

PSALTER Psalm 138 (*responsively*) (page 545, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”
African American spiritual
arr. Gordon Krunnfusz

Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen; nobody knows but only Jesus, glory hallelujah. Sometimes I’m up; sometimes I’m down, O yes, Lord; sometimes I’m almost to the ground. If you should see me going slow, O yes, Lord, I’ve got my troubles here below. I know why Satan hates me so, O yes, Lord; he got me once and let me go.

FIRST LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1 (page 170, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Exodus 3:1–15 (page 48, O.T.)

SERMON When You Overcome Your Own Objections
RHASHELL HUNTER

“Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.” But [Moses] said, “O my Lord, please send someone else.” Exodus 4:12–13 (NRSV)

***HYMN 434** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” *Tune: KINGSFOLD*

***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"

Anonymous

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Rise Up"

Tucker Biddlecombe

My Lord taught me to rise up, and I ain't about to let him down. Zacchaeus was a man about four feet high. He heard Jesus was passing by; he climbed to the top of that big old tree, and he said, "Hey, Jesus, look at me!" Jesus was crucified, dead and gone, long before the struggle for freedom was won, but just when you thought we were all alone, the third day came and he arose. My Lord taught me to rise up way down in Egypt land. You know that ever since I heard his name, I've never really been quite the same. My Lord has taught me so many things, I've got to sing and shout it. Let it ring.

***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: **Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to render to you
all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you,
not with our lips only,
but with our whole lives,
turning the duties, the sorrows,
and the joys of all our days
into a living sacrifice to you,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***HYMN 264**

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Tune: ENGELBERG

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of Christ)

*South African freedom song
arr. John Behnke*

“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

David Robert Becker, son of Matthew and Michelle Becker
Amelia Maeve Chandler, daughter of David and Merri Chandler
John Cospere Dunagan, son of Chris and Melissa Dunagan
Elliott Rose Janning, daughter of Jason and Elizabeth Janning
Skyler Kai Van Klompenberg, daughter of Brian and Jen Van Klompenberg

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Eli Kwabena Akuffo, son of Opi and Akua Akuffo
Tae Jacob Theodore Joung, son of Jae and Jodi Joung
Zachary Craig Ozog, son of Nicholas and Kara Ozog

WORSHIP LEADERS

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Guest preacher Rhashell Hunter is the Director of Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women in the General Assembly Mission Council of the Presbyterian Church (USA). She previously served as Associate Pastor for Worship, Music, and the Arts at Fourth Church (1993–1998) and as Pastor of Community Presbyterian Church in Flint, Michigan. A second-career clergy person, Dr. Hunter has integrated her gifts from a performing arts career with her ministry in the church, providing experiences that integrate drama and dance into the worship life of the congregation.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, “Unweavings,” created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day.

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