

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Choral in B Minor *César Franck*
Prelude on an Introit *André Fleury*

INTROIT “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” *Richard DeLong*
Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come,
my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.
Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

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

***HYMN 491** “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” *Tune: CARLISLE*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name.
We confess that we have sinned
by selfishness, unbelief, and pride.
We have not acted justly, loved mercy,
or walked humbly with you.
Wash away our sin, we pray,
and help us to forgive others as you forgive us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 24 *(sung)* (The Hymnal, 176)

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

**Stand as you are able.*

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Fellowship

CALUM I. MACLEOD

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship.” Acts 2:42 (NRSV)

*HYMN 436

“We Are Your People”

Tune: WHITFIELD

*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 ANTHEM “Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Children”

Christopher Tye

Praise ye the Lord, ye children; praise ye the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord forevermore. The Lord’s name is praised from the east unto the west. The Lord is high above all nations and his glory is above the heavens.

*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.

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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: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho- san- na in the high- est. Bles- sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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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 ANTHEMS

“You Are Beloved” *Ana Hernández*

You are beloved, beloved of God, for God is love.
So let us love one another for God is love.

“Guide Us Waking” *A. Hernández*

Guide us waking, guard us sleeping, that awake we may walk in
love and asleep we may rest in peace.

PSALM 23 *(recited in unison after all have received the cup)*

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in
the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**O God,
through this bread and this cup
you have made us one with you
and with each other.
May the unity we find at this table
be a gift that we carry out
into your suffering, divided world.
Help us to find strength in knowing that you,
the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.**

***HYMN 440** “In Christ There Is No East or West” *Tune: MC KEE*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Toccata in B-flat Minor *Louis Vierne*

The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 (NRSV)

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS THE SIGN AND SEAL of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

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. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. 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.

This morning the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread (which is gluten free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

"I am the bread of life."

John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Adam H. Fronczek, Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

World Communion Sunday is a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper, enacting the words of the hymn "Come, Risen Lord": "One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break." The colorful cloth on the Communion Table was presented to Fourth Church mission trip participants who traveled to Ghana and reminds us of this unity in the global family.

The Chancel Choir, the volunteer choir that sings for the 8:00 a.m. service, joins the Morning Choir today in the east balcony (as a single choir alone fills the choir loft). The Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Today's Peacemaking offering, an offering historically received on World Communion Sunday, will support both the Cameroon America AIDS Alliance and the Africa Circle of Hope Foundation, which helps children who are orphaned and abandoned in Kenya attend boarding school. Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes available in the pew racks or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The Prayer after Communion is from the PC(USA) World Communion worship resources.

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