



\*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 253 . . . . . “I’ll Praise My Maker”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God,  
 in your gracious presence  
 we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
 Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
 we are a people divided against ourselves  
 as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
 The profit and pleasures we pursue  
 lay waste the land and pollute the seas.  
 The fears and jealousies that we harbor  
 set neighbor against neighbor  
 and nation against nation.  
 We abuse your good gifts  
 of imagination and freedom,  
 of intellect and reason,  
 and have turned them into bonds of oppression.  
 Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.  
 Set us free to serve you in the world  
 as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.  
 Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Anthem

“O God, My Heart Is Ready” . . . . . Simon Lindley  
*O God, my heart is ready;  
 I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.  
 Awake, lute and harp, I myself will awake right early.  
 My lips shall speak of thy praise  
 when thou hast taught me thy statutes.  
 Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word  
 for all thy commandments are righteous.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 133 . . . . . Old Testament, page 543

\*Gloria Patri (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

### Scripture Lesson

Genesis 45:1–15. . . . . Old Testament, page 40

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Hardy H. Kim

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 466 . . . . . “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). . . . . Apostles’ Creed

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.

### Prayers of the People

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.

Prayer Response

“O Thou That Hearest Prayer” . . . . . Eric DeLamarter

*O thou that hearest prayer, attend our humble cry;  
and let thy servants share thy blessing from on high.  
We plead the promise of thy word; grant us thy holy Spirit, Lord. Amen.*

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“How Can I Keep from Singing” . . . . . American folk song  
arr. Malcom Archer

*My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails the new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing;  
it finds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?  
What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth;  
what though the darkness gather round, songs in the night he giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that refuge clinging;  
since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?  
I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;  
and day by day this pathway smoothes since first I learned to love it.  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;  
all things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing?*

\*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Almighty and ever-living God,  
increase in us your gift of faith that,  
forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to what is before,  
we might increase in our awareness  
of the ways in which you are present  
and at work in our lives.  
May the gifts we give this day be a sign  
of our commitment to living into the hope that,  
by the power you showed in Jesus Christ,  
you are able to bring forth mercy and goodness,  
even from the places where we see only weakness and pain.  
By our offering and our actions,  
may the story of your redeeming love  
be made known to the world around us. Amen.

\*Hymn 379 . . . . . “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty . . . . . Johann Gottfried Walther

## Worship Leaders

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Judith L. Watt, Kathi Bates, Matt Helms, Hardy H. Kim

## The Music Today

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9:30: Vacation Bible School Children; Women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs; Rachael Cohen, flutist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

## Worship Notes

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FOR THE 9:30 INTROIT, children from Vacation Bible School are singing some of the songs they learned as part of this week's VBS program, when the children and leaders gathered to follow Moses and the Israelites on a "Wilderness Escape." (For pictures, see [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch).)

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Elaine Filus, Chair of the Officer Nominating Committee.

RACHAEL COHEN, THE FLUTE SOLOIST THIS MORNING, has been an active member of the Fourth Church youth and music programs. She will be studying music at McGill University this fall.

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