

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sanctuary Gwyneth Walker
Reverence
All Nature Sings
A Refuge, Peace

Introit

“Alleluia” Richard Rodgers
Alleluia, amen.

*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: *We have come together as those who choose the company
of Christ.*

People: Meet us as we gather, Jesus our Christ.

Minister: *We have come in faith to reach out toward our God.*

People: Be with us as we wait, O God.

Minister: *We have come as those who long for the life of the Spirit.*

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 396 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

**Stand as you are able.*

Litany of Confession

Minister: *Loving Jesus, you offer us so much in your life and your death, and we often fail to hold our lives open to receive what you bring to us. Even as we come to you in prayer, our human hearts hardly dare to believe that we will be received as we are. Be gracious to us this day, we pray.*

People: Do not turn your face away from us, O God.

Minister: *We are those who tell the world that we are your people and then so often go our own way, hardly pausing to ask ourselves whether there is more that you have to teach us. Be gracious to us this day, we pray.*

People: Do not turn your face away from us, O God.

Minister: *If we are content to live as we have always lived rather than going deeper into the life that we are called to, avoiding the challenges and complexities rather than growing and changing in response to your truth: Be gracious to us this day, we pray.*

People: Do not turn your face away from us, O God.

This we pray in humble faith. 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

Anthem

“May Now Thy Spirit” F. Joseph Schuetky
arr. Martha Mahlenbrock

May now thy spirit, O Father, descend upon us. In glad adoration we praise and worship thee, alleluia. Holy Lord almighty, restore unto all mankind thy peace and love. Our sins, Lord, forgive in thy mercy. In song we hail thee forevermore.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 130 Old Testament, page 542

*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.

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4:25–5:2 New Testament, page 183

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*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” Anonymous

Offertory Anthem

“Then Will I Jehovah’s Praise” George Frideric Handel;
from the *Occasional Oratorio* arr. Robert Powell

*Then will I Jehovah’s praise with joy and gladness daily raise and sing the name
and deity of Jehovah the most high. Ever let my thanks endure, faithful ever sure.*

*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*)

God, you say yes to each one of us, affirming your promises to us. And so we say yes to you by dedicating these offerings to the expansion of your work in this world. May they be used for ministries of healing, justice, compassion, and love. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 826 “Lift High the Cross”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Flourish Richard Crosby

“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

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:

Cornelia Joy Gambell, child of Anthony and Karin Gambell

Christophe Eric Hayes, child of Eric and Bridgette Hayes

Henrik David Hayes, child of Eric and Bridgette Hayes

Tory Ann Jackson, child of Timothy and Katie Jackson

Harper Kim Kaplan, child of Tonia Kim

Jill Samantha Lobbezoo, child of Jeffrey Lobbezoo and Winnie Kuo

Audrey Rose Thompson, child of Jack and Rachel Thompson

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

Edith Votypka McLean, child of Russell McLean and Veronica Votypka

Caroline Margaret Tkach, child of Brian and Katie Tkach

Evan Christopher Tkach, child of Brian and Katie Tkach

Worship Leaders

Joyce Shin, Ned Morley, Jeffrey Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

THE WOMEN OF THE CHANCEL AND MORNING CHOIRS are providing musical leadership during worship through September 6. The full choirs will return on September 13. 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.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo shows a close-up view of summer flowers in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

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