

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Concerto in A Minor (after Vivaldi)
Allegro

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT

“Halle, Halle, Halle”
Hallelujah.

Caribbean song; arr. John Bell

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 507

“I Come with Joy”

Tune: DOVE OF PEACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Journeying God,

**at times you call us away from familiar territory,
and we do not know where you are leading.**

**In our insecurity and discomfort, we cling to what we know
instead of following your guidance in trust.**

Too often our vision is narrowed and our hearing impaired.

Our eyes fail to see Christ in our midst,

and our ears do not discern the songs of your love.

Take the scales from our eyes. Open our hearts and minds.

Help us receive reality as it is rather than what we need it to be.

Make it our high joy to know you, meditate on you,

and welcome your presence. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19 *(responsively)*

(page 533, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” *Ernest Bullock*

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring, alleluia! The Lord of life is risen for ay; bring flowers of song to strew his way, let all mankind rejoice and say, alleluia! Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high, alleluia. Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored, alleluia!

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36–42

(page 111, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:13–35

(page 84, N.T.)

SERMON

Their Eyes Were Opened

VICTORIA G. CURTISS

*HYMN 503

“Come, Risen Lord”

Tune: SURSUM CORDA

*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 VOLUNTARY

“Sicilienne”

André Fleury

***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

“Most Glorious Lord of Life”

William H. Harris

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin and, having harrowed hell, didst bring a way captivity thence captive, us to win. This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou didst die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity; and that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again; and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain. So let us love, dear love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**Christ, you have made yourself known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
We give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others.
In your name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN 324

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

Tune: OPEN MY EYES

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

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

Matt Helms, Victoria G. Curtiss

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

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). The next Taizé service will be held on Friday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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