

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE** Prelude and Fugue in G Major *Felix Mendelssohn*

**INTROIT** “Now Let Our Voices Join” *Curt Oliver*

Now let our voices join to raise a sacred song;  
ye pilgrims in Jehovah’s ways, with music pass along.  
See flowers of paradise in rich profusion spring;  
the sun of glory gilds the path and dear companions  
sing. See Salem’s golden spires in beauteous prospect  
rise and brighter crowns than mortals wear, which  
sparkle through the skies. All honor to the name  
which marks the shining way, to Christ who leads the  
pilgrims on to realms of endless day!

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

**\*HYMN 139** “Come, Thou Almighty King” *Tune: ITALIAN HYMN*

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

**God of forgiveness,  
we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.  
We hear your promise that the old passes away  
and that you make all things new,  
but we hear it amid our self-doubt.  
We confess our desire for guarantees  
when what you offer us is even greater: hope.  
When you call us to obedience,  
we set conditions.  
When you call us to follow,  
we ask “Where?”  
Forgive our reluctance to leave our false comforts  
in order to walk in your newness of life. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**ANTHEM** “Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” *American folk song*  
*arr. Alice Parker*

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, as I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, glory to the great “I am.” And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, passes swiftly over those waters to the city far away. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, glory to the great “I am.” Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, glory to the great “I am.”

**PSALTER** Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 (*responsively*) (page 545, O.T.)

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 2 Corinthians 4:5–12 (page 170, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** We Have This Treasure JUDITH L. WATT

*“But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.”* 2 Corinthians 4:7–10 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 371** “Lift High the Cross” *Tune: CRUCIFER*

**\* 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 SOLO** "The Lord's Prayer"

*Albert Hay Malotte*

**\*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: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . 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 ANTHEM “God Be in My Head”

*John Rutter*

God be in my head and in my understanding.  
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
God be at mine end and in my departing.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Loving God,  
our hearts are full of gratitude  
for the treasure you have given us.  
May we be as living loaves,  
kneaded and shaped by your hands.  
May we be as wine of the Spirit,  
poured out that others might know joy.  
May love be the leaven within us.  
May love be the flavor of our thought  
and words and deeds.  
May peace be among us. Amen.

### \*HYMN 436

“We Are Your People”

*Tune: WHITFIELD*

### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

Praise God, Ye Christians, One and All

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

John W. Vest, Hardy H. Kim, Judith L. Watt

## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Nikolas Arden, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

**A special Disaster Relief Offering** is being received today to help meet the emergency needs of those affected by Hurricane Sandy. Gifts, which will be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, can be made by using the Disaster Assistance envelopes in the pew racks, by writing “Disaster Assistance” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or online at [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda).

**This morning, Communion is served by intinction.** The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles. 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. 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.

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