

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

### PRELUDE

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

### INTROIT

“Alleluia! The Lord Is Risen Indeed”

*Iain Quinn*

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed; come let us adore him; alleluia.

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 461

“God Is Here!”

Tune: ABBOT’S LEIGH

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of birth, God of joy, God of life,

we come to you as a people hungry for good news.

We have been so dead to miracles

that we have missed the world’s rebirth.

We have been so preoccupied with other pleasures

that we have overlooked the joy you offer to us.

We have been so concerned with making a living

that we have missed the life you set among us.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Open our eyes and hearts to receive your gift,

in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PSALTER

Psalm 16 *(responsively)*

(page 469, O.T.)

## ANTHEM

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”

*Eric Thiman*

Christ the Lord is risen again; Christ hath broken every chain. Hark, angelic voices cry, singing ever on high, alleluia! He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our paschal lamb today. We too sing for joy and say, alleluia! He, who bore our pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us and hears our cry, alleluia. Hymns of praise then let us sing unto Christ our heavenly King, who endured the cross and grave, sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia. Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 1:3–9

(page 218, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

## SECOND LESSON

John 20:19–31

(page 108, N.T.)

## SERMON

Beginning the Walk

MATT HELMS

## \*HYMN 399

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Tune: DUNLAP’S CREEK

## \*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

“Because He Lives”

*Bill Gaither*

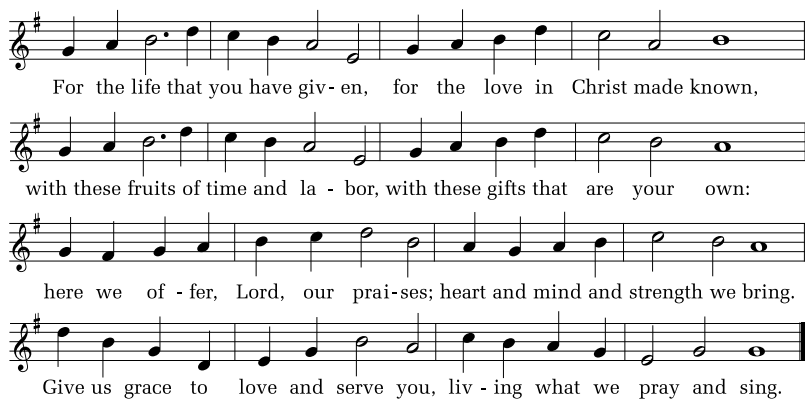
God sent his son, they called him Jesus.  
He came to love, heal, and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon.  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because he lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know he holds the future  
and life is worth the living, just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
and feel the pride and joy he gives.  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

And then one day, I'll cross the river.  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory, and I'll know he reigns.

### \*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

“Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One”

*Healey Willan*

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of the birds is come.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

O God, you have 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 offering of thanks to you,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

### \*HYMN 516

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA

### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

*H. Willan*

#### **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, Josie Phelps, Matt Helms

## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

MJ Chen, Organ Scholar

## WORSHIP NOTES

**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). A Taizé service is held most months at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday; the next Taizé service will be on May 23.

**The bulletin cover image** depicts the top of the Great West Window, above the chancel and choir loft.

## PASTORAL STAFF

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