

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in E Major *Vincent Lübeck*
 Festive Flutes *Everett Titcomb*
 Choral *Joseph Jongen*

INTROIT “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” *Plainsong*
 O splendor of God’s glory bright, O thou that bringest light
 from light, O light of light, light’s living spring, O day, all day’s
 illumining. All laud to God the Father be; all praise, eternal Son,
 to thee; all glory to the Spirit raise in equal and unending praise.

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

***HYMN 465** “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather” *Tune: TOKYO*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Loving God,
we confess that we have neglected your word
and resisted your ways.
We have not allowed ourselves to care
mutually for one another as your body of believers.
We seek to appear self-sufficient
while yearning to share our pain.
We find giving easier than receiving
because we are able to maintain control.
We deny the bonds of concern and compassion
that link us with your whole human family.
Help us to be vulnerable with and supportive of one another,
that we may mature in love. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 85:8–13 *(responsively)* (page 514, O.T.)

**Stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM “There Is a Balm in Gilead” *African American spiritual*
arr. Jerry Johnson

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
If you can’t preach like Peter, if you can’t pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all.

FIRST LESSON Luke 4:14–21 (page 57, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:14–26 (page 163, N.T.)

SERMON Community in Christ VICTORIA G. CURTISS

*“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;
if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.”*
1 Corinthians 12:26 (NRSV)

***HYMN 436** “We Are Your People” *Tune: WHITFIELD*

***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"

Vincent Persichetti

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Ain't a That Good News"

*African American spiritual
arr. William Dawson*

I got a crown up in the kingdom, ain't a that good news!
I'm going to lay down this world, going to shoulder up my cross,
going to take it home to my Jesus, ain't a that good news!
I got a harp up in the kingdom, ain't a that good news!
I got a robe up in the kingdom, ain't a that good news!

***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: **For the abundance with which you have enriched our lives,
we give thanks, gracious God.
For our individual gifts,
granted for the common good,
we are most grateful.
Receive now the offerings we return to you,
that they may declare good news,
and show your love for all. Amen.**

***HYMN 367**

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Tune: CHEREPONI

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

Theodore Dubois

Guest Preachers in July and August

This year, we are honored to be able to welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit several highly regarded theologians and preachers. We are particularly pleased that Otis Moss III and Anna Carter Florence will be sharing the Word with us this July and August.



Otis Moss III

JULY 22 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

Otis Moss III serves as Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, the South Side congregation that is the largest church in the UCC. He is an ordained minister in both the Progressive National Baptist Convention and the United Church of Christ. A popular speaker on college campuses, conferences, and churches across the globe, Dr. Moss is recognized for his ability to communicate across generations and his creative Bible-based messages. He is committed to preaching prophetically that the message of love and justice are inseparable companions, forming the foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is also an accomplished author and a member of the *Christian Century* board.



Anna Carter Florence

AUGUST 12 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia (a seminary of the Presbyterian Church USA). She is interested in historical, theological, aesthetic, and performative dimensions of preaching and the ways preaching engages other fields and different traditions. Dr. Florence's research focuses on testimony, feminist theology, the role of experience in preaching, and the history of preaching women. Previously having served as Associate Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis, she is a frequent speaker and lecturer at churches and conferences, including the Festival of Homiletics.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Judith L. Watt, Thomas C. Rook, Victoria G. Curtiss

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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

WORSHIP NOTES

The anthem “There Is a Balm in Gilead” was arranged by Fourth Church member Jerry Johnson, who is also a member of the Morning Choir. This piece is one of Jerry’s first arrangements of a spiritual in a jazz style.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities each week. In addition to Sunday morning services, an afternoon jazz service with Communion is also held on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. On weekday mornings, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary (9:00 a.m. on Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday), and a Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each 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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