

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Tune in E *George Thalben-Ball*

INTROIT “Halle, Halle, Halle!” *Caribbean melody*
Hallelujah! *arr. John Bell*

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

***HYMN 473** “For the Beauty of the Earth” *Tune: DIX*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**O God, our thoughts are not full of your love.
We forget to listen to your guidance.
When we speak to you,
it is often to beg or complain,
not to give thanks.
Our wants outrun our gratitude.
We live fearfully rather than faithfully.
When you assure and bless us,
we are not satisfied.
We compare ourselves with resentment
with those who have more
and ignore those who have less.
O God, we cannot turn ourselves around.
Help us to change. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 (*responsively*) (page 525, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“Shall We Gather at the River?”

Robert Lowry
arr. Robert H. McIver

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel's feet have trod; with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river, that flows by the throne of God. When we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 20:1–16

(page 20, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 16:2–15

(page 60, O.T.)

SERMON

Whining to God

VICTORIA G. CURTISS

***HYMN 555**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***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.

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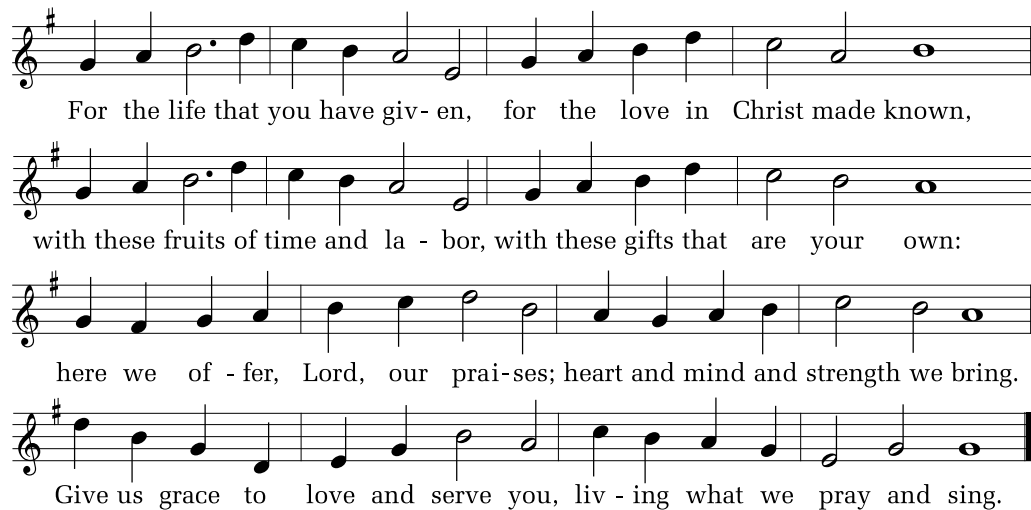
OFFERTORY SOLO

“Pie Jesu” from *Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré

Blessed Jesus, Lord, grant them rest.

*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.**

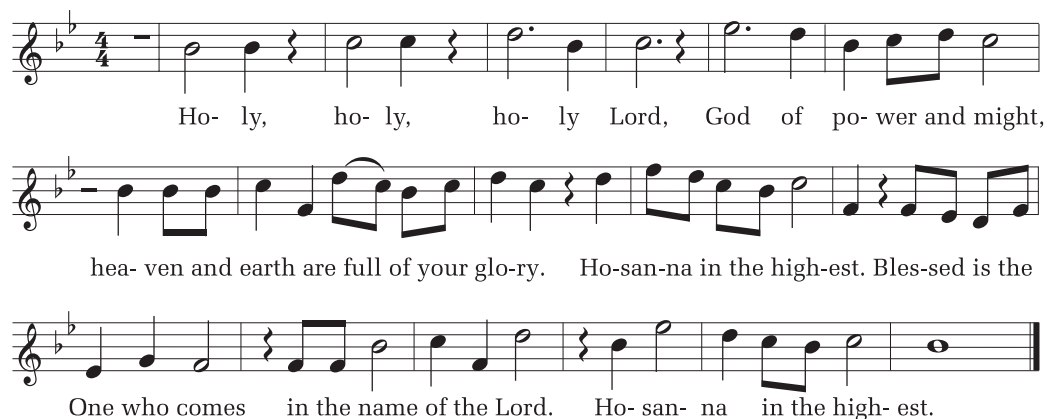
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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*)

**Gracious God, thank you for this meal
which binds us to you and to one another.
As Jesus Christ was true to your call
even unto death, so may we be faithful to you
in seasons both challenging and joyous.
Steady our hearts that we may shine
your saving light. Amen.**

***HYMN 446**

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Georg Philipp Telemann

The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 (NRSV)

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

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. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. 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.

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.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

"I am the bread of life."

John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

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Matthew J. Helms, Donna Gray, Victoria G. Curtiss

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Beena David, Soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

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.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. A jazz service with Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month.

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