

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE O Lamb of God *Johann Sebastian Bach*

INTROIT “Create in Me a Clean Heart” *Stephen Sturk*
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.

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

***HYMN 471** “O Praise the Gracious Power”
Tune: CHRISTPRAISE RAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**You asked for my hands that you might use
them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment,
then withdrew them for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth to speak out against
injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might
not be accused.**

**You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life that you might work
through me. I gave a small part that I might not
get too involved.**

**Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you
only when it is convenient for me to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Shape me as your usable instrument, so that I
take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER Psalm 119:9–16 (*responsively*) (page 535, O.T.)

ANTHEM “My Song Is Love Unknown” *John Ireland*
arr. Donald Busarow

My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake the Lord should take frail
flesh and die? He came from his blest throne, salvation
to bestow; but men made strange, and none the longed
for Christ would know. But O my friend, my friend
indeed, who at my need his life did spend! Sometimes
they strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the way hosannas to their King. Then
“Crucify!” is all their breath, and for his death they
thirst and cry. Why? What has my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame
to run; he gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries.
Yet they at these themselves displease and against him
rise. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made
away; a murderer they save; the prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, that he his foes from
thence might free. Here might I stay and sing, no story
so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief
like thine! This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31–34 (page 691, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON John 12:20–33 (page 100, N.T.)

SERMON For Such a Time as This VICTORIA G. CURTISS

***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.**

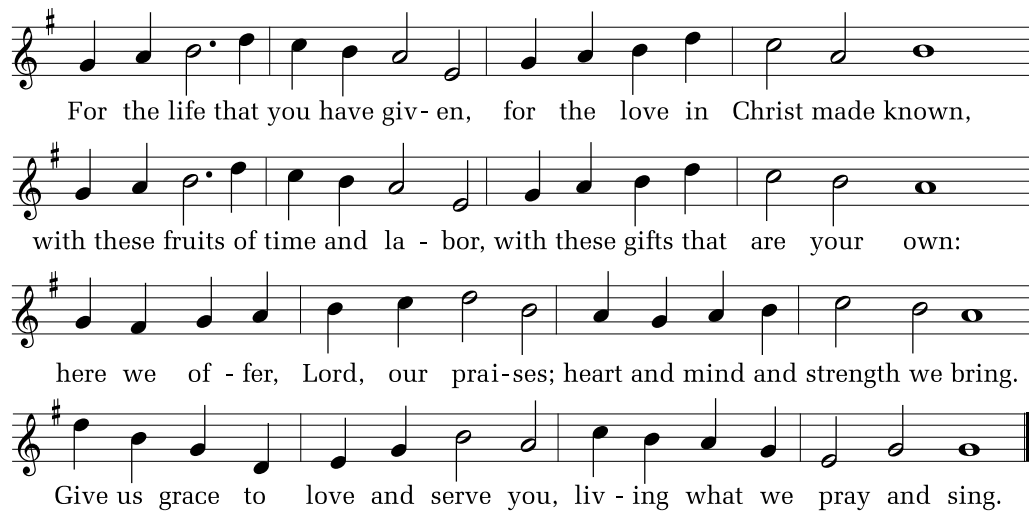
OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "Serenity"

Charles Ives

O, Sabbath rest of Galilee! O, calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of
eternity, interpreted by love. Drop thy still dews of
quietness, till all our strivings cease. Take from our
souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives
confess, the beauty of thy peace.

*** 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.**

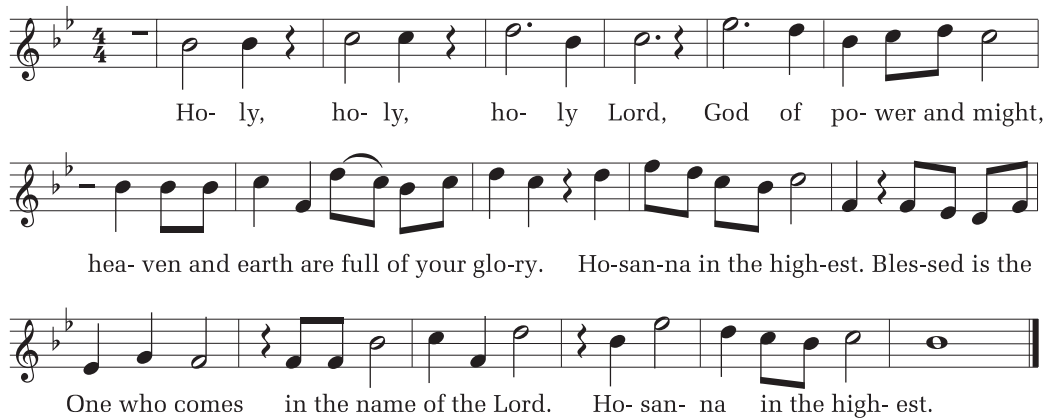
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 "Ave Verum"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Hail, thou word of God incarnate, of the blessed virgin
Mary born. On the cross thy sacred body for us with
nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water
streaming forth from thy pierced side. Feed us with thy
body broken in death's final agony.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**God of our lives,
the humility of Christ reveals true greatness;
the sacrifice of Christ moves us
to awe and gratitude.
You summon us to give ourselves for others.
Grant us your salvation day by day. Amen.**

***HYMN 84**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Tune: RATHBUN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

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. 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. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order

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THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

Andrea Pokrefke, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Lola Coke on behalf of the Chicago Lights Urban Farm.

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.

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