

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE**                      A Feather on the Breath of God                      *Carl Wiltse*  
Improvisation on the chant *O Magna Pater*  
("God the Father")

**INTROIT**                      "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"                      *Arthur H. Messiter*  
*arr. Norman J. Clayton*  
  
Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ, your King.  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

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

**\*HYMN 439**                      "In Christ There Is No East or West"                      *Tune: ST. PETER*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**Holy God,  
giver of peace, author of truth,  
we confess that we are divided  
and at odds with one another,  
that a bad spirit has risen among us  
and set us against your Holy Spirit of peace and love.  
Take from us the mistrust, partisanship, contention,  
and all evil that now divides us.  
Work in us a desire for reconciliation, so that,  
putting aside personal grievances,  
we may go about your business with a single mind,  
devoted to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PSALTER**                      Psalm 14 (*responsively*)                      (page 468, O.T.)

**ANTHEM**

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings Fair”

*Eric H. Thiman*

How lovely are thy dwellings fair, O Lord of hosts, how dear  
thy pleasant tabernacles are, where thou dost dwell so near.  
My soul doth long and almost die, thy courts, O Lord, to see;  
my heart and flesh aloud do cry, O living God, for thee.  
Happy who in thy house reside, where thee they ever praise.  
Happy whose strength in thee doth bide and in their hearts  
thy ways. They journey on from strength to strength with joy  
and gladsome cheer, till all before our God at length in Zion  
do appear. For God the Lord, both sun and shield gives grace and  
glory bright; no good from them shall be withheld whose ways  
are just and right. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON**

Ephesians 3:14–21

(page 182, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

**SECOND LESSON**

2 Samuel 11:1–15

(page 271, O.T.)

**SERMON**

Perspectives and Peace

HARDY H. KIM

**\*HYMN 450**

“O Day of Peace”

*Tune:* JERUSALEM

**\*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)*

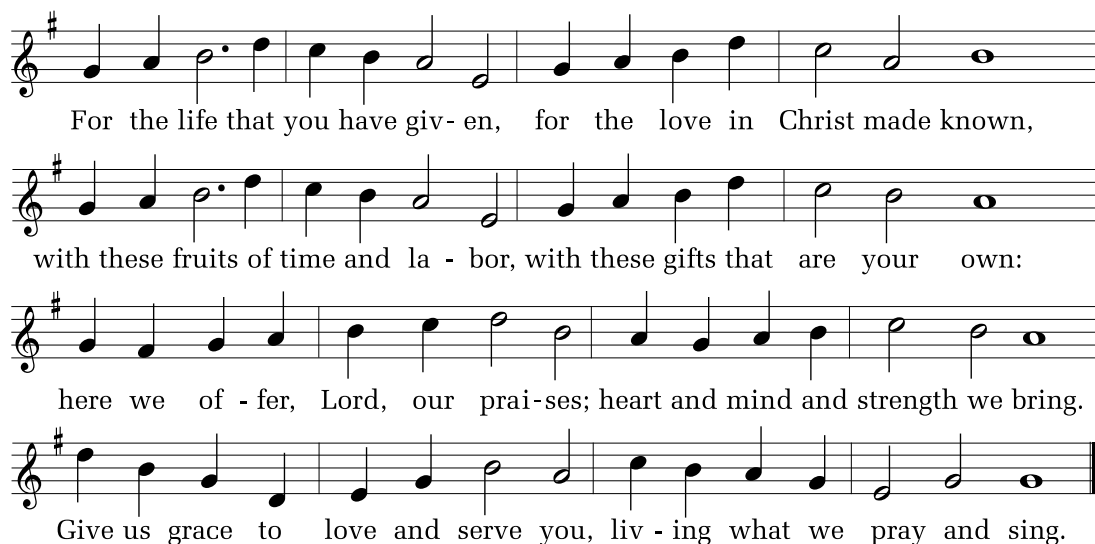
**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple" *Eric DeLamarter*  
The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth  
keep silence before him. Amen.

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "We Wait For Thy Loving-Kindness, O God" *Stephen Elvey*  
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

### \*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: **O God, out of whose mind  
this great cosmic universe has been created,  
toward whom the weary and perplexed  
of all generations turn for consolation and direction,  
we come before your presence this morning  
thanking you for the many blessings of life.  
We come recognizing our dependence on you,  
and to dedicate our lives and gifts to your service.  
So, in these days of emotional tension,  
when the problems of the world  
seem great and incomprehensible,  
give us penetrating vision, broad understanding,  
power of endurance, and abiding faith,  
and save us from the paralysis of crippling fear.  
And, O God, we ask you to help us to work  
with renewed vigor for a warless world  
and toward an understanding that we are all  
a part of your family, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 358**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

*Tune: BARONITA*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Te Deum

*Jean Langlais*

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## Guest Preachers in August and September

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 Anna Carter Florence and K.C. Ptomey will be sharing the Word with us this August and September.



### **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.



### **K.C. Ptomey Jr.**

**SEPTEMBER 16 AND 23 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.**

K.C. Ptomey Jr. is the Zbinden Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Leadership at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. His courses cover subjects such as preaching, spiritual disciplines for preachers, worship, equipping laypersons for creating and leading liturgy, and stewardship. Prior to his appointment at Austin Seminary in 2009, Dr. Ptomey was for twenty-seven years the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville. During his forty-one years of parish ministry, he also served churches in Collierville, Tennessee, and Henderson and Arlington, Texas. Upon retirement, he served as Interim Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New York City. Dr. Ptomey has also been preacher or keynote speaker for youth conferences and worship conferences.

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod, Hardy H. Kim

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## THE MUSIC TODAY

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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

**The women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs** will be providing music leadership through September 2. The full choirs will return September 9.

**Today's prelude premieres "A Feather on the Breath of God"** by American composer Carl Wiltse. This composition is based on one of the "healing" chants, *O Magna Pater*, by Hildegard von Bingen, who once described herself as "a feather on the breath of God." She said that God determined the direction her life took in the same way that a breeze determines the direction of a feather in the air. In this piece, Wiltse intends to represent in music the image of a feather on the breath of God. The improvisation that follows this piece is based on the same chant.

**Today's Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication** is adapted from a prayer by Martin Luther King Jr.

**The bulletin cover** photo depicts the lamp on the north side of the steps up to the Narthex from Michigan Avenue. The cover quote is from "A Christmas Sermon on Peace" preached by Martin Luther King Jr. on Christmas Eve 1967 at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

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