

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Air Gerri Hancock

INTROIT “God Is a Spirit” George Thalben-Ball
God is a Spirit, and they that worship God
must worship God in spirit and in truth.

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

***HYMN 491** “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” *Tune: CARLISLE*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, we come to you conscious of the things within ourselves we hate to remember, yet cannot forget: our self-indulgences, our prejudices, our resentments, our hypocrisies, our selfishness. Save us from self-contempt as we acknowledge these things and as we remember your love for us in spite of all that we are and do. Give us the assurance of pardon, the release and relief of those who know that the past is forgiven, and the zest and joy of those who know that the future is still to make. So may we live in that fullness and freedom of life, which you have promised that we can share through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 90 (*sung*) (The Hymnal, 210)

ANTHEM	“Cantate Domino”	<i>Hans Leo Hassler</i>
	O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name; tell of God’s salvation from day to day. Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.	
FIRST LESSON	1 Thessalonians 5:1–11	(page 193, N.T.)
*GLORIA PATRI		(The Hymnal, 579)
SECOND LESSON	Matthew 25:14–30	(page 27, N.T.)
SERMON	Good and Trustworthy “Well done, good and trustworthy slave.” Matthew 25:23 (NRSV)	CALUM I. MACLEOD
*HYMN 391	“Take My Life”	<i>Tune: HENDON</i>
*APOSTLES’ CREED	<i>(unison)</i>	
	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

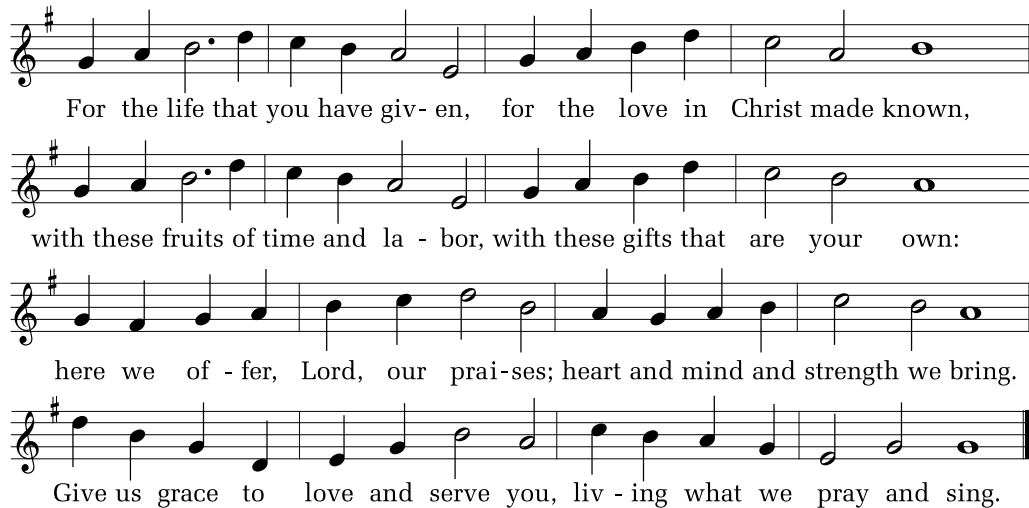
OFFERTORY SOLO "Steal Away"

African American spiritual

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Steal away to Jesus, steal away home. I ain't got long
to stay here. My Lord, he calls me by the thunder;
the trumpet sounds within my soul. Green trees are
bending, poor sinner stands a trembling.

*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.

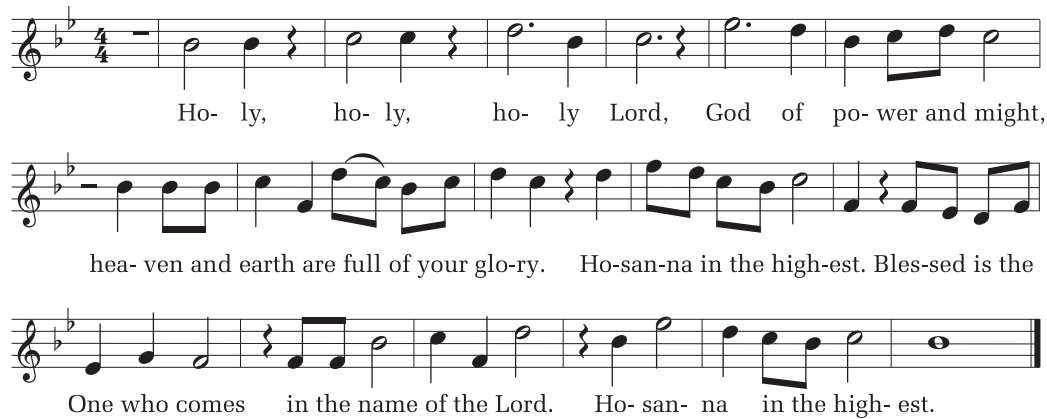
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Minister: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high . . .
. . . 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 "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" *Thomas Matthews*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence
cometh my help even from the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**O God, through this bread and this cup,
you have made us one with you and with each other.
May the unity we find at this table
be a gift that we carry out
into your suffering, divided world.
Help us to find strength in knowing
that you, the God of peace, will always be with us.
Amen.**

*HYMN 335

“Though I May Speak”

Tune: O WALY WALY

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in G Major

Georg Philipp Telemann

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.

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order

WORSHIP LEADERS

Matthew J. Helms, Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

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).

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