**MORNING WORSHIP**

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

**Prelude**

Festive Flutes

*Everett Titcomb*

**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 442**

“The Church’s One Foundation”  
*Tune: Aurelia*

**Prayer of Confession**  
*(unison)*

Loving Creator,  
you call us together in the name of your son,  
Jesus Christ, to be his body  
and to continue his work in the world.  
Yet, so often, we must confess that instead of building community and commitment, we tear down through disagreement and discord; that instead of working according to shared conviction and vision, we are prone to engage in judgment and rejection of one another. Help us to remember that the neighbors you called to us to love, even as we love ourselves, are all around and right next to us—that they are even those persons with whom we daily disagree. Fill us again with your grace and peace, that we might find patience and understanding for one another. As we remember you, help us to cast off our hurts and dislikes, so that we might be freed to live as your beloved community. Amen.
DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 24 (responsively) (page 475, O.T.)

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 Ephesians 1:3–14 (page 180, N.T.)

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

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON 2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19 (page 267, O.T.)

SERMON Church for Winners and Losers HARDY H. KIM
“As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.” 2 Samuel 6:16 (NRSV)

*HYMN 465 “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather” Tune: Tokyo
*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** “Behold, I Stand at the Threshold”

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*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.

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:


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  “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Alexander Reinagle
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!
It soothes the sorrows, heals the wounds, and drives
away all fear. It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast; ‘tis manna to the hungry
soul and to the weary, rest. Dear name, the rock on
which I build, my shield and hiding place; my never
failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Mighty God,
you rise with healing in your wings,
to scatter all the enmity that dwells in us
and to renew love in our hearts.
We give you thanks for this meal you feed us,
and we trust that it will sustain us
as we wait in hope for the coming of that day
when crying and pain shall be no more.
Help us by your Holy Spirit
to receive your power into our lives
and to trust in your eternal love,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN 522  “Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

Tune: LAND OF REST

Benediction and Response

POSTLUDE  Toccata in G Major  Theodore Dubois

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Kerri N. Allen, Joyce Shin, Hardy H. Kim

The Music Today
Men of the Morning Choir
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.

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. 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.

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