MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude

A Solemn Melody
H. Walford Davies

Nearer, My God, to Thee
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Introit

“Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”
Giovanni Croce

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth;
O knit my heart unto thee, that I may love thy name.

*Doxology and Invocation*

(The Hymnal, 592)

*Hymn 416*

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
Tune: Westminster Abbey

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O holy God, open to us light for our darkness,
courage for our fear,
hope for our despair.
O loving God, open to us wisdom for our confusion,
forgiveness for our sins,
love for our hate.
O God of peace, open to us peace for our turmoil,
joy for our sorrow,
strength for our weakness.
O generous God, open our hearts to receive all your gifts.
Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

*Stand as you are able.*
**Anthem**

“Teach Me, O Lord”  
*Stephen Sturk*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. How sweet are your words to my taste!  
They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.  
Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.  
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence. Amen.

**First Lesson**

Exodus 20:1–17 *(responsively)*  
(page 63, O.T.)

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

*Gloria Patri*  
(The Hymnal, 579)

**Second Lesson**

1 Corinthians 1:18–31  
(page 156, N.T.)

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

**Sermon**

Life Together  
*Deborah Kapp*

*Hymn 101*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
*Tune: Hamburg*

*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”  Richard Warner

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  “Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?”  Peter Aston
Where shall wisdom be found and where is the place of understanding? One knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. The depth said, “It is not in me.” And the sea said, “It is not in me.” It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls, for the price of wisdom is above rubies. Whence cometh wisdom and where is the place of understanding? God understandeth the way thereof and he knoweth the place thereof. For he looketh to the ends of the earth and seeth under the whole heaven. When he made a decree for the rain and a way for the lightening of the thunder, then did he see it, and then did he declare it; then he prepared it and searched it out. And unto us he said, “Behold, the love of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.”

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND 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.

*Prayer of 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 and eternal God,
    so draw our hearts to you,
    so guide our minds,
    so fill our imaginations,
    so control our wills,
    that we may be wholly yours,
    utterly dedicated unto you;
    and then use us, we pray, as you will,
    but always to your glory
    and the welfare of your people,
    through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn 281*  
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  
*Tune: Cwm Rhondda*

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**  
March in G Minor  
*Edward Elgar*  
*arr. A. Herbert Brewer*
“Let the little children come to me . . . for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

Baptism
at Fourth Presbyterian Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As The Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church. The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

Jackson Forrest Letson Boord, son of Robert and Carolyn Boord
Elin Marie Kueck, daughter of Matthew and Kristine Kueck
Leia Sofia Lin, daughter of Christopher and Monica Lin
Sky Muyskens, daughter of Scott and JoAnn Muyskens
Harper Mae Temple, daughter of Aaron and Shannon Temple
Annalise Marie Yorg, daughter of Jeffery and Kathryn Yorg

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Lily Jane Bachman, daughter of Kevin and Susan Bachman
John Lewis Borovicka V, son of John and Nicole Borovicka
Charlotte Florence Edwards, daughter of Matthew and Laurie Edwards
Brynleigh Lynne Eggman, daughter of Zach and Holly Eggman
Madison J Marshiano, daughter of Anthony and Kristie Marshiano
Simeon Suntay Zahn, son of Steven Zahn and Rachel Suntay-Zahn
WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod, Deborah Kapp
11:00 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod, Deborah Kapp

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

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