

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	Simple Gifts	<i>Andrew Clarke</i>
	Celebration	<i>Michael R. Keller</i>
	Blessed Jesus, at Your Word	<i>Frederick Frahm</i>
	Crown Him with Many Crowns	<i>David Angerman</i>

INTROIT	“The Call”	<i>Kenneth Jennings</i>
	Come my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as mends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.	

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

*HYMN 416	“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
	<i>Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY</i>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- PSALTER** Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16 (*responsively*) (page 478, O.T.)
- ANTHEM** “Pilgrim’s Hymn” *Stephen Paulus*
Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God, when we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer; unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name, and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you; endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream. Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages. Amen.
- FIRST LESSON** Acts 2:43–47; 6:1–7 (page 112, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
- *GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)
- SECOND LESSON** John 15:16 (page 103, N.T.)
- SERMON** JOHN BUCHANAN
The Sanctity of Table-Waiting
“*You did not choose me, but I chose you.*” John 15:16 (NRSV)
- *HYMN 522** “Lord, When I Came Into This Life” *Tune: LAND OF REST*
- *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.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

LITANY

Minister: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Minister: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: **To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Minister: Together we are the body of Christ

People: **and individually members of it.**

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF OFFICERS AND QUESTIONS

UNISON PRAYER **Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the grace of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people. 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 "Light"

Greg Jasperse

Light. Divining light, light of truth, illuminating light, warming light, softening light, soothing light, serene, revealing light. Light which pierces the dark shadows. Shadows of ignorance, intolerance, indifference. Night falls. I awaken from darkness; I awaken to peace; I awaken to love; I awaken to life, to hope, to deep knowing, to light.

*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: Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died, rejected on the cross, and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever. Gracious God, who called us from death to life, we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 419

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

Tune: REPTON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

Officers of Fourth Presbyterian Church

Following the action of the congregation and the Session of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, the following persons will be ordained and installed to church office this morning. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this important ministry.

Session (*the church's governing body, which meets monthly to conduct the business of the church*):

Rick Bogaard, Martha Brown, Irene Bumpus, Ted Davis, Rebecca Dixon, Christian Freberg, Marilee Hopkins, Arnie Lenters, Maggie Lewis, Barlow Nelson, Rebecca Nilsson, Ken Ohr, Les Ventsch, Anamaria Volkober (Youth)

Board of Trustees (*those elected by the congregation to manage Fourth Church's financial and physical resources*): Ed Gourley, Patsy Habicht, Elizabeth Hurley, Arthur Martin, Ginger Pillman, Beth Truett, Anne Voshel

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Please also keep in your prayers those officers who are continuing their terms of service.

Session: Don Allerton, Mike Ban, Nan Birmingham, Linda Bracken, Vernon Broders, Ben Carlisle, Edward Coke, Juli Crabtree, Lloyd Culbertson, Sam Evans (*Clerk of Session*), Lies Garner, Judy Kerch, Janet Krehbiel-Pieracci, Brian McCrea, Marc Miller, Judith Monroe, Sandy Nelson, Sara Pfaff (*Deputy Clerk of Session*), Melanie Pierce, Joe Pixler, Elizabeth Rizer, Catherine Sigmar, Seth Tuscher, S.L. Van der Zanden, Roger Wilson

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Fourth Church extends a heartfelt thank-you and its sincere appreciation to those who this May complete their term of service as officers.

Session: LaDonna Black, Stewart Bradley, Donald Coe, Debbie Frisch, Lisa Garay, Jerry Johnson, Carl Leigh, Gregory Lewis, Ross Lober, Llani O'Connor, Alison Thomas, Peter Schemper (Youth), Paul Vogel, Stephanette Walker

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WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Sarah A. Johnson, Calum I. MacLeod, John Buchanan

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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

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Handbell Choir for its music leadership over the past nine months. The Handbell Choir participates in 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services monthly, September through May.

John Buchanan's sermons in the coming weeks will reflect on Christian origins and the life of the earliest Christian church as described in the Acts of the Apostles. In light of a recent change in ordination standards in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the conversation and conflict that has resulted, the series will take a careful look at the earliest church and the issues it encountered, versions of which the contemporary church continues to deal with today. The hope is that we will understand and experience Christianity—our own faith and the ancient faith of the church—as a truth once given in Jesus Christ and expressed differently, creatively, courageously, by the church of Jesus Christ in every age.

The bulletin cover depicts a carved detail on a stone pillar in the south aisle of the sanctuary. The cover quote is from Michael Walsh's book *The Triumph of the Meek: Why Early Christianity Succeeded*.

PASTORAL STAFF

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