

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on an Irish Church Melody

Charles V. Stanford

INTROIT

“God So Loved the World”

John Goss

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 319

“Spirit”

Tune: SPIRIT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**We confess, Creator God, that we want a closer walk with you yet are afraid to live by faith rather than by sight.
You offer us new birth,
but we are both attracted and repelled by newness as well as the challenges and promises of a life of trusting you.
Forgive us for not turning our lives over completely to you and allowing you to be the center of all we are and do.
Embrace and consume us.
Give us the courage of our convictions.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalms 121 *(responsively)*

(page 539, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes”

Leo Sowerby

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will
not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber
nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper, thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this
time forth and forevermore. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

(page 144, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

John 3:1–17

(page 88, N.T.)

SERMON

Spirit Born, Spirit Led

VICTORIA G. CURTISS

*HYMN 326

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Tune: MORECAMBE

*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

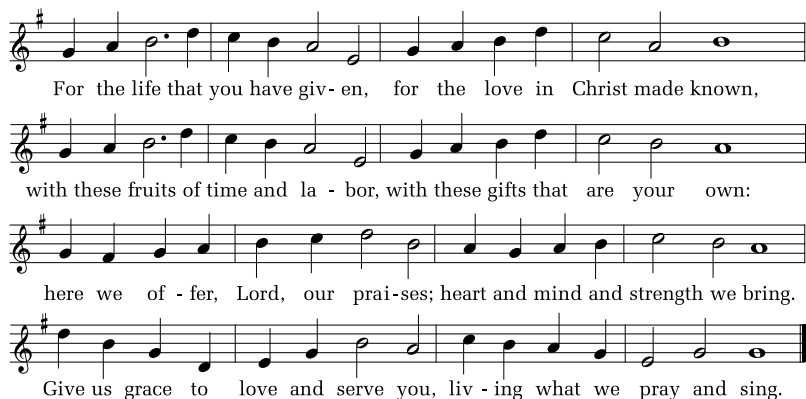
OFFERTORY SOLO

“Brother James’ Air”

Phyllis Tate

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want, he makes me down to lie
in pastures green. He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he
doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of
blessedness, e’en for his own name’s sake. Yea, though I pass through
shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence
of my foes; my head with oil thou dost anoint and my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me; and in my
Father’s house always my dwelling place shall be.

*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

"Thee We Adore"

Plainsong; arr. T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who in thy sacrament art pleased to be; both flesh and sprit in thy presence fail. Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail. O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to all doth here afford! O may our souls forever feed on thee, and thou, O Christ, forever precious be. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in thy most cleansing flood; increase our faith and love that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be, to gaze on thee unveiled and see thy face, the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**At your table we have remembered that
you gave your very life for our salvation.
We now dedicate our lives to you in praise and gratitude.
May our witness express how much you love the world.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN 85**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Celtic March

Eric H. Thiman

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

Matt Helms, Susan Van der Meulen, Victoria G. Curtiss

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist

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

WORSHIP NOTES

During the season of Lent, Fourth Church members are joining clergy in leading worship by sharing in the reading of 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.

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor-Elect (*joining us May 1*)

Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Temporary Head of Staff

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Matt Helms, Minister for Children and Families

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