

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE**                      Dearest Jesus, We Are Here    *Johann Sebastian Bach*

**INTROIT**                      “God So Loved the World”                      *John Goss*

God so loved the world that he gave his only  
begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him  
should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his Son into the world to  
condemn the world, but that the world  
through him might be saved. Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**                      (The Hymnal, 592)

**\*HYMN 339**                      “Be Thou My Vision”                      *Tune: SLANE*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart  
and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**ANTHEM**

“Wondrous Love”

*American folk hymn*

*arr. Alice Parker*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused  
the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.  
When I was sinking down, O my soul, beneath God’s  
righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my  
soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, to God and  
to the Lamb who is the great “I am,” while millions  
join the theme, I will sing. And when from death I’m  
free, I’ll sing on and joyful be. And through eternity  
I’ll sing on and joyful be.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON**

Micah 6:6–8

(page 816, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

**SECOND LESSON**

Mark 12:28–34

(page 46, N.T.)

**REFLECTIONS FROM CONFIRMANDS**

**\*HYMN 83**

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

*Tune: DEO GRACIAS*

**\*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.**

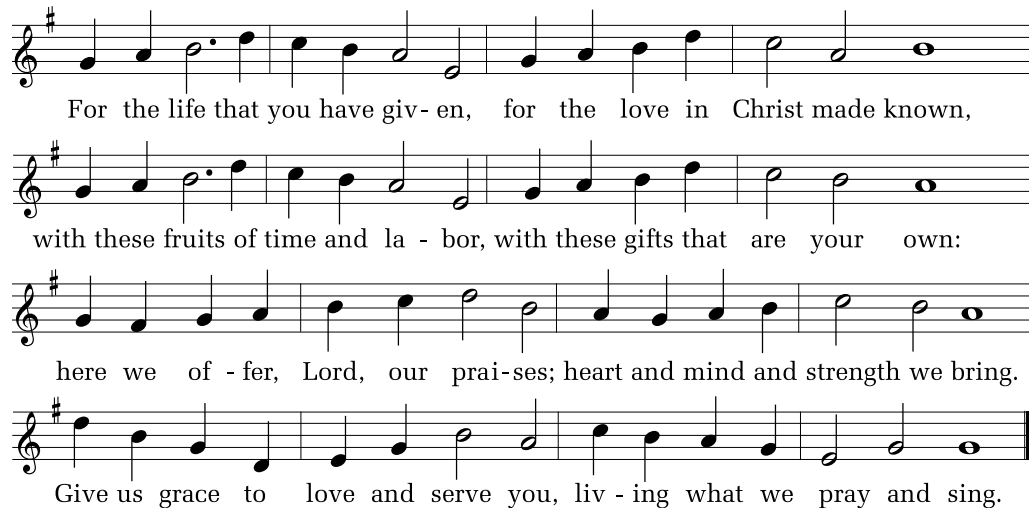
## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY SOLO “Mein Glaubiges Herze” from the *St. Matthew Passion*

*J. S. Bach*

My faithful heart, rejoice, sing, be merry,  
your Jesus is here. Away with sorrow,  
away with lamentation, I will only tell you,  
my Jesus is here.

### \*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 "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" *Paul French*

Come, my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives  
us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as  
killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength;  
such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in  
length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my  
joy, my love, my heart; such a joy as none can move,  
such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**Loving God, throughout the ages you have led your  
people through the wilderness, feeding our hunger  
with the bread of life and nourishing our thirst  
with the cup of salvation. Having fed us now in this  
sacred meal, guide us in Christ's footsteps to love  
you with our entire being, to love our neighbors  
as ourselves, to do justice, to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with you. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

Leader: Be watchful and stand firm in your faith.  
Be courageous and strong. Let all that you do  
be done in love. Christ is the way:

People: **follow and share loving kindness.**

Leader: Christ is the life:

People: **receive and rejoice.**

Leader: Christ is the truth:

People: **seek, sure that those who seek find Jesus Christ.**

Leader: May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you,  
God the Holy Spirit give you strength. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

O God, Thou Faithful God

*Johannes Brahms*

**FOURTH CHURCH RISING**

**2011–2012 Participants**

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## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

Laura Perkett, soloist

Carol Carpenter, flutist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

## WORSHIP NOTES

**The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Elam Davies Social Service Center as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

**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. 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.

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