

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE**                      Tune in E Major                      *George Thalben-Ball*

**INTROIT**                      “O, Bless the Lord, My Soul”                      *Aaron Williams*  
*arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel*

O, bless the Lord, my soul.  
Let all within me join and aid my tongue  
to bless his name whose favors are divine.

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

**\*HYMN 488**                      “The God of Abraham Praise”                      *Tune: LEONI*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**Almighty God,  
you call us to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
but we confess that we often worship  
who we wish you to be rather than who you are.  
We too often ask you to bless what we do  
rather than seeking to do what you bless.  
Forgive us for seeking concessions  
when we should be seeking guidance.  
Forgive us when our worship  
shapes you into what we want  
instead of shaping us into what you want.  
Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love.  
Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP**

**PSALTER** Psalm 85 (*responsively*) (page 514, O.T.)

**ANTHEM** “May the Lord, Mighty God” *Chinese folk song*  
*arr. Pao-chen Li*

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever,  
grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every  
endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see God’s face,  
full of grace forever.

**FIRST LESSON** Genesis 18:20–32 (page 14, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SECOND LESSON** Luke 11:1–13 (page 67, N.T.)

**SERMON** Are You There, God? It’s Me, Abraham MATT HELMS

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

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

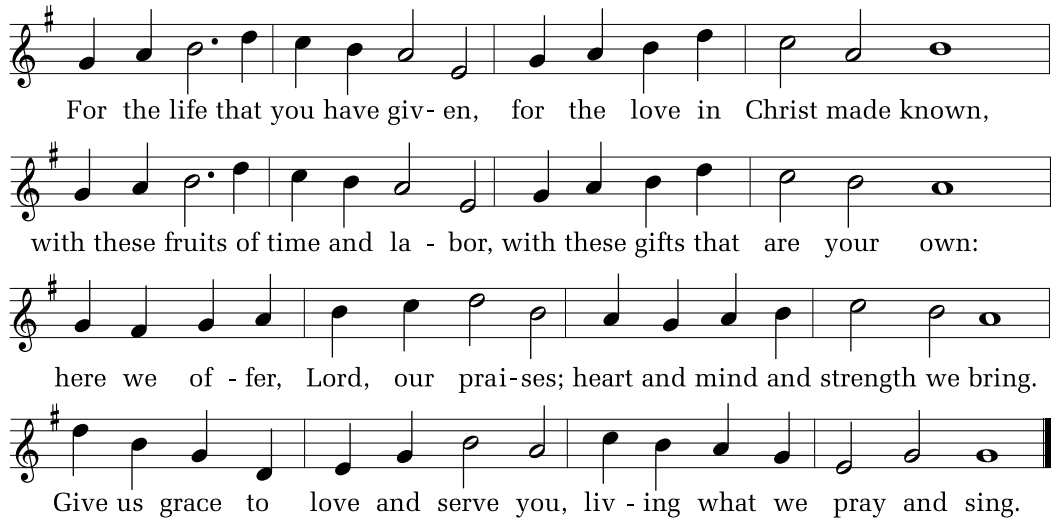
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ  
his only Son our Lord; who was conceived  
by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from 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** How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou

*Marcel Dupré*

## \*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.**

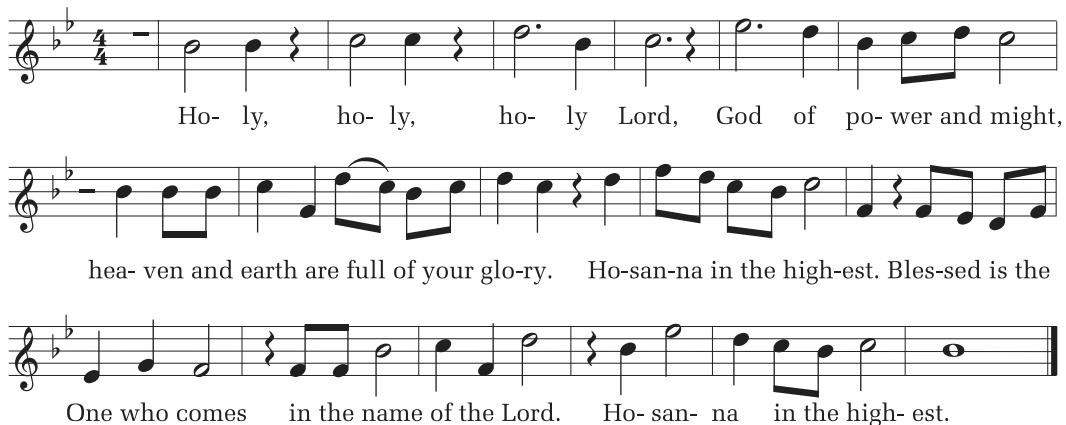
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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** "Peace at the Last"

*Bradley Ellingboe*

O Lord, support us all the day long,  
until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life  
is done, and the work is done. Then in thy mercy,  
grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,  
and peace at the last. Amen.

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

**Lord God, in deep gratitude for  
this moment, this meal, and these people,  
we give ourselves to you.  
Take us out to live as changed people  
because we have shared this meal  
and cannot remain the same.  
Ask much of us, expect much from us,  
enable much by us, encourage many through us.  
We ask this in the name of your Son. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 522**

"Lord, When I Came Into This Life"

*Tune: LAND OF REST*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune in D Major *Georg Philipp Telemann*

## The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

*"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 (NRSV)*

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. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. 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.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

*"I am the bread of life."*

John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Edwin Estevez, Hardy H. Kim, Matt Helms

## **THE MUSIC TODAY**

Men of the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

**The men of the Morning Choir** will be singing in worship through September 1. The full choir will return to worship on September 8.

**Today's Minute for Discipleship** is presented by Marilee Hopkins, on behalf of the Resource Development Committee.

**The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings,"** created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day.

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