

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Three Hymn Improvisations Kurt Kaiser
 Breathe on Me
 Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord
 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
- Return to the Heart David Lanz
- O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus John T. Bartsch, Jr.

Introit

“Let Thy Grace, Like Morning Dew” Johann A. Freylinghausen
*Let thy grace, like morning dew, fall on hearts in thee confiding;
thy sweet comfort, ever new, fill our souls with strength abiding;
and thy quickening eyes behold thy dear fold.*

*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

Minister: *Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted,
among the privileged,*

People: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Minister: *In the private house, in the public place, in the wedding feast,
in the judgment hall,*

People: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Minister: *With a gentle touch, with an angry word,
with a clear conscience, with burning love,*

People: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Minister: *That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe,
that the powerful might stumble, that the hidden might be seen,*

People: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession

God of truth and justice, we know that being faithful to you often means disturbing “the way things are.”
But we confess our reluctance to live that out.
We long to live your love, yet we often fall short.
Sometimes confusion reigns inside us despite our faith.
Anger, tension, bitterness, and envy distort our vision.
Our minds sometimes worry small things all out of proportion.
We forget whose we are.
Forgive us.
We trust you are able to change us
and that you long to make our hearts your home.
So pour out your courage and mercy upon us.
Help us do what we proclaim, and lead us on your path of truth.
Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter *(responsively)*

Psalm 24 Old Testament, page 475

Anthem

“Beautiful Savior” Silesian folk tune; arr. F. Melius Christiansen
*Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer; he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of man,
glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.*

First Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14 New Testament, page 180
Minister: *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 6:14-29 New Testament, page 38
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner
“King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known.” Mark 6:14a (NRSV)

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 821 “My Life Flows On”
*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.

Reception of New Members (11:00)

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.

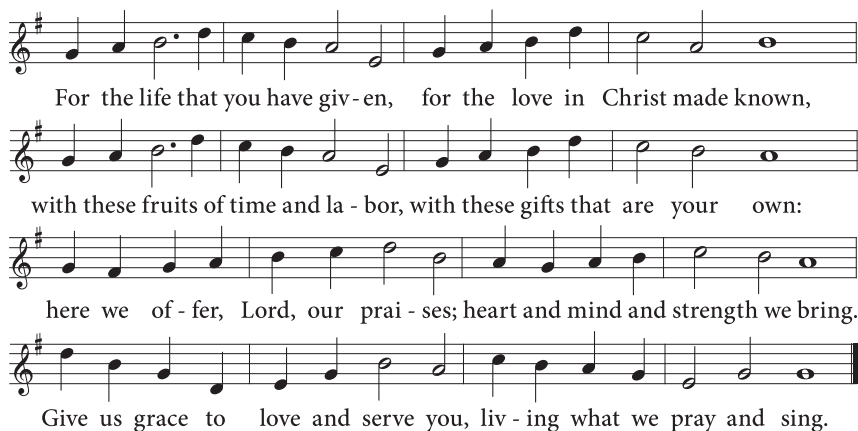
Prayer Response

"Amen" Max Bruch

Offertory Anthem

"I Need Thee Every Hour" Robert Lowry; arr. Richard E. Gerig

*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*)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.
With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives
to the care and redemption of all that you have made,
for the sake of him who gave himself for us—
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

God of Grace. Paul Manz

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.

Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:

Quinn Evelyn Reimer, child of Tyler and Jessica Reimer

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

Rebecca Mae Besecker, child of Cynthia Besecker

Luke Thomas Brooks, child of Bobby and Natalie Brooks

Zachary Joseph Gholson, child of Lee and Angela Gholson

Arthur Han Tocci, child of Charles Tocci and Linda Kim

Maya Young Tocci, child of Charles Tocci and Linda Kim

Worship Leaders

9:30: Layton Williams, Daniel Miller, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00: Hardy H. Kim, Daniel Miller, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs;
Daniel Henry, soloist; Ron Arden, violinist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THE MEN OF THE CHANCEL AND MORNING CHOIRS are singing together through July 19, and the women of both choirs will be singing from July 26 through September 6. Anyone interested in joining a Fourth Church choir is encouraged to contact John Sherer (312.981.3592; jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT, “UNWEAVINGS,” created by fiber artist 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 images, 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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