**MORNING WORSHIP**

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

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**Prelude**

Petite Suite

Prière

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**Darius Milhaud**

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**Introit**

“Through Love to Light!”

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*Jean Sibelius*

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**Introt**

Through love to light! O wonderful the way that leads from darkness to the perfect day; from darkness and from sorrow of the night to morning that comes singing over the sea. Through love to light! Through light, O God to thee, who art the love of love, the eternal light of light!

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**Doxology and Invocation**

*(The Hymnal, 592)*

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**Hymn 461**

“God Is Here!”

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*Tune: Abbot’s Leigh*

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**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Merciful God, look upon us and see our confusion. See the reversals we have made between what is important and what is not; between what is good and what is better. See our efforts to categorize and compartmentalize, to prioritize and put in order the values we think we should have.

In your great mercy, God, show us a grander view, a constellation of all that is good and from which nothing of value goes to waste. Show us that all our cares can be gathered up when they are rearranged by you, Creator and Lover of all things.

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

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**Declaration of Pardon**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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**Concerns of the Church**

**Minute for Mission**

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*Stand as you are able*
**ANTHEM**

“January Carol”  
Robert Crandell  
Earth today rejoices, alleluia, death can hurt no more and celestial voices tell that sin is over. David’s sling destroys the foe; Samson lays the temple low; war and strife are done; God and man are one. Reconciliation, alleluia, peace that lasts for ay came on Christmas Day. Gideon’s fleece is wet with dew; Solomon is crowned anew; war and strife are done; God and man are one. Though the cold grows stronger, alleluia, though the world loves night; yet the days growing longer, Christ is born our light. Now the dial’s type is learnt, burns the bush that is not burnt; war and strife are done; God and man are one.

**PSALTER**  
Psalm 62:5−12 (responsively)  
(page 498, O.T.)

*Gloria Patri*  
(The Hymnal, 579)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**  
1 Corinthians 7:25−31  
(page 159, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**  
One God, One Faith, and Many Responsibilities  
J oyce Shin  

“Now concerning virgins, I have no command of the Lord, but I give my opinion as one who by the Lord’s mercy is trustworthy.” 1 Corinthians 7:25 (NRSV)

**HYMN 278**  
“Our God, to Whom We Turn”  
*Tune: Was Frag’ ich Nach Der Welt*

**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  “Domine Deus” from Gloria Antonio Vivaldi
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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\text{\footnotesize For the life that you have giv- en, for the love in Christ made known,}
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\text{\footnotesize with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:}
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\text{\footnotesize here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.}
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\text{\footnotesize Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.}
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\end{music}


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:

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 “Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord” from Elijah
Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord and he shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall; he is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.
**Prayer after Communion (unison)**

We give you thanks, Lord, for this meal by which God’s love for us is made real. We remember that you came into the world not out of apathy, but out of care for us. You came not to stand apart, but to sit with us. In your deeds, in your words, and in your death, you have shown us that loyalty to God our Father involves loyalty to all whom God loves. Now in our deeds, words, and lives, help us to imitate your example, to make real God’s love for the world. Amen.

*Hymn 516*  
“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”  
*Tune: O Quanta Qualia*

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**  
Scherzo  
*Alan Ridout*

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**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, Thomas C. Rook, Joyce Shin

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Andrea Pokrefke, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

Worship Notes

Today’s Minute for Mission is presented by Ken and Cris Ohr on behalf of the committee working on Carnaval, the annual Chicago Lights Gala.

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.

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