

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE O God of Love *John Corigliano*
Symphony III *Louis Vierne*
Adagio

INTROIT “A Choral Fanfare” *Linda Spevacek*
(9:30)

INTROIT “Sing to the Lord!” *Deborah Govenor*
(11:00)

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

***HYMN 473** “For the Beauty of the Earth” *Tune: Dix*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

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 "O Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

Eric Thiman

O Lord, hear our prayer, and let our cry come before thee.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Set Me as a Seal"

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.

*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 all mercies,
we give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
Give us such an awareness of your mercies
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 376**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Tune: HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Symphony III
Final

Louis Vierne

“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

Zoey Abigail Donovan, daughter of Edward and Sherri Donovan
Ellery Rose Hartley, daughter of Ryan and Katie Hartley
Michael Lawrence McMillan, son of Glenn and Kathryn McMillan
Asha Umang Mary Patel, daughter of Umang Patel and Susan Danial
Jackson Matthew Unander, son of Matthew and Erin Unander

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Christian Vaclav Bahnik, son of Jean and Erika Bahnik
Andrew Grant Miazga, son of Brian and Kristen Miazga
Ryan Alan Pratt, son of Robert and Nancy Pratt
Vivienne Nettie Wise, daughter of Lee Wise and Nicole Leannais
Myles Theodore Wolf, son of Linda Wolf
Grace Kathleen Youstra, daughter of Brett Youstra and Donna Davis

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod, Lillian Daniel

11:00 a.m. Joyce Shin, Adam H. Fronczek, Lillian Daniel

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Youth Choir; The Morning Choir

11:00 a.m. The Children's Choir; The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Children's and Youth Choir Accompanist

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church is grateful to the Children's and Youth Choirs for their music leadership throughout the school year and particularly to seniors Laurel Doak, Jolisha Johnson, and McCormick Sinclair for their years of commitment to Fourth Church choirs.

Guest preacher Lillian Daniel has been the Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn since 2004 and is the author of *Tell It Like It Is: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony* and co-author of *This Odd and Wondrous Calling*. We are honored to welcome her to the Fourth Church pulpit.

The text of this morning's opening hymn was written by Folliet Sandford Pierpont (1835–1917) “one day in late spring near his native city of Bath, England, when violets and primrose were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.”

The bulletin cover photo depicts the courtyard fountain as photographed from the third floor of Parish House. A 1913 gift from the associate architect of the Michigan Avenue property, Howard Van Doren Shaw, the Children's Fountain, as it was designated, features carvings of various animals as well as the text of Isaiah 11:9 and Habbakuk 2:14.

PASTORAL STAFF

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