

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	There Is a Balm in Gilead	<i>African American spiritual arr. Joe Utterback</i>
	Swing Low, Sweet Chariot	<i>African American spiritual arr. J. Utterback</i>
	Kum Ba Yah	<i>African melody arr. John Behnke</i>
	1. Someone's Praying, Lord 2. Someone's Crying, Lord 3. Someone's Singing, Lord	

INTROIT (9:30) Sung by the Vacation Bible School Chorus

INTROIT (11:00) "Steal Away" *African American spiritual
arr. Malcolm Archer*

Steal away to Jesus, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within
my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

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

***HYMN 220** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" *Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH*

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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM "O God, My Heart Is Ready" *Simon Lindley*

O God, my heart is ready; I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have. Awake, lute and harp; I myself will awake right early. My lips shall speak of thy praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes. Yes, my tongue shall sing of thy word for all thy commandments are righteous.

PSALTER Psalm 111 (*responsively*) (page 531, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14 (page 290 O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON A Listening Heart *JOYCE SHIN*

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil."

1 Kings 3:9 (NRSV)

***HYMN 351** "Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart" *Tune: GATESCARTH*

***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 "O Thou That Hearest Prayer" *Eric DeLamarter*

O thou that hearest prayer, attend our humble cry, and let thy servants share thy blessing from on high. We plead the promise of thy word; grant us thy Holy Spirit, Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "How Can I Keep from Singing?" *American folk song
arr. M. Archer*

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails the new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;
it finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
What though my joys and comforts die, the Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round, songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that refuge clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from
singing? I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it;
and day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
all things are mine since I am his: how can I keep from singing?

***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: **God of all mercies,
we give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your boundless love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace
and for the hope of glory.
Give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory now and forever.
Amen.**

***HYMN 278**

“Our God, to Whom We Turn”

Tune: WAS FRAG’ ICH NACH DER WELT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann

Guest Preachers in 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 K.C. Ptomey and Susan Andrews will be sharing the Word with us this September.



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 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 and keynote speaker for youth conferences and worship conferences.



Susan Andrews

SEPTEMBER 30 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

Presently General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Hudson River, Susan Andrews was also Moderator of the 215th General Assembly (2003–2004) of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Named Preacher of the Year by *Lectionary Homiletics* in 2000, Dr. Andrews has served Presbyterian congregations in Allentown, Pennsylvania; East Hanover, New Jersey; and Bethesda, Maryland. She has been part of several PCUSA committees and task forces and written for a variety of publications, including the *Christian Century*, *Interpretation*, *Presbyterians Being Reformed: Reflections on What the Church Needs Today*, *Feasting on the Word*, and *Feasting on the Gospel*.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School Chorus;
Women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Kimberlee Frost, guitarist

WORSHIP NOTES

For the 9:30 Introit, the Vacation Bible School Chorus is singing some of the songs learned as part of this week's VBS activities (for pictures see www.fourthchurch.org), when the children and leaders gathered to learn about "Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity."

The women of the choirs are providing music leadership throughout August. The full choirs will return on September 9.

The bulletin cover photo depicts the view of the center aisle as seen from the organ bench, with—in the foreground—the carved wooden grillwork of the canopy above the preacher's chair. The quote is from "Ears but Do Not Hear" from the book *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: The Prayers of Walter Brueggemann*.

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