

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Two Preludes on Irish Melodies *Charles V. Stanford*

INTROIT “Behold, the Lamb of God” *Stephen Sturk*
Behold, the Lamb of God that takest away the sins
of the world.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 285** “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”
Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we confess that we have been
quick to speak but slow to listen; quick to anger
but slow to love; quick to judge but slow to learn;
quick to fix but slow to seek understanding.
Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us and free us
to live in your grace. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 32 (*responsively*) (page 479, O.T.)

ANTHEM “To Us Given” *Dave Brubeck*
from *Pange Lingua Variations*

To us given, to us born of an inviolate virgin, he who did
pass through this world sowing the seed of the Word;
closing his sojourn among us perfect in order and harmony.

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:31–13:7 (page 164, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

John 12:1–8

(page 100, N.T.)

SERMON

JOANN H. LEE

A Still More Excellent Way

“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?”

John 12:5 (NRSV)

***HYMN 376**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *Tune: HYFRYDOL*

***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.

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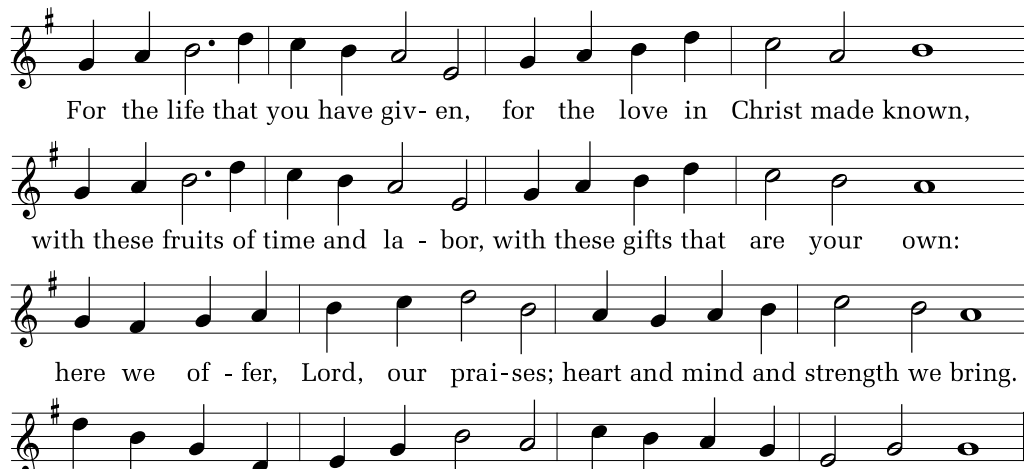
OFFERTORY SOLO

“Watchful’s Song” from *Pilgrim’s Progress*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Except the Lord keep the house, the watchman waketh in vain. The Lord hath poured out upon you the Spirit of deep peace, the whole earth is at rest and is quiet. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. He that keepeth thee shall not sleep. Behold, he that keepeth thee shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is my keeper; he shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul from this time forth forevermore.

*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 “Jesu, Word of God Incarnate”

David H. Williams

Jesu, word of God incarnate, of the virgin Mary born,
on the cross thy sacred body for us all with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from
thy pierced side; feed us with thy body broken,
now and in death's agony.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**We bless you, O God,
for gifts of bread and cup,
for the fellowship of your children,
for sustaining us in hope,
and for your unending love.
You have shown us a more excellent way;
fed at this table,
help us to go forth
and follow that way.
Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

***HYMN 85**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fugue in B-flat Major

Nikolaus Vetter

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 will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. Worshipers will 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*

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Sarah A. Johnson, Thomas C. Rook, Joann H. Lee

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Beena David, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Elam Davies Social Service Center as well as the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs. To make a gift to this offering, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. An afternoon Communion service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel 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, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel on the fourth Friday of each month.

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