MORNING WORSHIP

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

**Prelude**
Lied (Song)  
*Louis Vierne*

**Introit**
“Praise Ye the Lord”  
*Donald Cashmore*

Praise ye the Lord.  
Praise ye servants of the Lord, praise ye the name of the Lord.

*Doxology and Invocation*  
(The Hymnal, 592)

**Hymn 417**
“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”  
*Tune: Regent Square*

**Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

Holy God,  
in Christ you have called us  
to live in faith and freedom,  
but we live with tightness in our chest.  
You have called us to move in a new direction,  
but we cling to the path we know.  
You have called us to reach outward in love,  
but we draw inward for protection.  
You have called us to live with abandon,  
in trust, but we live carefully, in fear.  
Forgive us, O God,  
and grant us courage and hope.  
Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

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

**Concerns of the Church**

**Psalter**  
Psalm 139 *(sung)*  
(The Hymnal, 248)

*Stand as you are able*
ANTHEM

“We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness, O God”  
William McKie

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God,  
in the midst of thy temple, alleluia.  
O God, according to thy name,  
so is thy praise unto the world’s end.  
Thy right hand is full of righteousness, alleluia.  
We wait for thy loving kindness, O God,  
in the midst of thy temple.  
O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

FIRST LESSON  Jeremiah 18:1–11 (page 677, O.T.)

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

*GLORIA PATRI  
(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON  Luke 14:25–33 (page 73, N.T.)

SERMON  Carrying the Cross  
VICTORIA G. CURTISS

*HYMN 393  
“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”  
Tune: BOURBON

*APOSTLES’ CREEDE  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  “Intermezzo”  André Fleury

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,

with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:

here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.

Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.


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:

*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**  “Ubi caritas”  
*Jacques Berthier*

Where charity and love are found,

God is there.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks
for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 434  “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”
Tune: KINGSFOLD

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE  Allegro  Domenico Zipoli

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
Worship Leaders
John W. Vest, Joyce Shin, Victoria G. Curtiss

The Music Today
The Chancel Choir
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes
The Chancel Choir returns this morning to music leadership during 8:00 a.m. services. Anyone interested in joining the Chancel Choir is invited to attend rehearsal on Thursday evenings 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 (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and 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, September 27.

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