

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Selections from Variations on “America”
Charles Wesley

INTROIT “Blessed Is He That Cometh” *Eric DeLamarter*
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

***HYMN 482** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of forgiveness,
we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.
We hear your promise that the old passes away
and that you make all things new;
but we hear it amid our self-doubt.
We confess our desire for guarantees
when what you offer us is even greater: hope.
When you call us to obedience, we set conditions.
When you call us to follow, we ask, “Where?”
Forgive our reluctance to leave our false comforts
in order to walk in your newness of life.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER Psalm 145:8–14 (*responsively*) (page 549, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Simple Gifts” *Shaker melody*
arr. Aaron Copland

’Tis the gift to be simple; ’tis the gift to be free; ’tis the gift to come down where you ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, ’twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed. To turn, turn, will be our delight, till by turning, turning, we come round right.

FIRST LESSON Zechariah 9:9–12 (page 833, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30 (page 11, N.T.)

SERMON JUDITH WATT

Prisoners of Hope

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:18 (NRSV)

***HYMN 394** “There Is a Balm in Gilead” *Tune: BALM IN GILEAD*

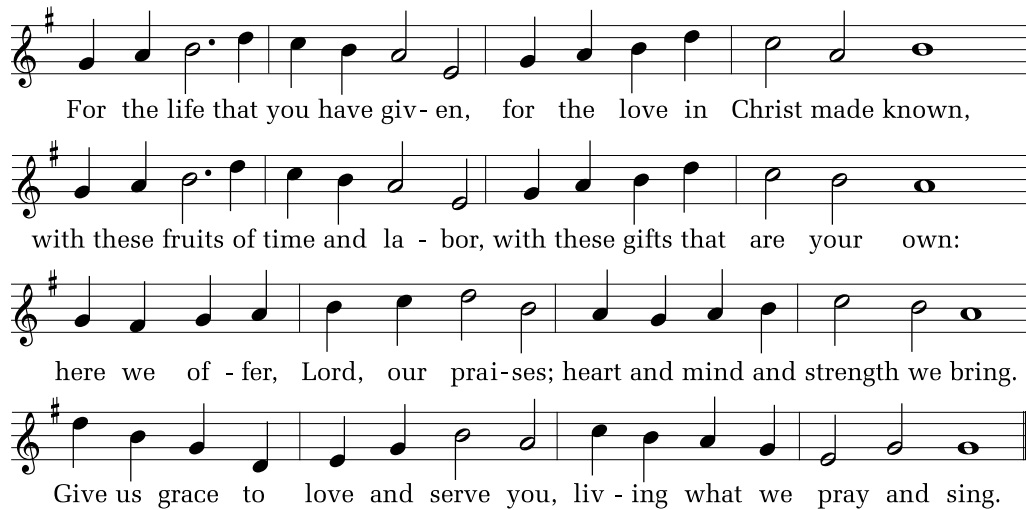
***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

**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 SOLO Selections from Variations on "America" *C. Wesley*

*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: You gave us breath and speech, that all the living . . .
. . . we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

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 “The Peaceful Kingdom” *Hal H. Hopson*

We wait for the peaceful kingdom, when wolf and lamb shall lie in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh; when lions shall be grazing; when snakes shall never strike; a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike. Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start? We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart. Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home; we pray that all creation will one day find shalom. When wars of desolation and hate come to an end, when nation meets with nation and call the other “friend,” still peace in all its fullness will only have begun: shalom for all creation begins with justice done. That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way, to share the peaceful kingdom, to greet God’s newborn day. The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains, to bring through word and table the day when justice reigns.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**Loving God, you have fed us with the
bread of life and the cup of salvation.
May we who have received this sacrament
be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises
tell of your glory and truth;
we who have seen the greatness of your love
hold onto hope for the future.
We thank you, for you have made us
your own people by the death
and resurrection of your Son, our Lord,
and by the life-giving power of your Spirit.
Amen.**

***HYMN 564** “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” *Tune: MATERNA*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fugue on “America” *Eugene Thayer*

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Matthew J. Helms, John H. Boyle, Judith Watt

THE MUSIC TODAY

Women of the Morning Choir
Richard Clemmitt, Guest Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Minute for Mission is presented on behalf of the Senior High youth who will be participating in this summer's Work Camp in Detroit.

The women of the Morning Choir will be singing during morning worship services in July. The men of the Morning Choir will sing in August, and the full choir will return in September.

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. All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper.

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).

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