MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude on "Land of Rest"

Leo Sowerby

Suite for Organ

Eric DeLamarter

Flourish

Prelude on a Melody by Sowerby

Morgan Simmons

Introit

Sung by the Vacation Bible School Chorus

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Tune: Cwm Rhondda

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God our Savior, forgive us, we pray. If we have shrugged off our vows to you and rushed headlong into temptations we could not safely deal with,

have pity on us.

If we have slid slowly into an apathy towards loving our God with all our being and loving our neighbor as ourselves,

have pity on us.

If we have received blessings with scant gratitude, if we have begrudged calls on our time and energy and faced new opportunities with a sour face,

have pity on us.

God, our holy friend, we put ourselves in your hands.

May we receive your mercy without doubting.

In humility, we ask your forgiveness,

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

ANTHEM "Steal Away"

African American spiritual arr. Michael Richardson

Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home;

I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me; he calls me in the thunder.

The trumpet sounds within my soul;

I ain't got long to stay here.

PSALTER Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19 (responsively) (page 511, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:29—12:2 (page 212, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Since We Are Surrounded" JUDITH L. WATT

*HYMN 354 "Guide My Feet" Tune: GUIDE MY FEET

*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 "Amen"

Anonymous

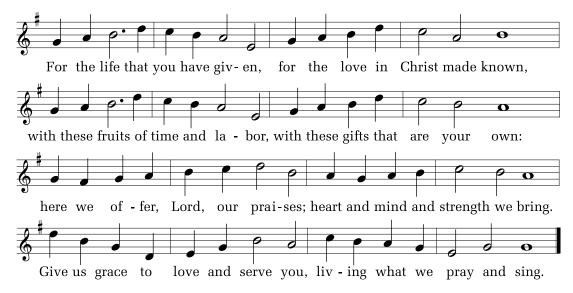
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Joshua"

African American spiritual arr. Robert Sells

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, and the walls come tumbling down. He marched with spear in hand. "Blow them ram horns," Joshua cried, "'cause the battle is in my hand." Then the lamb, ram, sheep horns begin to blow, trumpets begin to sound. Joshua commanded the children to shout, and the walls come tumbling down.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE



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*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: Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne us, and your love that has redeemed us.

Help us to love you and be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 364 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" Tune: GRAND ISLE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fanfare Aaron David Miller

Forthcoming Guest Preachers

This year, we are honored to be able to welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit several highly regarded theologians and preachers. We are particularly pleased that two former staff members will be returning in the weeks ahead to share the Word with us.



Ali Trowbridge

August 25 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

In September 2001, upon her graduation from Union Theological Seminary, Ali Trowbridge joined the Fourth Church staff as a Pastoral Resident in the Lilly Resident Program, a program that was in just its second year. At the conclusion of her two-year residency, she was called as the Associate Minister for Family and Youth at Kenilworth Union Church, where she was ordained in 2003. She then returned to Fourth Church, first in the then-newly-created position, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life (in 2004), and then as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (2006–2010). Ali and her husband, Jeb, and their three daughters now live in Upstate New York.



Patrick Daymond
October 27 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

In September 2005, Patrick Daymond joined the Fourth Church staff as a Pastoral Resident, having graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with concentrations in biblical studies and homiletics. Upon completion of the residency program, he was called to serve as Pastor of Sixth Grace Presbyterian Church of Chicago. He currently serves as Pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Long Island, New York. He is also enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry Program at Garrett Theological Seminary and the Kellogg School of Management of Northwestern University, focusing on African American congregational leadership. Patrick and his wife, Antonia, are the proud parents of twin sons.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Edwin Estevez, John W. Vest, Judith L. Watt11:00 a.m. Hardy H. Kim, John W. Vest, Judith L. Watt

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School Chorus; Men of the Morning Choir11:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School Chorus; Men of the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Vera Hochgerner, Guitarist

WORSHIP NOTES

The men of the Morning Choir will be singing in worship through September 1.

The full choir will return on September 8.

For the 9:30 and 11:00 Introit, the Vacation Bible School Chorus is singing some of the songs learned as part of this week's VBS activities (for pictures see www.fourthchurch.org), when the children and leaders gathered to learn about "Paul's Journey to Share the Truth."

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Rebecca Nilsson on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

The African American spirituals featured in worship today are offered to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the civil rights march in Washington, D.C., where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

The bulletin cover photo shows a close-up view of summer flowers in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

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