Morning Worship

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

Prelude
Three Preludes on Welsh Hymns Ralph Vaughan Williams
2. Rhosymedre arr. Greg Fudala
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence John Joubert
Beati Quoarum Via Charles Villiers Stanford
arr. Christine Worthing
Jesus Bids Us Shine Kenneth Leighton
Praise the Lord Eternal Joseph Schuetky
arr. Donald R. Frederick

Introit
“The Best of Rooms” Gerald Near
Christ, he requires still, wheresoever he comes to feed
or lodge, to have the best of rooms. Give him the choice;
grant him the nobler part of all the house. The best of all’s
the heart.

*Doxology and Invocation (The Hymnal, 592)

*Hymn 75 “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair” Tune: Deo Gracias

Prayer of Confession (unison)
Before the dazzling brightness of your glory, O God,
the blotches of sin in our lives become apparent.
You call us to love outwardly;
we focus in on ourselves.
You welcome us with open arms;
we distance ourselves from others.
And we follow the impulses of our own needs
when you say, “Come, follow me.”

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

Reception of New Members
(11:00)

Concerns of the Church

*Stand as you are able.
Psalter  Psalm 50:1–6 (responsively)  (page 491, O.T.)

Anthem  “Resplenduit Facies Eijus”  Tomás Luis de Victoria
He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Alleluia.

First Lesson  2 Corinthians 4:3–6  (page 169, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri  (The Hymnal, 579)

Second Lesson  Mark 9:2–9  (page 41, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon  God’s Time  Calum I. MacLeod
“He was transfigured before them.”
Mark 9:2 (NRSV)

*Hymn 411  “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”  Tune: Festal Song

*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.
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

“Alleluia, Amen” *Carl Wiltse*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“In Splendenti Nube” *Peter Philips*

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE**

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,

with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:

here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.

Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication*

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.

All: O Lord our God,

you are great indeed,
clothed in majesty and splendor,
wrapped in light as with a robe.

In the solitude of a mountain height
you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ.

We praise you for this glimpse
of the mystery of our redemption.

Transfigure us by your Spirit,
and let your love shine in all we do and say,
that all the world may see the radiant light of God
guiding all creation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 470*

“O Day of Radiant Gladness”

Tune: Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

Benediction and Response

Postlude

Lord, I Have Only Thee

Heinrich Schütz
arr. Theresia Perry
Guest Preachers in March

In the months ahead, we are honored to be able to welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit several highly regarded theologians and leaders in the Reformed tradition. We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to join us in March as Walter Brueggemann and Deborah Kapp share the Word with us.

Walter Brueggemann

March 4 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia (a seminary of the Presbyterian Church USA), Dr. Brueggemann is a noted scholar and prolific author of more than fifty-eight books, including *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth; The Prophetic Imagination*; and the award-winning *Theology of the Old Testament*, which has become a foundational and classic work in the field. Dr. Brueggemann, who is also an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, is widely sought after as preacher, teacher, and lecturer.

Deborah Kapp

March 11 and March 18 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Deborah J. Kapp is the Edward F. and Phyllis K. Campbell Professor of Urban Ministry at McCormick Theological Seminary, where she has been on staff since 1995. In addition to teaching in the area of urban ministry, Deborah teaches congregational leadership in both the masters and doctoral programs and is the author of *Worship Frames: How We Shape and Interpret Our Experience of God*. A former Associate Pastor at Fourth Church (1981–1991), she is a longtime friend of this congregation and is married to Fourth Church member Anthony Ruger.

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Worship Leaders
9:30 a.m.  Adam H. Fronczek, Judith L. Watt, Calum I. MacLeod
11:00 a.m. Hardy H. Kim, Judith L. Watt, Calum I. MacLeod

The Music Today
9:30 a.m.  Tower Brass; The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m.  Tower Brass; The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

Tower Brass, Fourth Church’s brass ensemble, participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship on the third Sunday of each month during the academic year.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities each week. In addition to Sunday morning services, an afternoon jazz service with Communion is also held on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. On weekday mornings, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary (9:00 a.m. on Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) and offers an opportunity to pray for Fourth Church members and those in need. A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, including this Friday, February 24.

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