

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Trio Sonata in E-flat Major *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Allegro moderato – Adagio – Allegro

INTROIT “Praise to God the Father” *German chorale*
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel
Praise to God the Father sing;
praise to God the Son, our King,
praise to God the Spirit be ever and eternally.

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

***HYMN 457** “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” *Tune: TOULON*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*
God of all mercy, give us grace to make a fresh start today.
We know we have not loved you with our whole heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
As we hope to be forgiven,
teach us also to forgive,
and lead us forward in a new life
where neither grudges nor resentment have a part;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

“The Morning Trumpet”

Mack Wilberg

O when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning, and from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love? O shout with glory! I shall mount above the skies when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning. But now I am a soldier, my captain's gone before, and I hear the trumpet sound in that morning. He's given me my orders, and he bids me never give over, 'til I hear the trumpet sound in that morning. When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin, and shall hear the trumpet sound in the morning, and with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning? O shout with glory! I shall mount above the skies when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

PSALTERPsalm 24 (*responsively*)

(page 475, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1–12

(page 4, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.****SERMON**

“Really?”

CALUM I. MACLEOD

“Rejoice and be glad.” Matthew 5:12 (NRSV)***HYMN 408**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

Tune: GERMANY***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.**

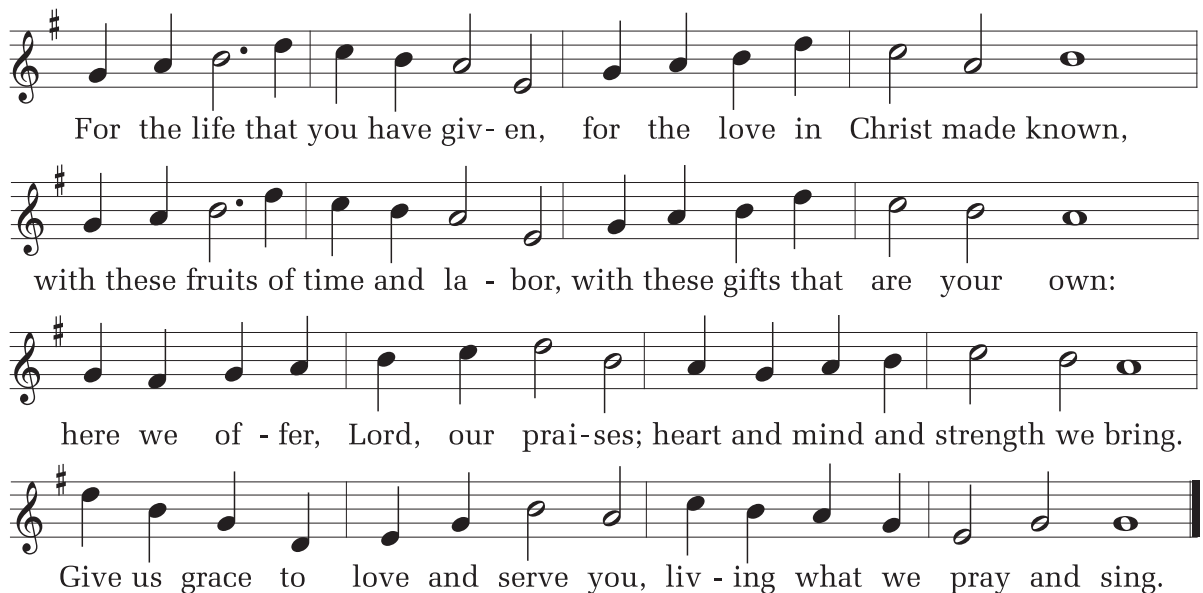
PRAYER RESPONSE "Call to Remembrance, O Lord" *Eric DeLamarter*
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies,
and thy loving-kindness which have been ever of old. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "This Little Light of Mine" *African American spiritual
arr. John Leavitt*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine all the time, hallelujah!
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, hallelujah!

*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.

***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: **God of all mercies,
we give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We give thanks for all the blessings of this life
and above all for your boundless love
in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen**

***HYMN 540**

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Tune: RANDOLPH

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major (“Gigue”)

J.S. Bach

“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

Hayley Elizabeth Borg-Breen, daughter of Jonathan and Caryn Borg-Breen
Kathryn Gale Borg-Breen, daughter of Jonathan and Caryn Borg-Breen
Miles Thomas Jennings, son of Stephen and Monique Jennings
Brady Robert Madden, son of Scott and Amy Madden

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Brooklyn Grace Armour, daughter of Robert and Stacy Armour
Wade Benton Borchardt, son of Randall and Whitney Borchardt
Maya Bronwen Dean, daughter of Matthew and Katherine Dean
Madeline Margaret Gansfuss, daughter of Michael and Alison Gansfuss
Lilah Lee Grider, daughter of Andrew and Rachel Grider
Wilson Templeton Haynes, son of Christopher and Courtney Haynes

WORSHIP LEADERS

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist

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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 on September 8.

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.

The bulletin cover photo depicts the baptismal font in Buchanan Chapel. Once a year, as a remembrance of their own baptism, Sunday School students in Children’s Chapel each retrieve and take home one of the polished colored stones in the bottom of the font.

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