

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE** Poem of Peace *Jean Langlais*

**INTROIT** “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” *Stephen Sturk*  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.

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

**\*HYMN 455** “All Creatures of Our God and King”  
*Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

All-knowing God, we confess that we gladly  
accept for ourselves the power and advantages  
that come our way. We seldom consider the cost  
to others of our prosperity. We tolerate poverty,  
hunger, and homelessness for people we do not  
know. We think our small efforts too insignificant  
to make a difference. Wash away, O God, all the  
wrong that paralyzes us, that we may become  
advocates for the oppressed and seekers after  
justice. Create in us a right spirit that prompts us  
to live by faith and to dare great things for you.  
Hear now our silent prayers . . .

### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

### **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

### **MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP**

**PSALTER** Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 (*read responsively*)  
(page 517, O.T.)

**ANTHEM**

“O How Amiable”

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts  
of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living  
God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the  
swallow a nest where she may lay her young; even thy  
altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed  
are they that dwell in thy house, they will be always  
praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God  
be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O prosper thou our handy work. O God, our help in ages  
past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the  
stormy blast, and our eternal home.

**FIRST LESSON**

2 Corinthians 8:1–15

(page 172, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.****\*GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

**SECOND LESSON**

Luke 19:1–10

(page 77, N.T.)

**SERMON**

Letting Loose

Victoria G. Curtiss

**\*HYMN 339**

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Tune: SLANE***\*APOSTLES’ CREED***(unison)*

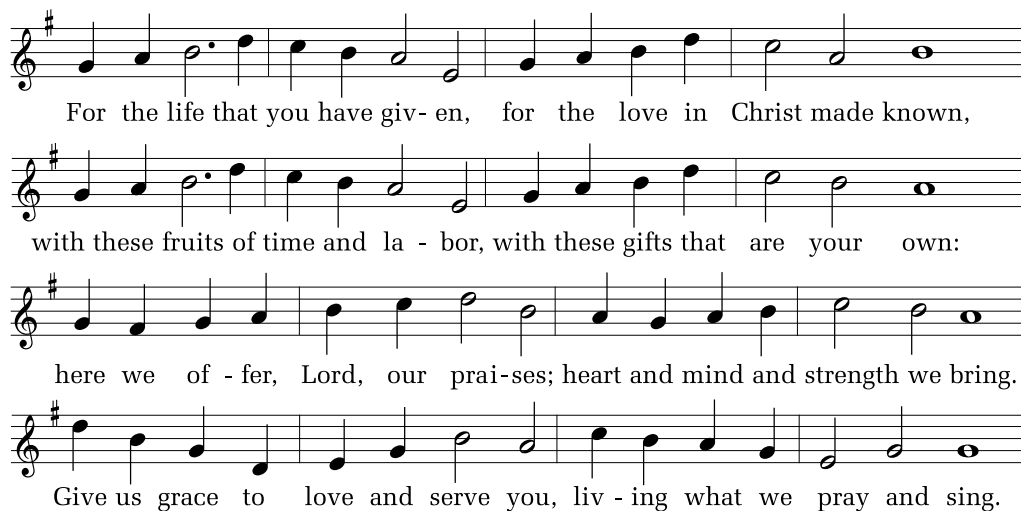
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again 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 Prelude

*J. Langlais*

### \*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.

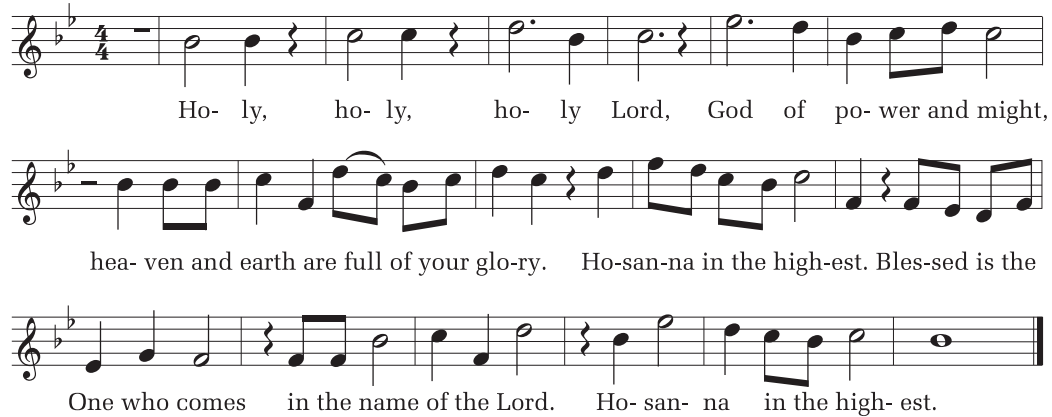
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:



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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 Peace of God"

*John Rutter*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and  
love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain  
with you always. Amen.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*unison*)

**You came into this world, O Christ, to seek  
and save the lost. Thank you for welcoming us  
to your table, nurturing us with your bread and cup,  
and sending us forth to show your love to all.  
As you gave yourself for us, may we give ourselves  
for others. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 525**

“Here I Am, Lord”

Tune: HERE I AM, LORD

## **BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Let All Together Praise Our God

*Nikolaus Vette*

### **The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church**

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. 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. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

John H. Boyle, Hardy H. Kim, Victoria G. Curtiss

## **THE MUSIC TODAY**

The Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

**Today's Minute for Discipleship** is presented by Hope Daniels on behalf of the Resource Development Committee.

**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 the Sanctuary 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. The next Taizé service will be this Friday, October 28.

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