

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Prelude *Gerald Finzi*

INTROIT “O Give Thanks to the Lord” *I-to Loh*
O give thanks to the Lord who is good, for God’s steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the God of gods, for God’s steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for God’s steadfast love endures forever.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 559** “We Gather Together” *Tune: KREMSER*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**We don’t know how to say thank you—for splendor,
for sunshine on an autumn day,
for a warm embrace of reassurance,
for the freedom to decide about tomorrow.
We don’t know how to say thank you—for pain,
for tears of a realized failure,
for a truth broken, for a love not returned.
We’d rather say, “Take back your gift.”
We don’t know how to say thank you—
for the gift of life.
Forgive us, O God,
and teach us to remember to turn to you
in all circumstances and praise you
for your steadfast love and for life itself. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM "Set Me As a Seal" *René Clausen*
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.

PSALTER Psalm 100 (*sung*) (The Hymnal, 220)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 26:1–13 (page 174, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Bringing Firstfruits VICTORIA G. CURTISS

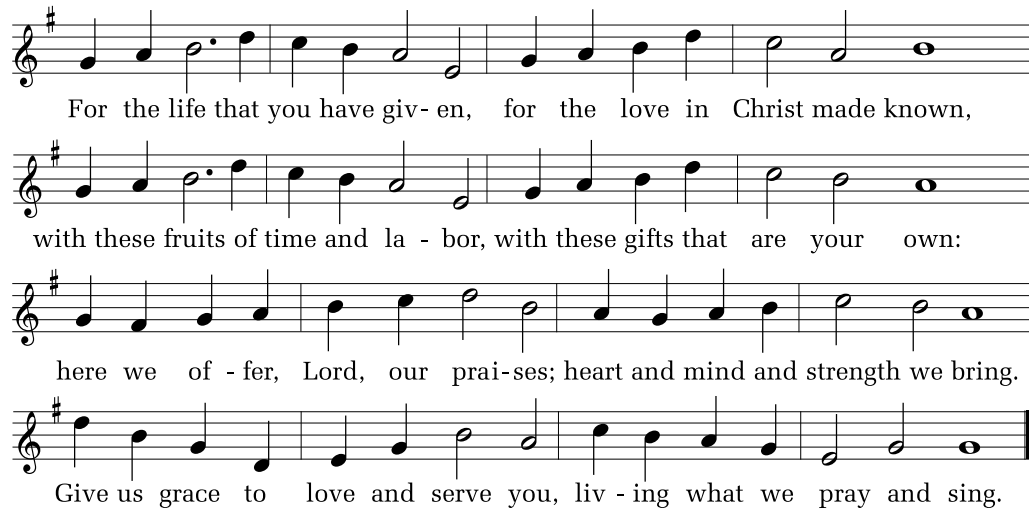
***HYMN 414** "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"
Tune: FOREST GREEN

***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.**

OFFERTORY SOLO Three Welsh Hymn Tunes *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
II. Rhosymedre

*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.**

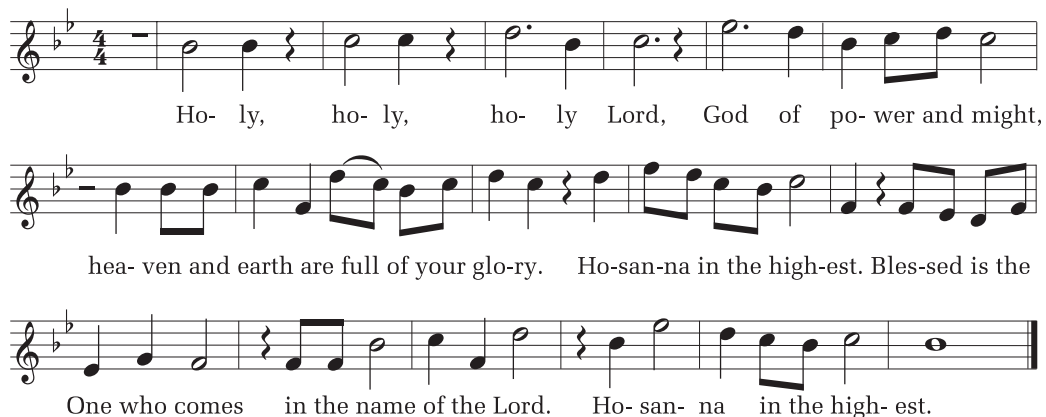
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 "Let All Things Now Living" *Welsh melody*
arr. Katherine K. Davis

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God
the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us; who guideth us on to the end of
our days. His banners are o'er us; his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have
vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel
from light into light! His law he enforces, the stars in their
courses, the sun in his orbit obediently shine. The hills and
the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the
ocean proclaim him divine. We too should be voicing our
love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in
the highest, hosanna and praise!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**We thank you, O God,
that through Word and Sacrament
you have given us your Son,
who is the true bread from heaven
and food of eternal life.
So strengthen us in your service
that our daily living may show our thanks,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 551**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Tune: ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God *Johann Sebastian Bach*

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Celebrating Thanksgiving with Fourth Presbyterian Church

THANKSGIVING GOSPELFEST

Sunday, November 21, 3:30 p.m.

*At St. Matthew United Methodist Church
(1000 N. Orleans, at Oak Street)*

Through this annual Gospelfest of choirs and messages of thanksgiving, Fourth Church, its neighbors, and fellow members of the Near North Ministry Alliance give thanks for the good news of the gospel within our community.

A community meal follows.

COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.

*At Fourth Church
Monsignor Daniel Mayall of Holy Name preaching*

This annual interfaith service brings together the faith communities of Chicago Sinai Congregation, Fourth Presbyterian Church, and Holy Name Cathedral for a time of joint worship and thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

Thursday, November 25, 11:00 a.m.

*In the sanctuary,
Sarah A. Johnson preaching*

Each year members and friends of Fourth Church gather in the sanctuary on Thanksgiving morning for a time of worship and giving thanks.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Kerri N. Allen, Thomas C. Rook, Victoria G. Curtiss

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

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

WORSHIP NOTES

The “Light Up a Life” offering is being received throughout November and December. This year-end giving campaign supports congregational programs, mission, and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs, and denominational programs. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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.

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