

ANTHEM

“I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills”

Paul Bouman

I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved, and he who watches over you
will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall
neither slumber nor sleep; the Lord himself watches over you,
the Lord is your shade at your right hand so that sun shall not strike
you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from
all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over
your going out and your coming in from this time forth forevermore.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12–15

(page 156 O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 11:28–30

(page 11 N.T.)

SERMON

Breaks and Brakes

VICTORIA G. CURTISS

***HYMN 283**

“God Marked a Line and Told the Sea”

Tune: KEDRON

***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 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

*John B. Dykes
arr. N. J. Clayton*

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast,
but sweeter far thy face to see and in thy presence rest.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Forth in Thy Name"

Richard Shepherd

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.
The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence feel and prove thine acceptable will.
Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance
see, and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.
Give me to bear thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look, and hasten to thy glorious day. For
thee delightfully employ whatever bounteous grace hath given, and
run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.

***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: **Gracious God,**

you provide for all your creatures,

great and small, and give us all that we need.

Open our eyes to recognize your abundant blessings,

and hearts to share generously all we have and are.

Keep us from looking for life other than from you,

our Shepherd and our Friend. Amen.

***HYMN 167**

“God’s Law Is Perfect and Gives Life”

Tune: HALIFAX

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Carillon

Herbert Murrill

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. John W. Vest, Judith L. Watt, Victoria G. Curtiss

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church thanks the women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs for their music leadership these past weeks. The full choirs will return next Sunday. Anyone interested in joining the Chancel Choir is encouraged to attend rehearsal this Thursday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary choir loft.

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. Today that service will be held outdoors in the Garth. On weekday mornings, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary (9:00 a.m. on Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. on 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.

The bulletin cover photograph depicts one of the tulips in the Fourth Church Garth after a spring rain.

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