

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *John Joubert*

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 465** “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather” *Tune: TOKYO*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God, be gracious to us, for we have sinned
against you. In our busyness, we have failed to call
on you. In our self-centeredness, we have ignored
your hurting people. In our vanity and pride,
we have hidden our need for you and others.
We have been unwilling to see our own iniquity
and have not dared to believe that you can heal us.
Come to us now to forgive and make us new. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 41 (*responsively*) (page 486, O.T.)

ANTHEM “This Is My Beloved Son” *Knut Nystedt*
He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud
overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said:
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.
Hear ye him.”

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:18–25 (page 632, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Mark 2:1–12 (page 34, N.T.)

SERMON The Faith of Friends VICTORIA G. CURTISS

***HYMN 380** “O Christ, the Healer” *Tune:* ERHALT UNS, HERR

***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

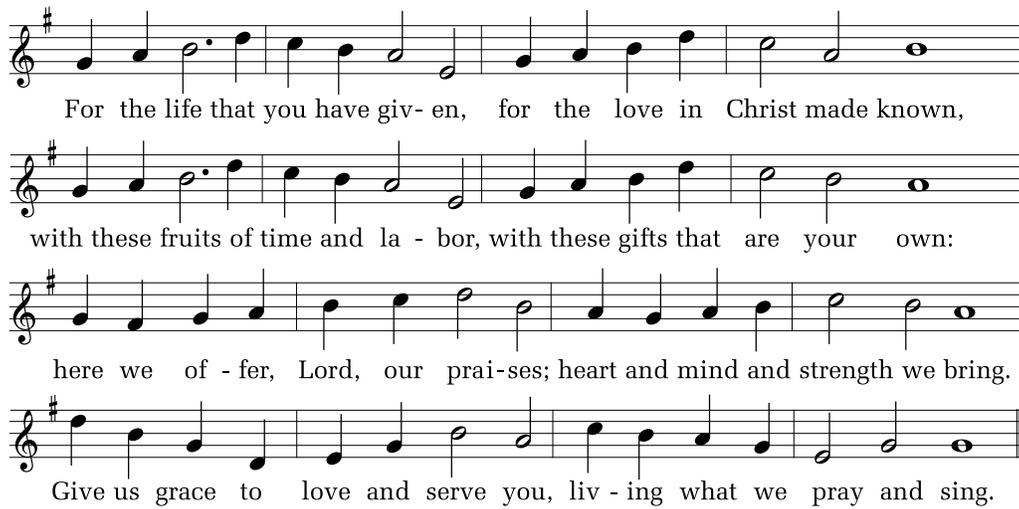
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

Marcel Dupré

*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.**

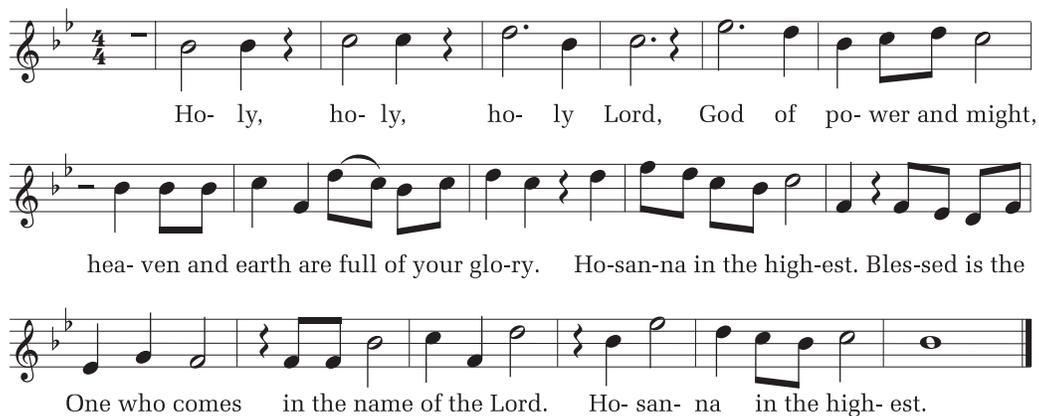
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 "Jesus on the Mountain Peak" *Morgan Simmons*

Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory
blazing; let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and
angels praising. Alleluia! This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets sing before him, first and last and
only one. All creation shall adore him! Alleluia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**Loving God, you have established us in Christ
and commission us to share the good news of your
healing and protection. You have nurtured us by
this sacred meal that binds us together. Now send us
forth to witness to your abiding love. Amen.**

***HYMN 436**

"We Are Your People"

Tune: WHITFIELD

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude on a Gregorian Tune

M. Dupré

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*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Kerri N. Allen, John H. Boyle, 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

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 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 images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day.

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