**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 Hoeltly-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*

**APOTHESES’ 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 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:

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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.
**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 waverin 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*
Worship Leaders
   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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