

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Sonata III in A Major *Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy*

INTROIT “Jesu Tawa Pano” *Patrick Matsikenyiri*
Jesus, we are here for you.

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

***HYMN 223** “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer” *Tune: STUTTGART*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Loving God, we read of your mighty acts
among your people, and we rejoice in your power
displayed in Jesus, the risen One.
We confess our faithlessness and lack of trust.
We have lived as though your power belonged to the past;
we have not trusted Jesus to work miracles
of healing and forgiveness in us;
we have looked at our own sin and been frightened by it;
and when we have looked at the sin of others,
it has made us smug.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Raise us out of the captivity of guilt
into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO FOURTH GRADERS

(9:30)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

ANTHEM “Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One” *Healey Willan*
Rise up, my love, my fair one and come away;
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear upon the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come.

**Stand as you are able.*

PSALTER Psalm 22:25–31 (*responsively*) (page 474, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 8:26–40 (page 119, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON When Spiritual but Not Religious Is Not Enough
LILLIAN DANIEL

***HYMN 361** “How Firm a Foundation” *Tune:* FOUNDATION

***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"

Philip Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Quam dilecta tabernacula tua" *Charles-Marie Widor*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the
sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the
valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also
covers it with pools. We look to God, our protector; save us, O Christ.

***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.

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***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: **God of compassion,
we praise you that you look upon our frail lives
with love and understanding
and that you desire for us
all new life in Jesus Christ.
We are overwhelmed by your love,
which goes to the cross for us,
endures the grave,
and leads us to new life.
By your Spirit,
strengthen our souls to be brave
and bold in Christ's service.
Take our offerings
and use them and us for your purposes,
in the name of Jesus Christ,
our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 418**

“God, Bless Your Church with Strength!”

Tune: ICH HALTE TREULICH STILL

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Carillon

Herbert Murrill

Guest Preachers in May

This year, we are honored to be able to welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit several highly regarded theologians and leaders in the Reformed tradition. We are particularly pleased that this month Lillian Daniel and Frank Yamada will be sharing the Word with us.



Lillian Daniel

TODAY AND MAY 13 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

The Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn since 2004, Lillian Daniel is the author of *Tell It Like It Is: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony* and co-author of *This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers*. She also hosts the Chicago-based public television program *30 Good Minutes*. An editor-at-large for the *Christian Century*, Dr. Daniel's work has appeared in the *Huffington Post* and *Christianity Today*, and she has taught preaching at Yale and the University of Chicago Divinity Schools and Chicago Theological Seminary.



Frank Yamada

MAY 20 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

President of McCormick Theological Seminary since 2011, Dr. Frank Yamada joined the McCormick staff in 2008 as the Director of the Center for Asian American Ministries and Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible. Prior to that, Dr. Yamada, who is a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), taught Hebrew Bible at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He is the author of *Configurations of Rape in the Hebrew Bible: A Literary Analysis of Three Rape Narratives* and an editor and contributor to *The Peoples' Bible*, a crosscultural study Bible from Augsburg Fortress Press.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Hardy H. Kim, Judith L. Watt, Lillian Daniel

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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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Brandon Latherow on behalf of the Fourth Church Sunday School program.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities each week. In addition to Sunday morning services, an afternoon jazz service with Communion is also held on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. On weekday mornings, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary (9:00 a.m. on Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) and offers an opportunity to remember in prayer members of Fourth Church as well as those who are in need.

The bulletin cover photo depicts the base of one of the stone pillars in the south aisle. The cover quote by John Barton is from *The Oxford Companion to Christian Thought*.

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