

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Suite in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT

“The Lord Is Full of Compassion”

Iain Quinn

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come let us adore him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 488

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Tune: LEONI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God,

you made us in your image

with a mind to know you,

a heart to love you,

and a will to serve you.

But our knowledge is imperfect,

our love inconsistent,

our obedience incomplete.

Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.

In your tender love, forgive us,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalms 51:10–17 *(responsively)*

(page 492, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”

Brian Wentzel

Eternal Lord of love, behold your church walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent, led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, moved by your love toward your presence bent: far off, yet here, the goal of all desire. So daily dying to the way of self, so living in your way of love, we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod, knowing ourselves baptized into your death: so we are dead and live with you in God. If dead in you, so in you we arise, you the firstborn of all the faithful dead; and as through stony ground the green shoots break, glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower, so into life and glory shall we arise.

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:12–17

(page 798, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

(page 5, N.T.)

SERMON

Hidden Life

MATT HELMS

*HYMN 87

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR

*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 SOLO

“Ich will dir mein Herze schenken” from *St. Matthew Passion*

J. S. Bach

I will give my heart to you;
sink yourself in it, my salvation.
I will submerge myself in you.
And if the world is too small for you,
ah, then you shall for me alone
be more than the world and heaven.

*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

“Wondrous Love”

American folk hymn; arr. Alice Parker

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb who is the great “I am,”
while millions join the theme, I will sing.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on and joyful be.
And through eternity I'll sing on.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**Lord God, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, and these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the living bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 515**

“Now to Your Table Spread”

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

O God, Thou Faithful God

Johannes Brahms

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.

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Judith L. Watt, Matt Helms
Katy Sinclair, Lay Liturgist

THE MUSIC TODAY

Peter Slowik, viola; the Chancel Choir;
Carol Mycio, clarinet; Laura Perkett, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
MJ Chen, Organ Scholar

WORSHIP NOTES

Playing the prelude today is Peter Slowik, String Department Chair from Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio. Peter established the organization Credo (credo-music.org) to combine high-level musical training with Christian mentorship and the opportunity for outreach and service to others.

During the season of Lent, Fourth Church members will join clergy in leading worship by reading the Psalter and scripture lessons.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Social Service Center as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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