MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude Carillon Leo Sowerby

Introit “O, Bless the Lord, My Soul!” Aaron Williams
O, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join and aid my tongue to bless his name whose favors are divine.

*Doxology and Invocation (The Hymnal, 592)

*Hymn 235 “With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim”
Tune: Gonfalon Royal

Prayer of Confession (unison)
Almighty God,
you know our failings and our faults.
Looking out for ourselves,
we fail to be responsible for others.
Preoccupied with being right,
we forget to be kind and generous.
Forgive us, Lord.
Empty us of self-concern and self-righteousness,
and fill us instead with compassion for your world.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem “Simple Gifts” Shaker melody
arr. Aaron Copland
’Tis the gift to be simple, ’tis the gift to be free,
’tis the gift to come down where you ought to be;
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
’twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight till by turning, turning we come round right.

*Stand as you are able
Psalter
Psalm 122 (responsively) (page 540, O.T.)

*Gloria Patri* (The Hymnal, 579)

Scripture Lesson
2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27 (page 263, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
A Public Pathos
Joyce Shin

“Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!
How the mighty have fallen! . . . O daughters of Israel, weep.”
2 Samuel 1:19, 24a (nRSV)

*Hymn 412* “Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds”
Tune: Forest Green

*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 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Paul Manz
*Offertory Response

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.


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:

One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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 “We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace”

African American spiritual
arr. William Appling

We shall walk through the valley of the shadow of
death. We shall walk through the valley in peace!
And if Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk
through the valley in peace! There will be no sorrowing
there. And if Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall
walk through the valley in peace!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Thank you, Lord,
for making yourself known not only in the temple,
the synagogue, and the public square,
but also at the table and in the company of friends.
Nourished and strengthened in this household of
faith, send us out with words to speak,
service to render, hands to hold, and hearts to feel.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 512 “Living Word of God Eternal”

Tune: KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

Benediction and Response

POSTLUDE American Hymn

Richard Keys Biggs
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 Men of the Morning Choir
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

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, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A monthly service in the style of Taizé is held on the fourth Friday of the month.

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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