

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	Sacrae Symphoniae	<i>Giovanni Gabrieli</i>
	Sonata pian'e forte	<i>arr. Robert King</i>
	Symphony no. 6 in G Minor	<i>Charles-Marie Widor</i>
	Adagio	
	Simple Gifts	<i>Shaker song</i>
		<i>arr. Aaron Copland/Erich Peterson</i>
	My Lord, What a Morning	<i>African American spiritual</i>
		<i>arr. Richard Billingham</i>
	There Is a Balm in Gilead	<i>African American spiritual</i>
		<i>arr. Bob Walters</i>

INTROIT	“Christ within Us”	<i>Donald Bryant</i>
	Christ within us, Christ beside us, Christ before us, Christ to guide us, Christ in rising, Christ in sleeping, Christ in working, Christ in speaking.	

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

***HYMN 487** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” *Tune: LAUDES DOMINI*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**God, we praise you that it is in your nature to be generous.
Yet we confess to you our share of the guilt
for a world of hungry families and homeless peoples.
God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ
the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down.
Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds
to people of other lands, tongues, and races.
Forgive us for our self-centered living and spending;
forgive us for our sins of fear and prejudice;
grant that we may move toward the day
when walls between us are broken down, justice is restored,
and all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

(9:30)

**Stand as you are able.*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 36:5–10 (*responsively*) (page 482, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Steal Away” *African American spiritual*
arr. Dale Adelman

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. O, green trees a-bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 4:8–16 (page 3, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Luke 10:25–37 (page 67, N.T.)

SERMON On Knowing Where Our Brothers (Sisters) Are!
J. HERBERT NELSON II

***HYMN 345** “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” *Tune: REST*

***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 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Milton Swenson

Hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "My God Is So High"

*African American spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan*

My God is so high you can't get over him; he's so low you can't get under him; he's so wide you can't get 'round him; you must come in by and through the Lamb. One day as I was walking along the heavenly road, my Savior spoke unto me and he filled my heart with his love. I'll take my gospel trumpet and I'll begin to blow, and if my Savior helps me, I'll blow wherever I go.

***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: **O God,**

**you have so greatly loved us, long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us.**

**Accept these our gifts and give us grace,
that in everything we may yield ourselves,
our wills, and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 413**

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Tune: CHARLESTOWN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*American folk song
arr. Don Gillis*

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

“We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be coworkers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. . . .

“If today’s church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. . . .

“But again I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom. . . . They have acted in the faith that right defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment.”

—1963 Letter from the Birmingham Jail, first published in the *Christian Century*

Mission Trips 2013

Mission trips provide opportunities to build relationships, grow in cross-cultural understanding, and serve our brothers and sisters internationally and in the United States. Today we commission persons active in the 2013 mission trips.

Don Allerton, Katrina Boysen, Deborah Chapman, Vicky Curtiss, Jeffrey Doane, Craig Endicott, Edwin Estevez, Rachel Fisher, Caryn Hank, Ethan Jacobs, Nancy Jacobs, Hardy Kim, Dala Lucas, Frank Lucas, Virginia Mullin, Margaret O'Hara, June Ozmon, Joe Pixler, Sue Schemper, Tom Schemper, John Sherer, Stanley Smith, William Wardrop, Leslie Wilson

Cuba ❖ February 2–9

Participants will share the gift of singing with our sister church, the First Presbyterian Church in Havana, and other Presbyterians while learning about Cuban history, culture, politics, and about the church's ministry.

Led by John Sherer and Hardy Kim.

Dominican Republic ❖ March 17–23

Individuals will converse with workers in the tourism industry to improve their English skills and increase the likelihood of their securing better jobs.

Participants hosted by Pilotage International.

Mexico ❖ May 4–11

The group will help families build concrete cisterns to collect rainwater in Xpujil, Mexico, the southern part of the Yucatan Peninsula where there is a lack of drinkable water. Led by Joe Pixler and Edwin Estevez.

Urban Plunge: Chicago ❖ May 17–19

For the fourth year, Fourth church members will work alongside members of First Presbyterian Church in Woodlawn, gardening on their site and refurbishing the interior of their historic church. Led by Stanley Smith.

Guatemala ❖ July 6–14

Participants will have opportunity to provide language translation and interact with families through the many programs of support offered by Common Hope, which serves people through education, health care, social work, and housing. Led by Tom and Sue Schemper.

Tennessee: Child Advocacy Institute, Haley Farm ❖ July 14–19

This family conference for all ages meets near Knoxville, Tennessee, and includes workshops, faith-based advocacy training, spiritual renewal, and education around the needs of children and the poor. Led by Vicky Curtiss.

For information about participating in or supporting mission trips sponsored by Fourth Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html or contact Vicky Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission, at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Judith L. Watt, Victoria G. Curtiss, J. Herbert Nelson II

11:00 a.m. Hardy H. Kim, Joyce Shin, J. Herbert Nelson II

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Tower Brass; The Morning Choir;
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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

WORSHIP NOTES

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass ensemble, participates in worship services as well as special events and concerts throughout the year.

Fourth Church welcomes to the pulpit today J. Herbert Nelson II, Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC, a prophetic office of the denomination that implements the social justice agenda of the PCUSA General Assembly through advocacy with the executive and legislative branches of the federal government. A third-generation Presbyterian pastor, Dr. Nelson served as Founder/Pastor of Liberation Community Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, the first African American church developed in the Presbytery of Memphis in forty-six years. He also served as Associate Director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis.

The bulletin cover photo depicts a bush in the Fourth Church Garth courtyard, where it is framed by one of the south Sanctuary windows (*background*) during a 2010 snowfall.

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