

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal	<i>American folk song</i> <i>arr. Alice Parker</i>
Exultate Deo	<i>Francis Poulenc</i>
Elijah Rock	<i>African American spiritual</i> <i>arr. Moses Hogan</i>

INTROIT

“The Lord Is Full of Compassion” *Iain Quinn*
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come let us adore him.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

***HYMN 460** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sin and ask for your mercy.
We have been stingy with our love
and quick with our judgments.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and fill it with your grace.
Renew in us a right spirit
to sustain us in your service.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER Holy God, remind us of the promises given
in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- ANTHEM** “Surely God Is My Salvation” *Paul Winchester*
- PSALTER** Psalm 32 (*responsively*) (page 479, O.T.)
- *GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)
- SCRIPTURE LESSON** 2 Corinthians 5:16–21 (page 170, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
- SERMON** A Method in the Madness *JOYCE SHIN*
“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old
has passed away; see, everything has become new!”
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NRSV)
- *HYMN 427** “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”
Tune: BLAENHAFREN
- *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 "Incline Thine Ear unto Me"

Stephen Sturk

Incline thine ear unto me; in the day when I call,
answer me speedily. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Good News, Chariot's Coming" *African American spiritual arr. M. Hogan*

*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: **Almighty God, we praise you.**

**The heavens are joyful,
and the earth is glad.**

**We praise you for love that has created the world
and for love that recreates us.**

Made for love, may we be bound together by your Spirit.

**May the love of our hearts and the service of our hands
be your work in the world.**

**Dedicating ourselves to your son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN 351**

“Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart”

Tune: GATESCARTH

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

March from *The Occasional Oratorio*

George Frideric Handel

“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

Baptism

at Fourth Presbyterian Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church. The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

John Charles Blaser, son of John and Alison Blaser
Vaughn William Bowman, son of Jeremy and Jennifer Bowman
Christian Thomas Marier, son of Marc and Jennifer Marier
James William Renwick, son of Elizabeth Renwick
Mallory Mercer Tuscher, daughter of Seth and Ryan Tuscher

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Kuper Lee Bugielski, son of Michael and Tracy Bugielski
Hannah Marie Hoffmeyer, daughter of David and Julie Hoffmeyer
Dashiell Ryder Robertson, son of Barron and Andrea Robertson
Charles Robert Warner, son of John and Anna Warner

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Judith L. Watt, Hardy H. Kim, Joyce Shin

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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

Fourth Church welcomes the Syracuse University Singers and thanks them for their leadership in today's worship service. The choir is directed by John Warren.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Social Service Center as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Gifts can also be made online at www.fourthchurch.org.

The bulletin cover photo was taken in Buchanan Chapel at a recent Taizé service, held on the fourth Friday of each month.

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