MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"Behold, the Lamb of God" Stephen Sturk Behold, the Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**

(The Hymnal, 592)

*Hymn 427

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" Tune: BLAENHAFREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We confess, merciful God,

that we have doubted the power of your Spirit

and been cynical about what is possible in life.

We have resigned ourselves to the brokenness of our world

rather than relying on your strength and hope

for healing and change.

We have hoarded your bounty without thankfulness or generosity towards those who have less.

We have carried prejudices against others that blind us

to their worth and giftedness. Forgive and transform us,

so that we come alive as your instruments of love and justice.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 23 (responsively)

(page 474, O.T.)

ANTHEM

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" Howard Goodall The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

FIRST LESSON

John 9:1–25	(page 96, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.	
People: Thanks be to God.	
*Gloria Patri	(The Hymnal, 579)
Second Lesson	
John 9:26–41	(page 97, N.T.)
Sermon	
Claiming the Gift of Sight	VICTORIA G. CURTISS
*Нумл 343	
"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"	Tune: BEECHER
*APOSTLES' CREED (unison)	
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Mak	er of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;	
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, bor	
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucifie	d, 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 Fa	ther Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the qui	ck and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy cathol	ic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness o	of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

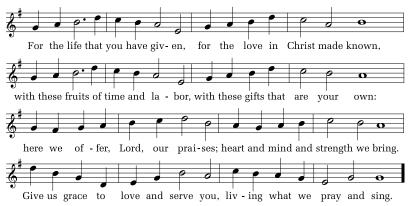
OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

"Tierce en Taille"

François Couperin

***Offertory Response**



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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.

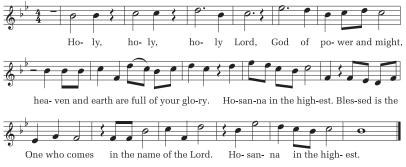
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



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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

"The Holy Banquet"

I come to thee, O Lord, that by thy gift it may be well with me, that I be gladdened by thy holy banquet which thou, O God, in thy sweetness hast prepared for the poor. Therefore gladden the soul of thy servant this day, because unto thee, O Lord Jesus, have I lifted up my soul. Kyrie eleison.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 386

"O for a World"

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fugue in B-flat Major

Nikolaus Vetter

Tune: AZMON

David S. Harris

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 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.

"I am the bread of life." John 6:35 (NRSV)

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Edwin Estevez, Sue Thompson, Victoria G. Curtiss

THE MUSIC TODAY

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

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.

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