# MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	His Eye Is on the SparrowCharles Gabrielarr. Wilbur Held			
INTROIT	"A Faithful Shepherd Is My Lord" <i>Johann Georg Nägeli</i> arr. Carl Stein			
	A faithful shepherd is my Lord, who doth great plenty me accord, who leadeth me to pastures green, gives me to drink from waters unseen.			
*DOXOLOGY A	<b>ND INVOCATION</b> (The Hymnal, 592)			
*Hymn 260	"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG			
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)				
	Merciful God,			
	in your gracious presence			
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.				
	Although Christ is among us as our peace,			
	we are a people divided against ourselves.			
Lord, have mercy upon us;				
	heal and forgive us.			
Set us free to serve you in the world				
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.				
	Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,			
	have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,			
	have mercy on us.			
	Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,			
	grant us peace. Amen.			

## **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

## **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

\*Stand as you are able

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

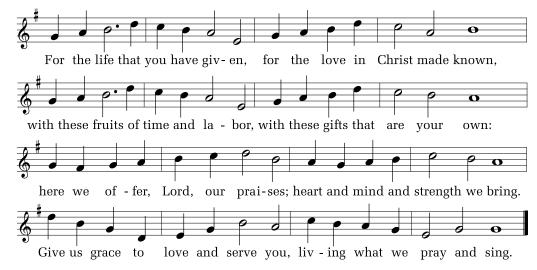
ANTHEM	"Christ Hath a Garden"	English folk song arr. Gerald Near	
	Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand, by Eden's gracious streams that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heaven, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air. Stir up, O south, the boughs that blossom, till the beloved master come, that he may come and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; that he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.		
PSALTER	Psalm 23 <i>(sung)</i>	(The Hymnal, 172)	
*Gloria Patri		(The Hymnal, 579)	
Scripture Lesson	Acts 9:36–43	(page 120, N.T.)	
	The Word of the Lord.		
	Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	What It Means to Follow Christ	John W. Vest	
*Нумл 343	"Called as Partners in Christ's Serv	rice" <i>Tune:</i> Beecher	
*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 RESPONSE** 

#### **OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY** Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

Johann Sebastian Bach



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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.

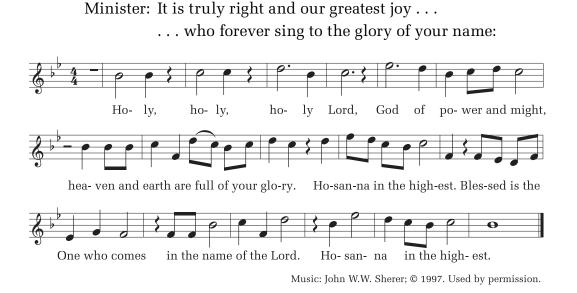
Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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



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 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" American folk hymn arr. Virgil Thompson

> My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand in sight of all my foes doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows; thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come. No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

	Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.			
*Hymn 387	"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"	<i>Tune:</i> Bradbury		
BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE				
Postlude	Trumpet Tune in D Major	Flor Peeters		

# The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

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 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. 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, 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.

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Calum I. MacLeod, Joyce Shin, John W. Vest

## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

### WORSHIP NOTES

- **Today's Minute for Mission** is presented by Missy MacLeod on behalf of the Chicago Lights Urban Farm.
- Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. A jazz service with Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The next Taizé service will be this Friday, April 26.
- **The Easter banners** and the Communion Table and pulpit paraments were made by Nancy Chinn and Eliza Linley and depict the joy of the Resurrection.

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