MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Rubics

“Hallelujah has been restored.”
“Silence may be kept.”
“. . . and thanksgivings may follow.”
“The Peace may be exchanged.”
“The people respond—Amen!”

Dan Locklair

INTROIT

“O Thou Sweetest Source of Gladness”
Louis Bourgeois
arr. Philip Ledger

O thou sweetest source of gladness, light’s all lovely fountainhead,
who, alike in joy and sadness, leavest none unvisited.
Breath of Godhead, highest King, who, upholding everything,
wilt uphold with love undying, hear, O hear me humbly crying.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 264

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”
Tune: Engelberg

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Merciful God,
we set aside this place to worship you,
knowing that we have failed to see you in other places.
We have ignored your beauty in earth and sky,
in plants and animals,
and in the people who surround us.
We have chosen to focus on what we do not have
rather than to rejoice in what you have offered us.
Forgive our ignorance, Lord,
and forgive our ingratitude.
Fill our senses with knowledge of you.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

*Stand as you are able.
**ANTHEM**

“When Rooks Fly Homeward”  
Charles Callahan

When rooks fly homeward and shadows fall, when roses fold  
on hay yard wall, when blind moths flutter by door and tree,  
then comes the quiet of Christ to me. When stars look out on the  
children’s path and grey mists gather on carn and rath, when night  
is one with the brooding sea, then comes the quiet of Christ to me.

**PSALTER**

Psalm 84 *(responsively)*  
(page 513, O.T.)

**GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 6:56–69  
(page 93 N.T.)

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

**SERMON**

Digesting the Word  
JOYCE SHIN

*Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me,  
and I in them.* John 6:56 (NRSV)

**HYMN 172**

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”  
Tune: RESIGNATION

**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”  Anonymous

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Gloria Tibi” from Mass  Leonard Bernstein

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
We praise, adore, glorify, and bless you.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND 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.

*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: Almighty and merciful God, 
    from whom comes all that is good, 
    we praise you for your mercies, 
    for your goodness that has created us, 
    your grace that has sustained us, 
    your discipline that has corrected us, 
    your patience that has borne with us, 
    and your love that has redeemed us. 
    Help us to love you 
    and to be thankful for all your gifts 
    by serving you and delighting to do your will, 
    through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 422*  
“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”  
*Tune: BEACH SPRING*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**  
Marche Héroique  
*A. Herbert Brewer*
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

9:30 a.m.  Calum I. MacLeod, Thomas C. Rook, Joyce Shin
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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m.  Women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs
           Laura Perkett, soloist; Edwin Estevez, percussionist
11:00 a.m. Women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs
           Laura Perkett, soloist; Edwin Estevez, percussionist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning’s prelude was composed by Dan Locklair in 1988. The titles for each movement are found in the instructions, or rubrics, to worship services found in the Book of Common Prayer.

Today’s Minute for Discipleship is presented by Maggie Lewis on behalf of the Adult Education Committee.

The percussionist for this morning’s Offertory Anthem is Edwin Estevez. Edwin joined the Fourth Church staff this week as a Resident in Pastoral Ministry. He will be more formally introduced on Sunday, September 9, but in the meantime, please join in welcoming Edwin to Fourth Church.

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