

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Three Liturgical Improvisations *George Oldroyd*

1. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord.
2. Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
3. Pour light upon us from above.

INTROIT “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” *German chorale
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel*

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.

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

***HYMN 330** “Deep in the Shadows of the Past” *Tune: SHEPHERDS’ PIPES*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of life,
how easy it is for us to seek comfort and security
in idols of our own making.
We convince ourselves that the things
which bring us pleasure
are all that we need.
We close our eyes in defiance and self-deception,
refusing to see the truth.
And all the while, you offer us streams of living water
that will quench our every thirst.
God, we confess to you our ignorance and pride,
our reliance on cheap grace and easy answers.
Open our hearts to the source of your love,
and fill us with your deep, abiding peace.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 81 (*responsively*) (page 512, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” *Healey Willan*
arr. Henry V. Gerike

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew
a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence,
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me
the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 2:4–13 (page 657, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON John 7:37–52 (page 94, N.T.)

SERMON “In Search of Living Water” JOHN W. VEST

***HYMN 446** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” *Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN*

***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 "O Lord, My Trust Is in Thy Mercy"
O Lord, my trust is in thy mercy,
and my heart is joyful in thy salvation,
for thou hast heard my prayer.

Eric DeLamarter

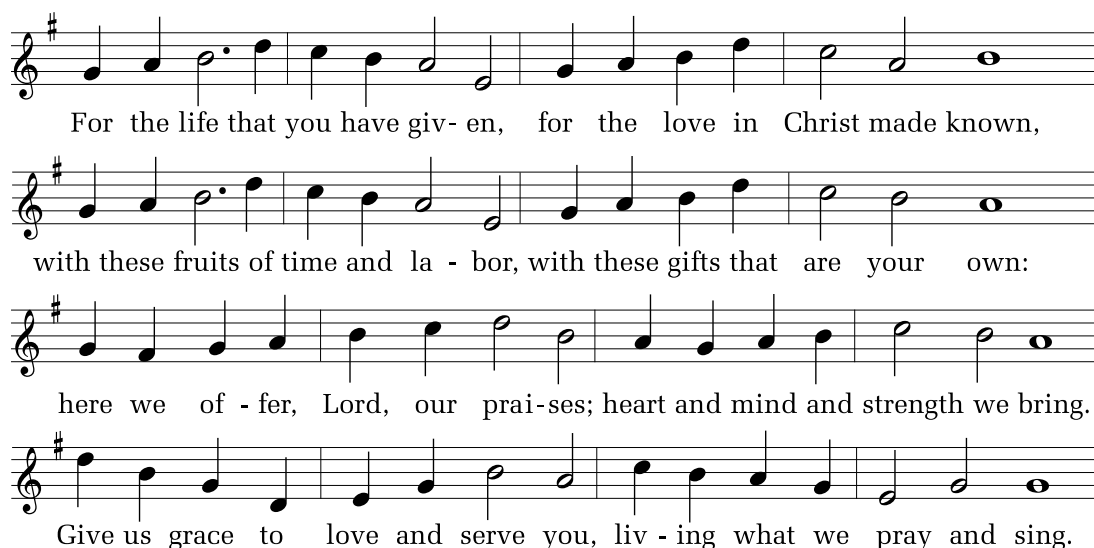
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*German chorale
arr. Mack Wilberg*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration!
Praise to the Lord!
Over all things he gloriously reigneth;
borne as on eagle's wings,
safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest
hath been granted in what he ordaineth?
Praise to the Lord!
Who doth prosper thy way and defend thee.
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.
Praise to the Lord!
O, let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath breath, join with Abraham's seed to adore him!
Let the "amen" sum all our praises again,
now as we worship before him!

*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.

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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: **Gracious God,**

when we are thirsty, you give us drink;

when we are hungry, you give us food;

when we grieve, you comfort us;

when we feel hopeless, you inspire us.

In gratitude for the many ways in which we are blessed,

we dedicate our lives to you

and to the proclamation of your good news,

in word and in deed,

each according to our gifts.

Accept these offerings that we bring today,

along with our time and our talents,

and add them to the stream of living water

that nourishes and sustains the world. Amen.

