

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Andante Tranquillo from *Sonata III*
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

INTROIT “O Come, Let Us Sing” *Stephen Sturk*

O come, let us sing to the Lord.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

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

***HYMN 479** “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”
Tune: LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of forgiveness,
we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.
We hear your promises that the old passes away
and that you make all things new,
but we hear it amid our self-doubt.
We confess our desire for guarantees
when what you offer us is even greater: hope.
When you call us to faithfulness, we set conditions.
When you call us to follow, we ask “Where?”
Forgive our reluctance to leave our false comforts
in order to walk in your newness of life.
Hear us now as we confess our failures and regrets.**
(A time of silence)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 98 (*responsively*) (page 521, O.T.)

**Stand as you are able*

ANTHEM

“Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness”

George Frideric Handel

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness; leave the gloomy
haunts of sadness; come unto the daylight’s splendor:
there with joy thy praises render. Unto him whose grace
unbounded, hath this wondrous banquet founded,
high o’er all the heavens reigneth, yet to dwell with thee
he deigneth. Jesus, bread of life, I pray thee, let me
gladly here obey thee; never to my harm invited,
be thy love with love requited. From this banquet let me
measure, Lord, how vast and deep love’s treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17–25

(page 654, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

(page 195, N.T.)

SERMON

Keep On Keeping On

JUDITH L. WATT

***HYMN 415**

“Come, Labor On”

Tune: ORA LABORA

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

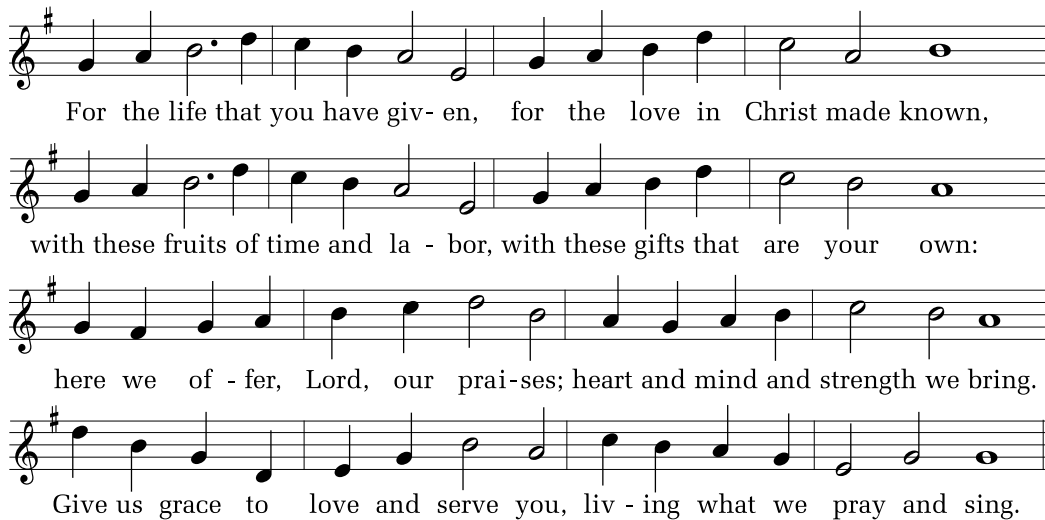
(unison)

**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 Improvisation on a Plainsong Melody

*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.**

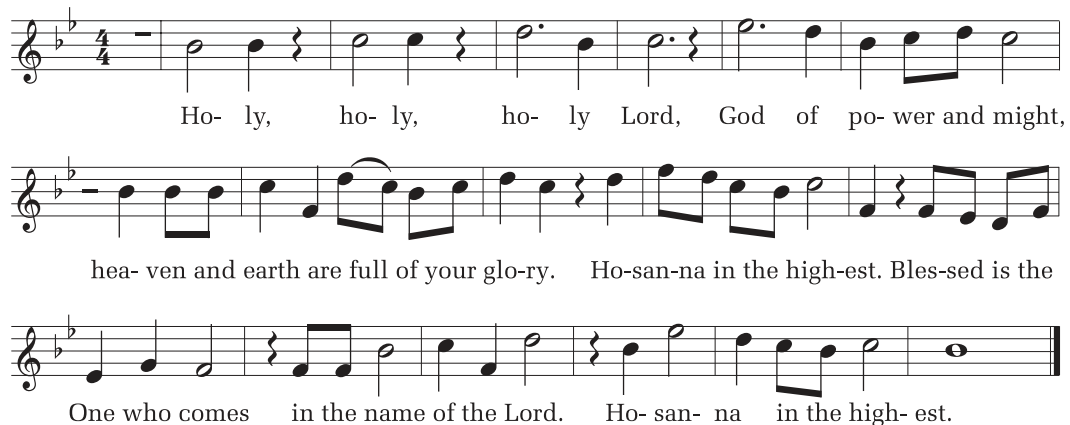
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” *Plainsong*

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou
light of all. From the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call. Thy truth unchanged
hath ever stood: thou savest those that on thee call:
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find
thee, all in all. We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still: we drink of thee,
the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
Our restless spirits yearn for thee, wherever our
changeable lot is cast. Glad when thy gracious smile
we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm
and bright; O chase the night of sin away; shed o'er the
world thy holy light.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**Thank you, great God, for the reminder you have
given us in table, bread, and cup, that you are
with us, that you desire to feed and nurture us
into wholeness, and that no matter how far
we wander or how arduous the journey back,
you welcome us into your presence. Open us to the
spiritual food you offer, and make us ever mindful
of our blessings, so that we can be signs of your love
to the world around us. Amen.**

***HYMN 391**

“Take My Life”

Tune: HENDON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet

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*

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Matt Helms, Joyce Shin, Judith L. Watt

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

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; 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 December. The next Taizé service will be Friday, November 22.

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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