

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Christ, Our Lord, Came to the Jordan
Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”
Scottish Psalter

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God’s spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed, that, likewise in God’s service, we may perfect freedom find.

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

***HYMN 308** “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” *Tune: KINGSFOLD*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**You, O God, are the source of our lives.
So often we forget how precious we are to you.
We occupy ourselves in ways
that do not reflect your love for us,
in ways that cannot be pleasing in your sight.
We waste our time, our treasure, and our talents.
We are sorry, O Lord.
Remind us always that we were created by you
and our purpose is to be found in you.
We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,
whose love saves us. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 19 (*responsively*) (page 472, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“The Baptism of Jesus”

Peter Hallock

Jesus came to the Jordan today. When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father’s voice was heard in the place: “This is my Son, with whom I am well pleased.” There were three persons and one Lord; the Son baptized with one accord; the Father said the blessed word: “This is my Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Now Jesus, as thou art both God and man and were baptized in the Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then: “This is my son, with whom I am well pleased.”

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1–9

(page 630, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 3:13–17

(page 3, N.T.)

SERMON

JOYCE SHIN

Purpose and Personhood

“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’”

Matthew 3:17 (NRSV)

***HYMN 353**

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here”

Tune: DAS NEUGEBORNE KINDELEIN

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

(unison)

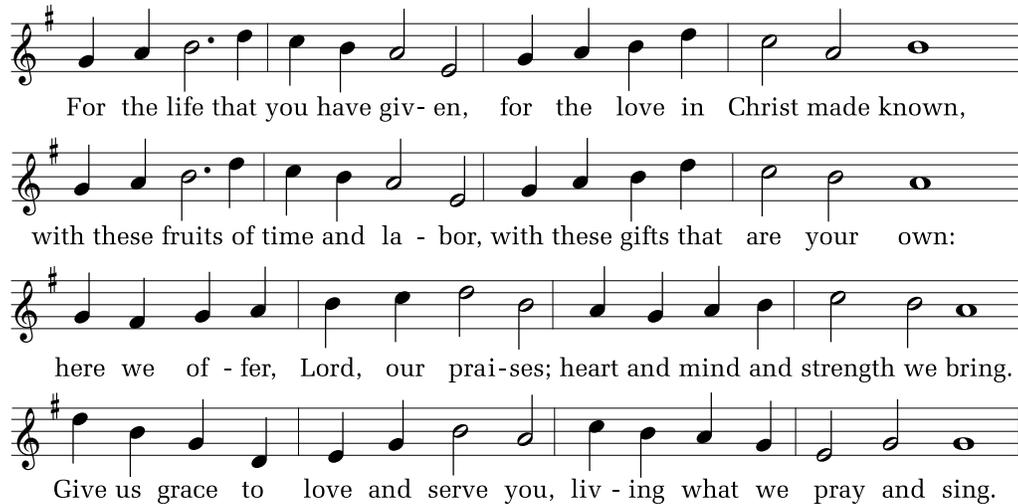
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

*American folk hymn
arr. Jean Langlais*

*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-wei 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 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

Frederik August Mehrrens

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon, but as God's holy one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.
He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss;
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross. So when
the dove descended on him, the holy one, the hidden years
had ended, the age of grace begun.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**You, O Lord, are our salvation.
In you we have all that we need:
bread for our lives, a table for fellowship,
and a light for our path.
We thank you, Lord.
Strengthen us now for your service,
that we may be for others
what you have been for us.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.**

***HYMN 435**

“We All Are One in Mission”

Tune: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

I've Just Come from the Fountain

*African American spiritual
arr. Richard Billingham*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Matthew J. Helms, Sarah A. Johnson, Joyce Shin

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

WORSHIP NOTES

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. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles. 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. 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.

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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