

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Concerto in A Minor *Antonio Vivaldi*
Allegro—Adagio—Allegro *arr. Johann Sebastian Bach*
Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *J. S. Bach*

INTROIT “The Lord Is Risen” *George Thalben-Ball*
The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

***HYMN 104** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” *Tune: HYMN TO JOY*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Gracious and loving God, in baptism you call us
to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ,
but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.
In baptism, you join us to Christ in his death
that we might be raised with Christ in new life,
but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace
the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.
In baptism, you call us to unity,
but we foster division in the church
and allow enmity and hatred to grow among us,
putting neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation.
In baptism, you send us to serve
with compassion all of your children,
but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed,
the plight of the poor, and the cries of the hungry.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness.
Set us free from all that enslaves us,
and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ,
that we may be your faithful servants,
showing forth your healing love to the world. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO FOURTH GRADERS

(9:30)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM “Christ the Lord Is Risen Again” *Eric H. Thiman*

Christ the Lord is risen again; Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark! Angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, alleluia.
He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
is our paschal lamb today; we too sing for joy and say alleluia.
He, who bore our pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us and hears our cry, alleluia.
Hymns of praise then let us sing unto Christ our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave, sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia, amen.

PSALTER Psalm 46 (*responsively*) (page 489, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19–31 (page 108, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Confirmed and Always Being Confirmed JOHN W. VEST

***HYMN 522** “Lord, When I Came Into This Life” *Tune: LAND OF REST*

The 9:30 service continues on the bottom of page 5 with the Apostles’ Creed.

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

(11:00)

OPENING WORDS AND PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

(11:00)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(11:00)

*** APOSTLES' CREED** *(unison)*

(11:00)

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00)

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

(11:00)

UNISON PRAYER *(unison)*

(11:00)

Almighty God, we thank you that in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have brought us to yourself, and that by the seal of your Holy Spirit, you have bound us to your service. As you bind these young people to yourself through faith, renew in every worshiper here a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Send forth these young people in the power of your Spirit to perform the service you have set before them, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME TO THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

(11:00)

*** APOSTLES' CREED** *(unison)*

(9:30)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

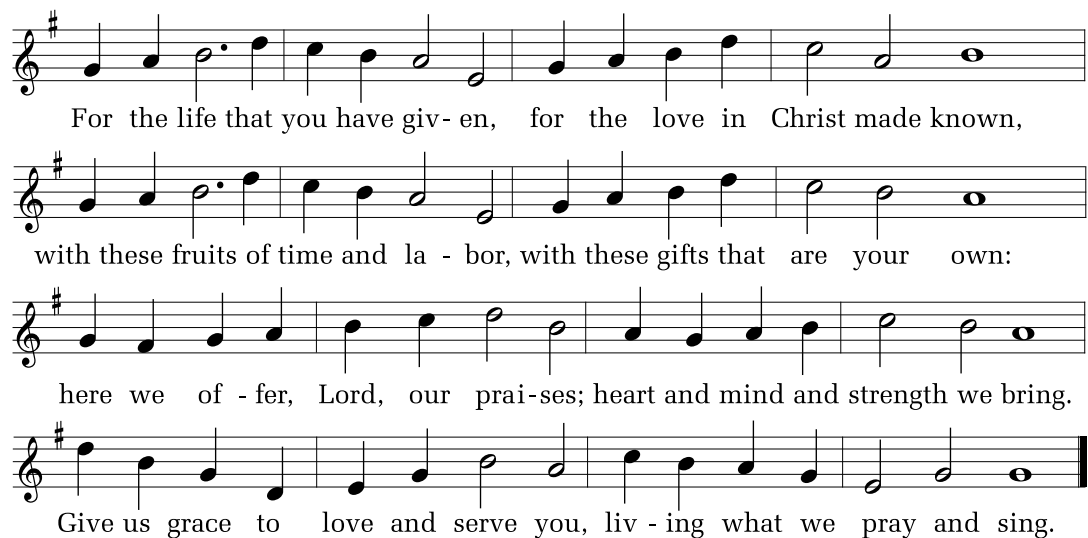
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Now Is the Hour of Darkness Past” *Walter L. Pelz*

Now is the hour of darkness past; Christ hath assumed his reigning power. Behold, the great accuser cast down from the skies, to rise no more. Alleluia. 'Twas by thy blood, immortal Lamb, thine armies trod the tempter down. 'Twas by thy word and powerful name they gained the battle and renown. Alleluia. Rejoice, ye heavens, let every star shine with new glories around the sky. Saints, while ye sing the heavenly song, raise your redeemer's name on high. Alleluia.

*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: **God of heaven and earth, you call us to come in humility before you, bringing the offering of our very selves.**

You claim our lives in baptism, that we might die to sin and be raised with Christ in new life. By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts the witness that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord. Accept all we have and are, O God, in the service of Jesus Christ, and strengthen us with your Spirit's power, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

Confirmation at Fourth Presbyterian Church

The following youth participated in the 2010–2011 Fourth Church Rising, the eighth-grade confirmation program at Fourth Presbyterian Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

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| Elana Jane Aavik | Anna Shen Knes |
| Sophia Marie Antonio | Elizabeth Agnes LaSalle |
| Ryan Michael Bell | Rachel Elizabeth Lewis |
| Penelope Joan Belnap | Elizabeth Ruo Toshiko Love |
| Victoria Morgan Bridges | Molly Alice McGaan |
| David Sigmar Browne | Andrew Mark Miller |
| John Ellison Buchanan | Charles Knox Montgomery |
| Luke Thompson Calian | William Francis Graves Nuelle |
| Charles William Cox | Jordan Myles Owens |
| Kevin Winchester Dingens | Andrew Britton Patterson |
| Kathryn Terrill Garrett | Christopher Hicks Quazzo |
| Joseph Neil Gissler | Lillie Marie Rice |
| Kathryn DeCaro Guynn | Elizabeth Michelle Rossley |
| Jonathon Franklin Hahn | Nathan Harris Ruhrkraut |
| Travis John Hank | Isabel Parker Sessions |
| Braxton Andrew Harris | James LeRoy Sinclair |
| Grace Emilie Steele Hildebrand | Lily Jean Sperry |
| Emma Northrup Isaacs | Caroline Marie Staublin |
| Helena Balbine Joho | William Andrew Vander Weele |
| Hannah Violet Juley | Ashlyn Tara Wiebe |

Circle Leaders

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| Nicholette Andrews | Mark Schimmelpfennig |
| Andrea Page | Eran Wade |
| Kathi Rodak | Debbie Whitmore |

John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Kimberlee Frost, Youth Ministry Associate

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Sarah A. Johnson, Calum I. MacLeod, John W. Vest

11:30 a.m. Sarah A. Johnson, John Buchanan, John W. Vest

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

11:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio of the previous Sunday morning's 11:00 a.m. worship service, including the sermon. Also posted on the website is the text of all worship bulletins and "News and Opportunities" as well as information about upcoming worship services.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the south transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

The bulletin cover photo depicts Easter flowers silhouetted against the windows of the south aisle on Easter Monday, when the lights are out in the sanctuary.

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