*HYMN 488

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Tune: LEONI

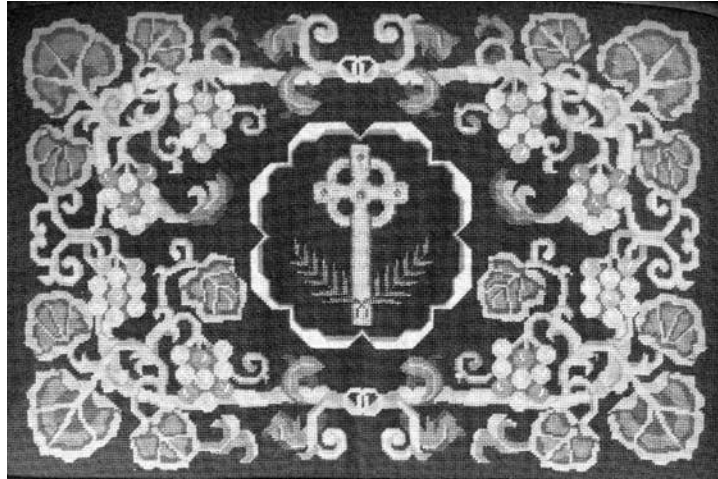
BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Grand Chorus

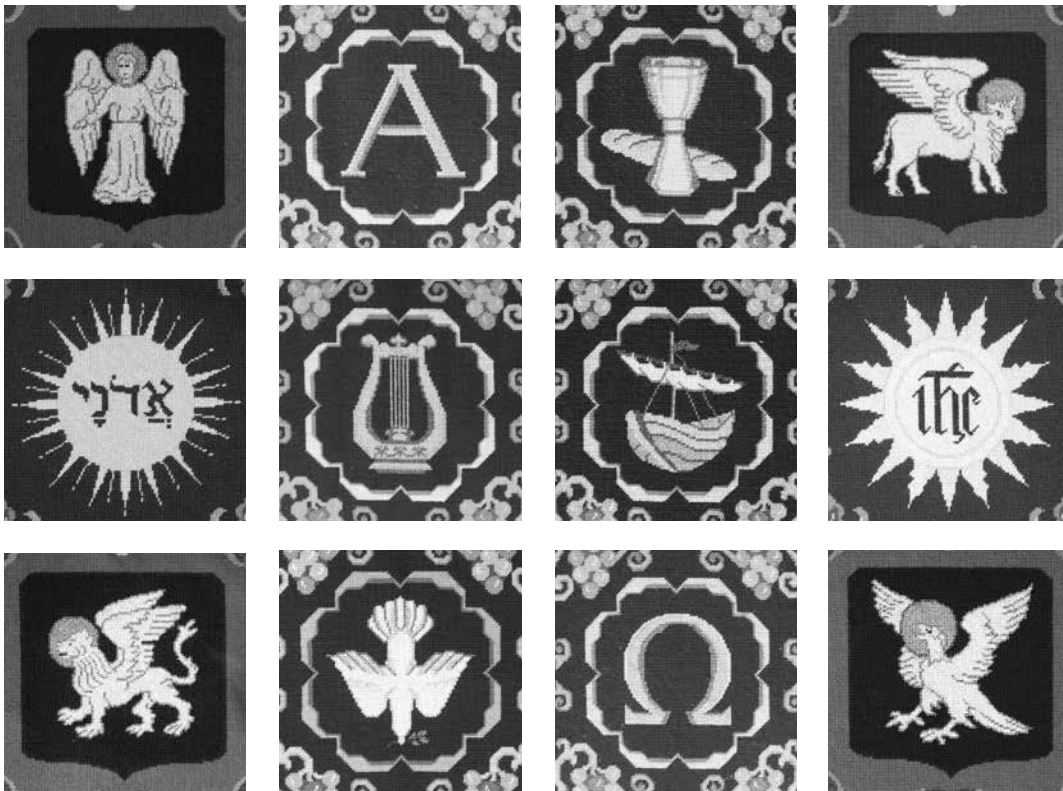
William Faulkes

IN THE DETAILS



The needlepoint cushions in the chancel, including thirteen cushions, faux carving, panels of wheat and grapes, and the gold cross, are the handiwork of Morgan Simmons, a member of this congregation and, from 1968 to 1996, organist and choirmaster of Fourth Church. The combined number of stitches for these works approaches 2 million, 169 per square inch.

Central to each of the upper and lower chancel cushions is a religious symbol (shown here), surrounded by clusters of grapes, which echo the motif found in many of the chancel and pulpit carvings and in the stained glass windows.



One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, Hardy H. Kim, John W. Vest

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church expresses its thanks to the men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs for singing in July and August. The full choir will return next Sunday, September 8. Anyone interested in singing with the Chancel Choir during 8:00 a.m. services is invited to attend the Thursday evening rehearsals, which begin September 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft.

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 (this week at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday). 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, September 27.

The bulletin cover photo depicts water drops and ripples in the courtyard fountain. The cover quote is from Shane Hippi's book *Selling Water by the River*.

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