

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue
A Time for Joy

Johann Sebastian Bach
Cynthia Dobrinski

INTROIT

(9:30) “How Lovely Are the Messengers”
from *St. Paul*

Felix Mendelssohn

(11:00) “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Jay Althouse

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 260

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Tune: EIN’ FESTE BURG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Gracious God,
though you love us as children,
we have not always loved you.
You call, but we have not always listened.
We refuse to change our hearts and lives.
We walk away from neighbors in need.
We turn a blind eye to evil, prejudice, violence, and greed.
Loving God,
help us to recognize our sin and the harm it causes.
Give us courage to answer your call.
Fill us with your Spirit,
and send us out into the world
as instruments of your love and grace.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER

Psalm 27:1, 4–9 (*responsively*)

(page 476, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“Eternal Light”

John Erickson

Eternal light, shine in my heart. Eternal hope, lift up my eyes. Eternal power, be my support. Eternal wisdom, make me wise. Eternal life, raise me from death; help me to see. Eternal Spirit, give me breath. Eternal Savior, come to me, until by your most costly grace, united by your holy word, at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1–4

(page 600, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSONS

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

(page 155, N.T.)

Matthew 4:12–23

(page 3, N.T.)

SERMON

The Call to Adventure

JOHN W. VEST

*HYMN 364

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

Tune: GRAND ISLE

*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”

John Rutter

OFFERING

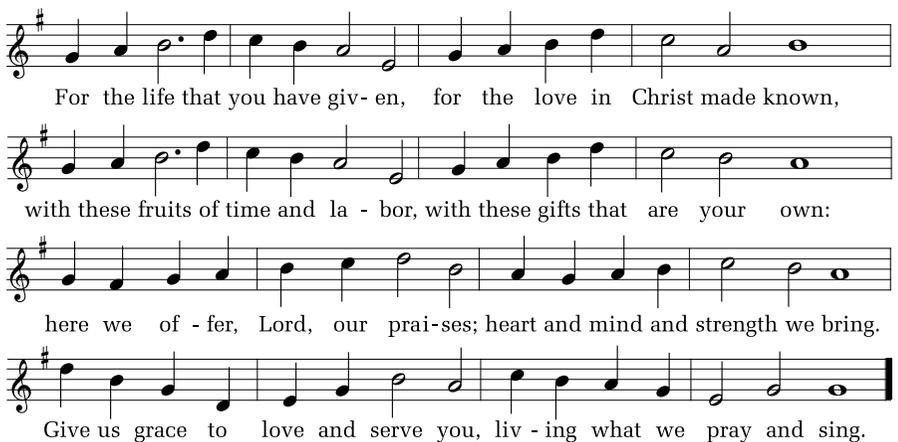
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Prayer”

René Clausen

Help me spread your fragrance wherever I go. Flood my soul with your Spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that my life may be only a radiance of yours. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I know will feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only you. Amen.

*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: **Generous God,**

you have given us life,

a place to live in,

and people to live with.

Open our eyes to each other

and to all our sisters and brothers,

especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated.

Make us humble enough to help and comfort them

so that your love and justice and peace may come to them

and to all your children.

With gratitude we dedicate ourselves and our gifts,

to you and to the service of others.

Amen.

***HYMN 285**

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Suite Gothique

Toccata

Leon Boëllmann

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 100 Years



on

North Michigan Avenue
1914 + 2014



It's our 100th year on Michigan Avenue!

Although our congregation is almost 150 years old, it has been exactly 100 years since we dedicated this Sanctuary on what is now called Michigan Avenue. In fact, apart from the Old Water Tower, Fourth Church is the oldest building on Michigan Avenue north of the river.

All year long we're featuring on Facebook historical images of our church—like the one above, of the church building we left in 1914 to move here—so be sure to go often to www.facebook.com/fourthchurch to see more!

WORSHIP LEADERS (9:30 and 11:00 a.m.)

9:30 a.m. Judith L. Watt, Calum I. MacLeod, John W. Vest

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THE MUSIC TODAY (9:30 and 11:00 a.m.)

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Beverly Escuder, Director of the Handbell Choir

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Children's and Youth Choir Accompanist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by John and Stacey Shonkwiler on behalf of the Carnival Committee.

Fourth Church is grateful to Beverly Escuder for her leadership of the handbell program and wishes her well as she moves to Texas with her family. Anyone interested in joining the Handbell Choir is welcome to attend rehearsals with new director Briana Belding-Peck on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

This morning's offertory anthem is based on text by Mother Teresa of Calcutta and was composed in 2009 by René Clause.

The bulletin cover photo depicts the snow-covered steps to the southeast entrance to the Narthex.

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