

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major (“St. Anne”)
Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT “I Would Find Thee” *George Thalben-Ball*
I would find thee, whom here no eye can see; only the
heart can rise and reach thy throne beyond the skies.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

***HYMN 478** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” *Tune: LAUDA ANIMA*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you;
you call, but we do not follow;
you command, but we do not obey;
you bless us, but we do not thank you.
Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.
Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own;
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor,
but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;
you suffered and died for the sake of all,
but we do not give up our comfortable lives.
Please forgive and help us,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

“I Sought the Lord”

Wilbur Held

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me. It was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found of thee. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea. 'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me. I find, I walk, I love, but O, the whole of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee! For thou wert long beforehand with my soul; always thou lovedest me

PSALTER

Psalm 66 (*congregation sings the refrain*)

Richard T. Proulx



Refrain: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Alleluia.

Cry out with joy all people on earth.
Sing to the honor of God's name,
make the praise of the Lord glorious.
Say to the Almighty, "How awesome are your deeds:
seeing your great power,
your enemies cringe before you.
For all the world shall worship you:
sing to you and praise your name."

Refrain

O come and see what the Lord has done:
what God has wrought in terror among all people.
The Lord turned the sea into dry land,
and they crossed the river on foot;
therefore in God let us rejoice,
who rules with power forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations:
let not the rebellious lift up their heads.
Praise our God all peoples:
and let the sound of praise be heard.

Refrain

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 33:12–23; John 1:18; Romans 8:38–39

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The God Who Hides

“You shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Exodus 33:23 (NRSV)

***HYMN 399**

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” *Tune: DUNLAP’S CREEK*

***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.

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”

Vincent Persichetti

OFFERING

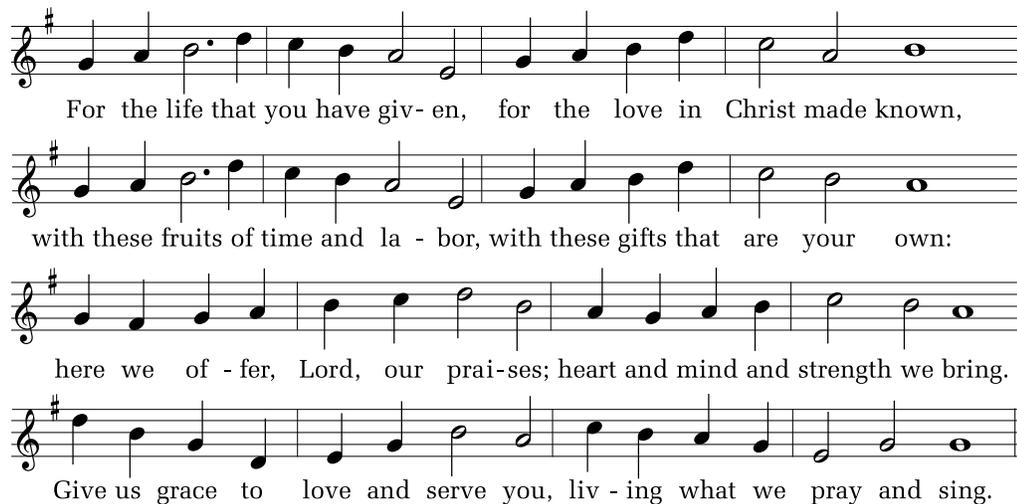
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Steal Away”

*African American spiritual
arr. Dale Adelman*

Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home. I ain’t got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me by the thunder; the trumpet sounds within
my soul. I ain’t got long to stay here. Steal away to Jesus. Steal away
home. O, green trees bending; poor sinner stands trembling;
the trumpet sounds within my soul.

*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.

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

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.**

All: **God of wonder,
we offer you these humble gifts,
signs of your goodness and mercy.
Receive them with our gratitude,
that through us all people may know
the riches of your love in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

*HYMN 263

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Tune: ST. DENIO

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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

**“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

Each second Sunday of the 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 9:30 worship service are

Beckett David Adams, son of David and Kristy Adams
Robert Harrison Mansfield, son of John and Dawn Mansfield
Charlie Michael Shaffer, son of Michael and Heather Shaffer
Tyler McConahey Shaffer, son of Michael and Heather Shaffer
Conrad Scott Sigmund, son of Scott and Courtney Sigmund
Sloan Elizabeth Stratton, daughter of Brian and Erin Stratton
Caroline Hope Zielke, daughter of Michael and Sarah Zielke

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Reagan Lynn Armour, daughter of Rob and Stacy Armour
William Alexander Brown, son of Heather Brown
Sydney Elise Collier, daughter of Winston and Marisa Collier
Emerson Campbell Freberg, daughter of Christian and Christian Freberg
Payton Elizabeth Marier, daughter of Marc and Jen Marier
Oliver Han Tocci, son of Charles Tocci and Linda Kim

WORSHIP LEADERS

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's prelude is also known by the name "St. Anne," because the fugue subject is based on the hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past," which has the tune name of "St. Anne." The hymn was published in England by Isaac Watts in 1719. New hymns traveled quickly across Europe in the eighteenth century: only a couple years later, Bach wrote this Prelude and Fugue in E-flat in Leipzig, Germany.

This morning's Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication are from *The Worship Sourcebook* (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship).

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.

The bulletin cover quote is from *Justice and Mercy*, edited by Ursula Niebuhr.

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