

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Baroques *Seth Bingham*
III. Sarabande

INTROIT “Enter These Gates with Thanksgiving”
Anne Bartenfeld Barrows
Enter these gates with thanksgiving and joy;
and bless the time of our being together with love.

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

***HYMN 263** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Tune: ST. DENIO*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God,
we confess that our lives are tied
to structures of injustice and oppression.
We are in bondage, and put others in bondage,
by giving too much authority
to the social definitions of might and right.
We seek a sense of security
through material comforts, status,
prestige, and others’ approval.
In our desire to make our mark in the world,
our activity becomes compulsive.
Though others are in need,
we cling to what we have.
We have allowed the shadow of death
to hover over the innocently condemned.
We have failed to proclaim with power and
conviction your liberation for the oppressed.
Forgive and liberate us, and all your people,
from all that enslaves us. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM "O, Clap Your Hands" *John Rutter*

O, clap your hands together all ye people; O, sing unto God with the voice of melody; for the Lord is high and to be feared; he is the great King upon all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out a heritage for us, even the worship of Jacob whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O, sing praises unto our God; O, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with understanding.

PSALTER Psalm 97 (*responsively*) (page 521, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 16:16–40 (page 128, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON There's Freedom, and Then There's Freedom
VICTORIA G. CURTISS

***HYMN 378** "Make Me a Captive, Lord" *Tune: ST. BRIDE*

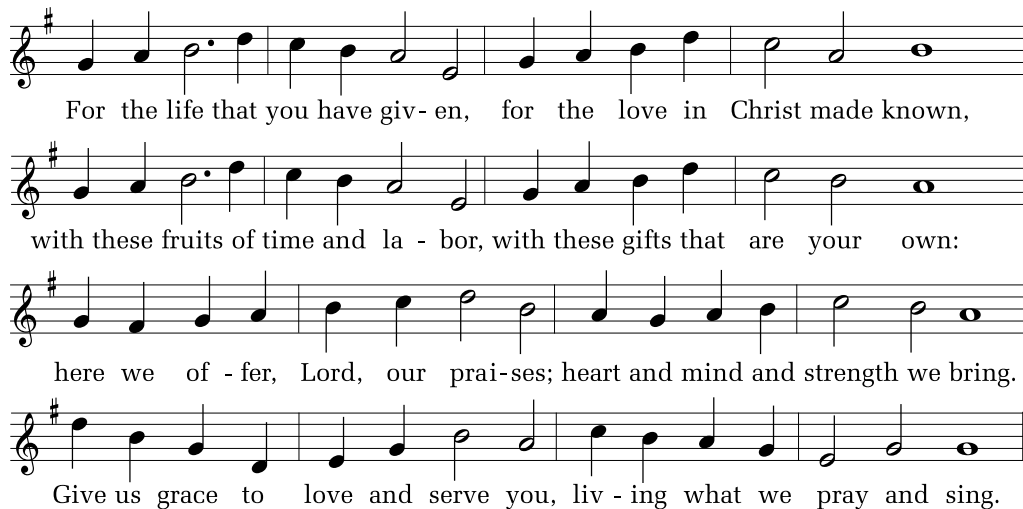
***APOSTLES' CREED** (*unison*)

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 VOLUNTARY Aria no. 4 from *Partita no. 2 in G Major*
Affettuoso Georg Philipp Telemann

*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.

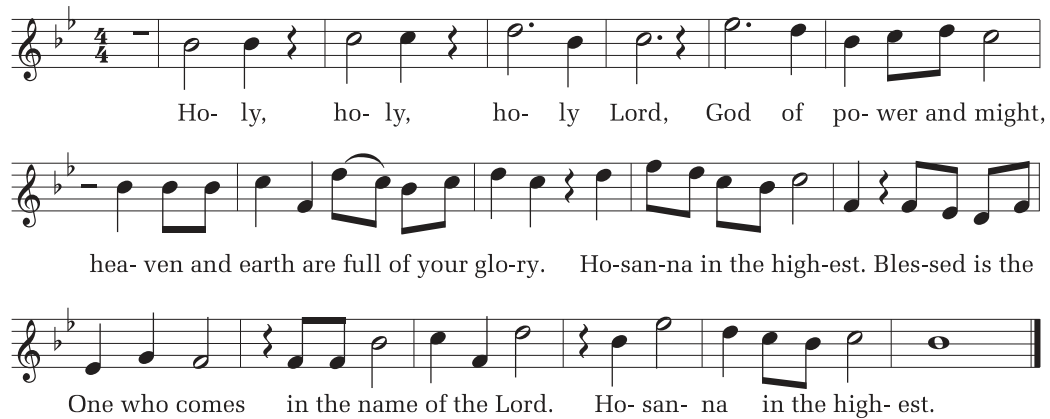
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 "Stay with Us"

Walter L. Pelz

Stay with us till night has come; our praise to you this day be sung. Bless our bread, open our eyes; Jesus, be our great surprise. Walk with us, our spirits sigh; hear when our weary spirits cry; feel again our loss, our pain; Jesus, take us to your side. Walk with us, the road will bend; make all our weeping, wailing end. Wipe our tears, forgive our fears; Jesus, lift the heavy cross. Talk with us till we behold a joyful life you will unfold. Heal our eyes to see the prize; Jesus, take us to the light. Stay with us, till day is done; no tears nor dark shall dim the sun; cheer the heart, your grace impart. Jesus, bring eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

O God,
you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us.
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 411** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” *Tune: FESTAL SONG*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Ascension Suite *Olivier Messiaen*
III. Outburst of Joy from a Soul before the Glory
of Christ Which Is Its Own Glory

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

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THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

Laura Perkett, oboist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Introit was composed by Anne Bartenfeld Barrows (1935–2011), mother of Fourth Church member Laura Barrows. Anne grew up in a musical family and enjoyed classical music all her life. It was as a young adult that she studied composition and first started writing music.

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.

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, except in November and December. The next Taizé service will be Friday, May 24.

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