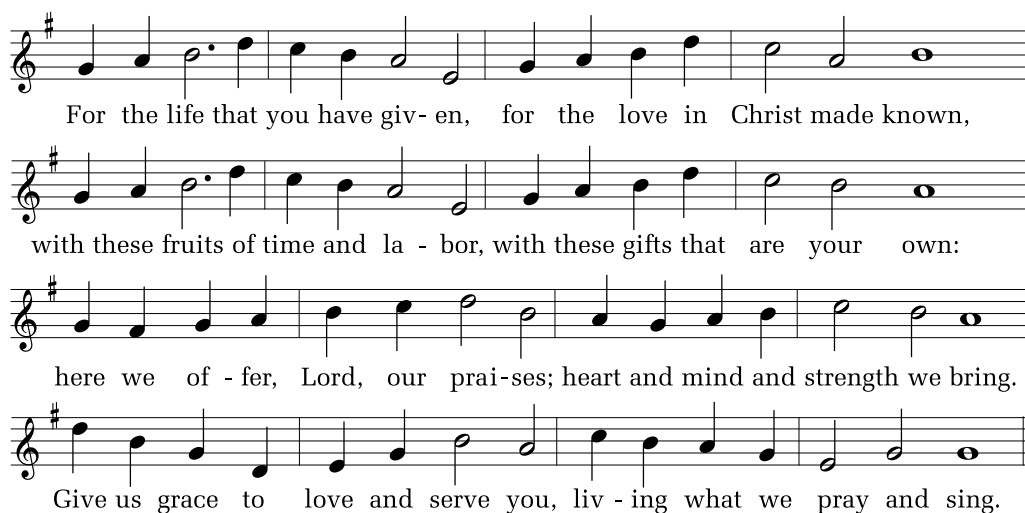
OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY “Ye Are the Light of the World”

Frank La Forge

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither does one light a candle and put it under a bushel but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before all, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Ye have heard that it hath been said, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.” But I say unto you, “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven.” Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heav’n is perfect.

*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 "Save Us, O Lord" *Thomas Matthews*

Save us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping; that awake we
may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Loving God, through this meal
you bind us together as one body with Christ.
May we, who have been baptized into his death,
now walk in newness of life.
Keep us ever faithful to you.
So live within us that we may go from here
with the light of hope in our eyes,
the fire of inspiration on our lips,
your word on our tongues,
and your love in our hearts.
Amen.

***HYMN 376**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Tune: HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Let All Together Praise Our God

Nikolaus Vetter

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THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist

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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