

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Thy Holy Wings, O Savior

*Swedish folk melody
arr. Richard Webster*

INTROIT

“Praise Ye the Lord”

James McCray

Praise ye the Lord. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 487

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Gracious God, all we have and all we are is a gift from you,
but we often fail to acknowledge your presence
and your grace in our lives.**

**We prefer to take credit for what we do right,
to blame others for what goes wrong,
and to dismiss as insignificant our weaknesses,
self-righteousness, and pride.**

**We want to be regarded as being strong,
rather than relying on your strength.**

We try to be in control rather than yield to you.

We ask for your forgiveness.

**We confess that our stubbornness reveals our mistrust
of both your goodness and your love and desire for us.**

**Grant us your mercy, we pray,
and restore us to a right relationship with you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Stand as you are able*

ANTHEM

“O for a Closer Walk”

Scottish Psalter
arr. Charles V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!
Return, O holy dove, sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

PSALTER

Psalm 119:1–8 (*responsively*)

(page 535, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

(page 179, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Choosing Life or Death

JUDITH L. WATT

*HYMN 281

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

*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.**

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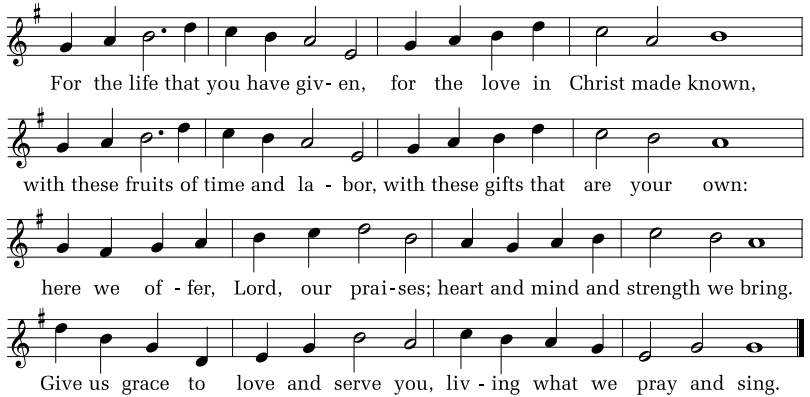
OFFERTORY SOLO

“Ich folge dir gleichfalls” from *St. John Passion*

Johann Sebastian Bach

I follow you likewise with joyful steps, and I will not leave you,
my life, my light. Set the path, and do not pause even to pull me,
to push me, to beg me.

*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

"I Am the Living Bread"

Michael McCabe

I am the living bread, which came down from heaven.
If anyone eat of this bread, they shall live forever. Alleluia.

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, you welcome us
into your presence when we turn our lives toward you again.
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 436**

“We Are Your People”

Tune: WHITFIELD

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Aria Pastorella

Valentin Rathgeber

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. 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 comes forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers 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.

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Joyce Shin, Matt Helms, Judith L. Watt

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Laura Perkett, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
MJ Chen, Organ Scholar

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church welcomes MJ Chen as Organ Scholar. This intern program was established between Fourth Presbyterian Church and the University of Chicago to help train future church musicians. A freshman at the University of Chicago, MJ will be participating in all aspects of music at Fourth Church.

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, and Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). The next Taizé service will be held on Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The bulletin cover image depicts one of the angels in the painted ceiling canvases over the south aisle of the Sanctuary.

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