

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands
Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT "Come, Join Our Cheerful Song!" *Dale Wood*
Come, join our cheerful song! Lift up your voices strong.
Rejoice, be glad, give praise.

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

***HYMN 464** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" *Tune: HYMN TO JOY*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Almighty God, through the rising of your Son
from the grave, you broke the power of death
and condemned death itself to die.
As we celebrate this great triumph,
may we also make it the model for our living.
Help us to identify in our lives
all that should rightly die—
relationships which hurt or hinder,
tired habits, fruitless longings.
As surely as you raised Jesus Christ,
resurrect in our lives faith, hope, and love,
that, healed and forgiven,
we may share in the new life you bring. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM "See What Love" from *St. Paul* *Felix Mendelssohn*
See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in his
goodness, that we should be called God's own children.

PSALTER Psalm 133 (*sung*) (The Hymnal, 241)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:36–48 (page 85, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON The Disciples' Dilemma CALUM I. MACLEOD

"While in their joy they were disbelieving . . ."

Luke 24:41 (NRSV)

***HYMN 399** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK

***APOSTLES' CREED** (*unison*)

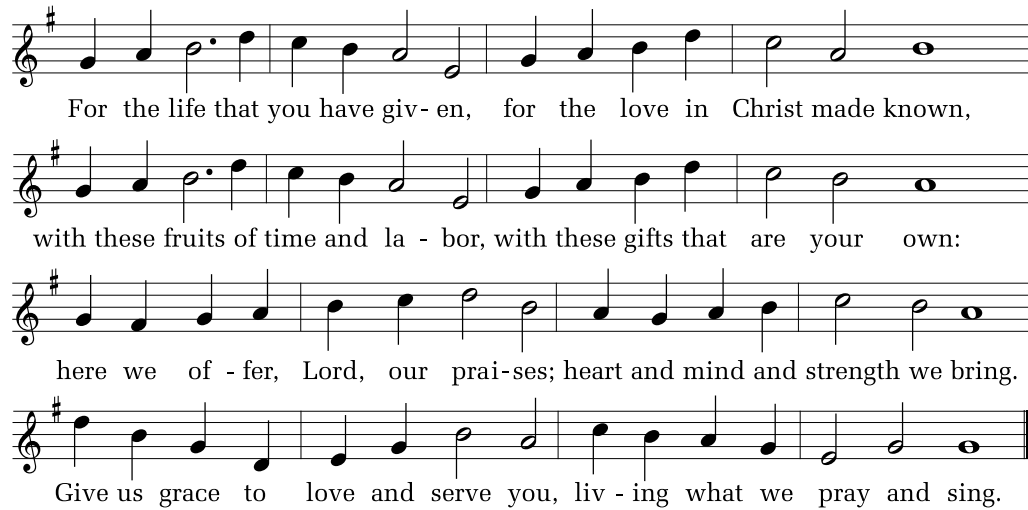
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

Improvisation on "Christ the Lord Is Risen Again"

*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: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high . . .

. . . 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 "Christ Hath a Garden"

*English melody
arr. Gerald Near*

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heaven, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air. Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved master come. That he may come and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; that he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**We give you thanks, O God, for the wonder
of your works and the riches of your grace;
for the risen Christ who came to his friends then
and who comes to his friends today. Jesus Christ, you
are our savior, because you have chosen us. In our
weakness and fear you have loved us and wanted
us, called us and sent us. Thanks be to God for the
gospel of grace. And now we dedicate ourselves, our
time, talents, and money,
to do your work in the world. In the name of him
who was once dead and is now alive. Amen.**

***HYMN 108**

"Christ Is Alive!"

Tune: TRURO

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*

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THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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 next Taizé service will be this Friday, April 27, with prayers led by Brother Emile of the Taizé community in France.

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