

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE**                      Elegy                      *George Thalben-Ball*

**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 276**                      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”                      *Tune: FAITHFULNESS*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **God of all mercies,  
when you walk with us as in the days of Eden  
but we hide in our shame,  
forgive us and empower us  
to accept our forgiveness;  
when we forget that we are migrants  
as in the days of the Exodus,  
forgive us and remind us that we are called  
to welcome the stranger among us;  
when we stray from our path like the prodigal son,  
forgive us and bring us home.**

Minister: Help us to search our innermost self  
and lay down our burdens and our sins at your feet  
as we offer them in silence.  
*(moment of silent reflection)*

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**ANTHEM**

“Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts”

*Henry Purcell*

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer, but spare us,  
Lord most holy. O God, most mighty, O holy and most  
merciful Savior, thou most worthy judge eternal,  
suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death  
to fall from thee.

**PSALTER**

Psalm 32 (*sung*)

(The Hymnal, 184)

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

(page 73, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

While He Was Still Far Off

EDWIN ESTEVEZ

**\*HYMN 298**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*Tune: IN BABILONE*

**\*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.**

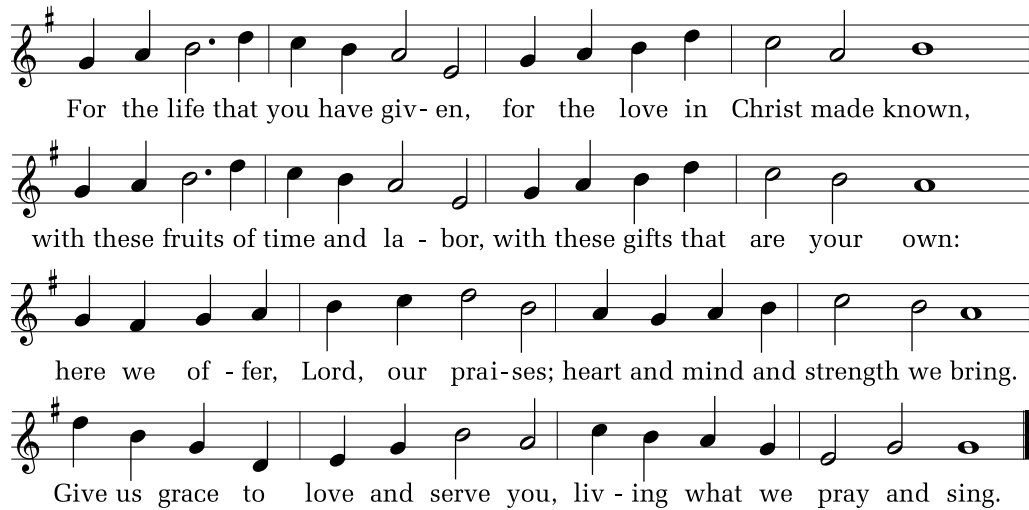
## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY SOLO “En Prière”

*Gabriel Fauré*

If the voice of a child can reach you, O my Father,  
listen to the prayer of Jesus on his knees before you.

### \*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.

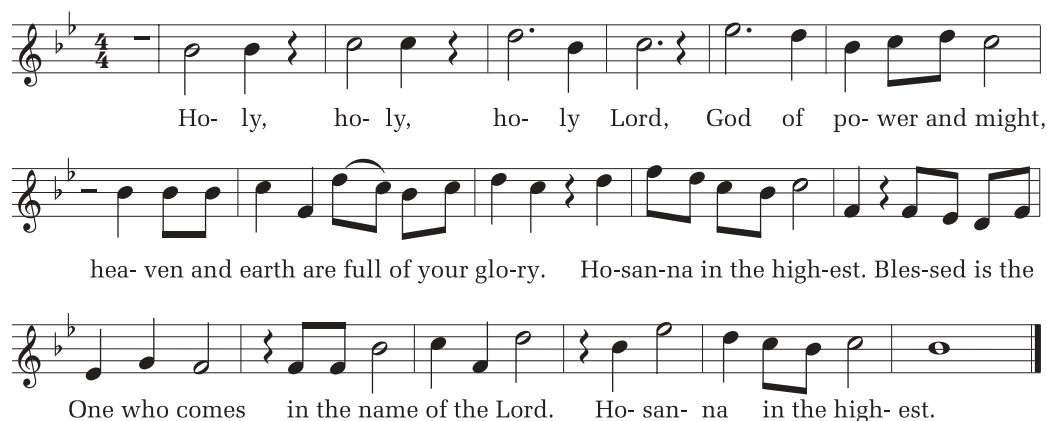
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:



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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 "Have Mercy upon Me, O God"

*Thomas Tomkins*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness,  
and according to the multitude of thy mercies,  
do away mine offenses.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*unison*)

God of all who wander,  
of both the lost and the found,  
even when we were still far off,  
you came to us and grasped us in your grace,  
offered us a living hope, and surprised us with joy.  
To your table, we are all called;  
at your table, we are all welcome.  
As a forgiven people of God,  
as brothers and sisters in Christ,  
let us be gathered up by your Spirit,  
go out into the world in peace,  
and share the joy that has taken us by surprise.  
In your name we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN 413**

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

*Tune:* CHARLESTOWN

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

O God, Thou Faithful God

*Johannes Brahms*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Hardy H. Kim, Victoria G. Curtiss, Edwin Estevez

## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Andrea Pokrefke, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

**The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Elam Davies 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 or make a gift online.

**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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