

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Suite no. 2 in G Minor *Louis-Nicolas Clérambault*

INTROIT “Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee” *German melody*
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

Jehovah, let me now adore thee. For where is there a
God, such Lord, as thou? With songs I fain would come
before thee, O let thy Holy Spirit teach me now to praise
thee in his name, through whom alone our songs can
please thee, through thy blessed Son!

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

***HYMN 469** “Morning Has Broken” *Tune: BUNESSAN*

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.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Stand as you are able*

ANTHEM

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

from *Straslund Gesangbuch* arr. Mack Wilberg

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding
in glad adoration. Praise to the Lord! Over all things he
gloriously reigneth, born as on eagle wings, safely his
saints he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth? Praise
to the Lord! Who doth prosper thy way and defend thee.
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his
love doth befriend thee. Praise to the Lord! O, let all that
is in me adore him! All that hath breath, join with
Abraham’s seed to adore him. Let the “amen” sum all
our praises again, now as we worship before him.

PSALTER

Psalm 123 (*responsively*)

(page 540, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 6:1–13

(page 38, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Forget the Church, Follow Jesus

KERRI N. ALLEN

***HYMN 437**

“Our Cities Cry to You, O God”

Tune: SALVATION

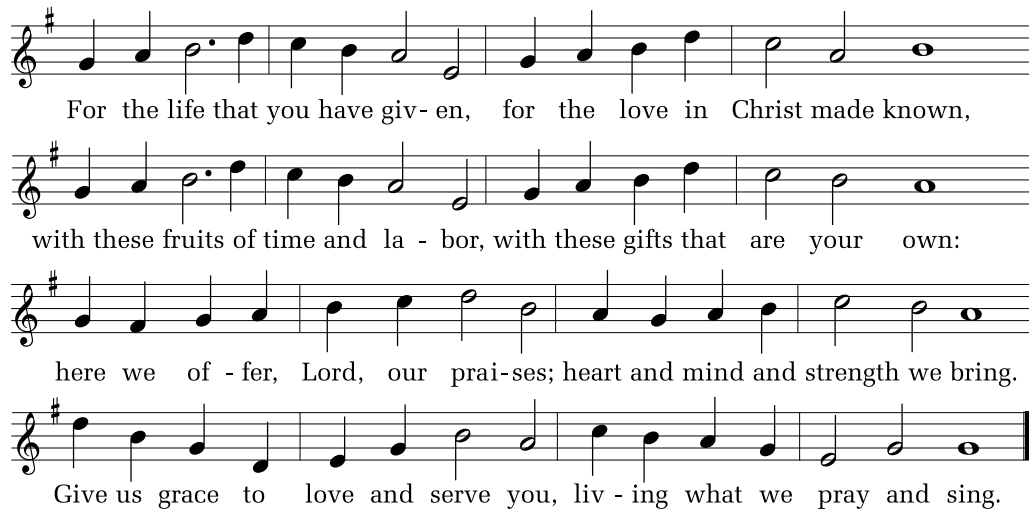
***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

**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 “We Now Pray to Thee” *Dieterich Buxtehude*

*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: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .
. . . 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 "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee"

Plainsong

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior; thee, who at this
blessed feast, art pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in
thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly
hail. O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living
bread to all doth here afford! O may our souls forever
feed on thee, and thou, O Christ, forever precious be!
Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God, cleanse us,
unclean, with thy most cleansing blood; increase our
faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace
which from thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now
beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our
portion be, to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything
we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 538**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Prelude to *Te Deum*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

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. 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. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order

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John H. Boyle, Joyce Shin, Kerri N. Allen

THE MUSIC TODAY

Men of the Morning Choir

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

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's prelude and postlude were written by composers active in the royal court of France. Clérambault (1676–1749) was harpsichordist for King Louis XIV and organist at Saint-Sulpice in Paris, and Charpentier (1643–1704) became music director of La Sainte-Chapelle in Paris in 1698.

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 monthly service in the style of Taizé is held on the fourth Friday of the month.

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