

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Cantilene . . . . . Malcolm Archer  
Forlana . . . . . Gerald Finzi  
Aria . . . . . Noel Rawsthorne

### Introit

“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come” . . . . . Thomas Tallis  
*O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?  
Grant that we all, made one by faith, in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.*

\*Doxology (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 606  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Call to Worship . . . . . from Psalm 147  
Leader: *How good it is to sing praise to our God;*  
People: **how pleasant it is to honor the Lord with praise!**  
Leader: *The Lord rebuilds the fallen city  
and gathers the victims and exiles into homes.*  
People: **The Lord heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up the wounds of the injured.**  
Leader: *Great is our God, and mighty in power;*  
People: **God’s wisdom is beyond our understanding.**  
Alleluia!

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 796 . . . . . “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Mighty God,  
you have called us to live in faith and in freedom.  
But we confess that so often we live with tightness in our chest.  
You call us to move in a new direction,  
but we cling to the path we know.  
You call us to listen for you,  
but we clutter our minds with every other voice but your voice.  
You call us to reach outward in love,  
but we are too tired and worn down to care for anyone but ourselves.  
Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for our self-centeredness.  
Forgive us for our stubbornness.  
Forgive us for forgetting that you are our freedom.  
Heal us and set us free, again and again.  
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

## Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

### Unison Prayer (11:00)

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism  
and renew our trust in you.

Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Concerns of the Church

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# Listening for the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 147:1–11 . . . . . Old Testament, page 549

## Anthem

“Nada de Turba” . . . . . John Warren

*Let nothing disturb you, nothing affright you;*

*all things are passing, God never changes.*

*Patient endurance attains unto all things.*

*Who God possesses, in nothing is wanting; alone God suffices.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31 . . . . . Old Testament, page 628  
Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

\*Gloria Patri (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 581  
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.

Second Lesson

Mark 1:29-39 . . . . . New Testament, page 33  
Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 793 . . . . . "O Christ, the Healer"

\*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

"Amen" . . . . . Heinrich Isaac

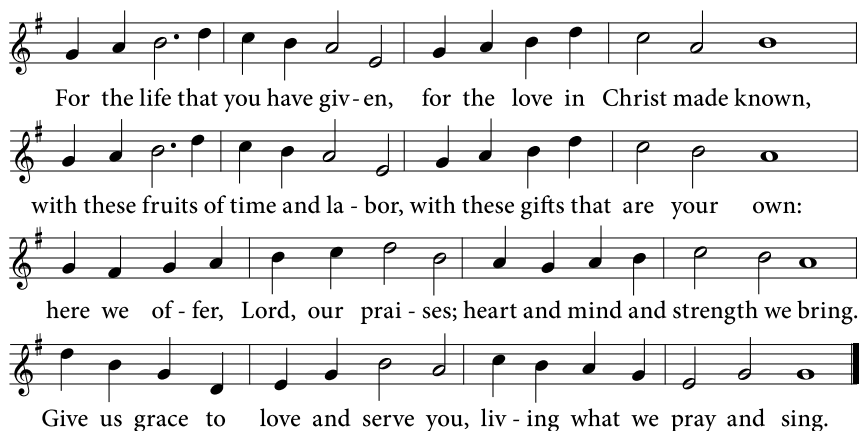
### Offering

### Offertory Anthem

"There Is a Balm in Gilead" . . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. Bruce Saylor

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.  
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.  
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."*

### \*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*)

You lift us to our feet  
so we can walk with you, loving God,  
and you fill us with your gifts  
so we may pour them out for those around us.  
Take what we offer and use it in that kingdom work  
which strengthens the weary, feeds the hungry,  
and gives hope to the despairing. Amen

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 772 ..... “Live into Hope”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fanfare ..... C. S. Lang

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# Baptism at Fourth Presbyterian Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

**Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are**

William Scott Nicholson, son of Kenneth Nicholson and Nicole Dekker  
Gunnar Robert Walden, son of Jeffery and Lesley Walden

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 John W. Vest, Robert Crouch, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Hardy H. Kim, Robert Crouch, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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The Morning Choir

Kimberly Gunderson, soloist

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

## Worship Notes

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AS THE BULLETIN HEADINGS remind us, the center of our worship is the Word—by which we mean both Scripture, and also the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. When Scripture is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship. That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6: adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. We listen for the Word of God. We respond in song, affirmation of our faith, prayer, and the giving of our gifts and dedication of our lives, and then God sends us back into the world to live out our faith, looking for God’s work all around us.

THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT, “UNWEAVINGS,” created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and image, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day.

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