**Morning Worship**

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

**Prelude**

| Reflection | Lee J. Afdahl |
| Aria       | Paul Manz    |
| Shaker Dance | Shaker melody |
|            | arr. Carl Wiltse |

**Introit** (9:30)

“Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel?” *African American spiritual*  
*arr. Jay Althouse*

Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel? Why not every one? He delivered Daniel from the lion’s den and Jonah from the belly of the whale and the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, but why not every man? And the wind blows east, and the wind blows west, and they blow like judgment day. And every poor soul that never did pray will be glad to pray that day!

**Introit** (11:00)

“Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho”  
*African American spiritual*  
*arr. James DesJardins*

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho and the walls came tumbling down in the morning. You may talk about your kings of Gideon. You may talk about your men of Saul, but there’s none like good old Joshua at the battle of Jericho. Then up to the walls of Jericho they marched with spear in hand. “Now blow your trumpets,” Joshua cried, “for the battle is in my hand.”

**Doxology and Invocation**  
(The Hymnal, 592)

**Hymn 85**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”  
*Tune: Wondrous Love*

**Litany of Confession** (responsively)

Minister: Almighty God, you alone are good and holy.  
Purify our lives and make us brave disciples.  
We do not ask you to keep us safe but to keep us loyal,  
so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you.

People: Amen.

Minister: From lack of reverence for truth and beauty;  
from a calculating or sentimental mind;  
from going along with mean and ugly things,

People: O God, deliver us.

*Stand as you are able.*
Minister: From cowardice that dares not face truth; 
laziness content with half-truth; 
or arrogance that thinks we know it all,

People: O God, deliver us.

Minister: From artificial life and worship; 
from all that is hollow or insincere,

People: O God, deliver us.

Minister: From trite ideals and cheap pleasures; 
from mistaking hard vulgarity for humor,

People: O God, deliver us.

Minister: From being dull, pompous, or rude; 
from putting down our neighbors,

People: O God, deliver us.

Minister: From cynicism about others; 
from intolerance or cruel indifference,

People: O God, deliver us.

Minister: From being satisfied with things as they are, 
in the church or in the world; 
from failing to share your indignation about injustice,

People: O God, deliver us.

Minister: From selfishness, self-indulgence, or self-pity,

People: O God, deliver us.

Minister: From token concern for the poor, 
for lonely or loveless people; 
from confusing faith with good feeling, 
or love with wanting to be loved,

People: O God, deliver us.

Minister: From everything in us that may hide your light,


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 25:1–10 (responsively) (page 475, O.T.)
**Anthem**

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”  *African American spiritual  
arr. Tim Harbold*

I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord,  
I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with  
me. When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me. When my head is  
bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**First Lesson**

Genesis 9:8–17  *(page 7, O.T.)*

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri*  *(The Hymnal, 579)*

**Second Lesson**

1 Peter 3:18–22  *(page 220, N.T.)*

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Life-Saving Waters  
**Judith L. Watt**

*Hymn 178*

“Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted”  *Tune: Genevan 25*

*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  “Amen”  Dale Wood

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  “Forty Days” from The Light in the Wilderness  Dave Brubeck

Forty days alone in the desert. Days and nights of constant prayer,
in the desert. Seeking in the wailing wind an answer to despair,
fifty days of questioning, why was he there, in the lonely desert.
Forty days of fasting and prayer, in the desert. Searching for his
destined role, in the desert. Thirsting after righteousness and
nourishing his soul, seeking inward miracles to reach his goal, in the
lonely desert. After forty days in the desert he and God became as
one. Jesus found within himself the Father’s will is done. He must
prove to doubting man, he is the Son of God, in the lonely desert.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE

**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: Almighty God,

your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness
and was tempted as we are but did not sin.
Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience
to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness,
we may know your power to save.
Bless our renewed commitment to you
and accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
In the name of our Savior, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn 339**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Tune: Slane

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**

Trumpet Tune

Michael McCabe
Worship Leaders
9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod, Judith L. Watt
11:00 a.m. Hardy H. Kim, Calum I. MacLeod, Judith L. Watt

The Music Today
9:30 a.m. The Handbell Choir; The Youth Choir; The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. The Handbell Choir; The Children’s Choir; The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director
Katy Sinclair, Director of Music for Children and Youth
Hsing-Huei Huang, Children’s and Youth Choir Accompanist

Worship Notes

Today’s Minute for Discipleship is presented by Anne Voshel on behalf of the effort to rebuild the Fourth Church organ.

Walter Brueggemann will preach next Sunday, March 4 at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. 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, and we are delighted to welcome him back to the Fourth Church pulpit. We hope you will join us for this special worship opportunity!

The bulletin cover photo, taken during a heavy snowfall, shows a coiled vine hanging from a tree on the Michigan Avenue side of the cloisters.

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