

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	Processional Fanfare	<i>Elgar Howarth</i>
	Tune in E	<i>George Thalben-Ball</i>
	O Radiant Dawn	<i>James MacMillan</i> <i>arr. M. Fisher / A. Thompson</i>
	Lift High the Cross	<i>Donald Busarow</i>
	Praise God's Glorious Name	<i>Louis Spohr</i> <i>arr. D. R. Frederick</i>

INTROIT	"Halle, Halle, Halle!" Hallelujah!	<i>Caribbean melody</i> <i>arr. John Bell</i>
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***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 487** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" *Tune: LAUDES DOMINI*

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRY COMMISSIONING
(9:30)

HYMN 304 "Jesus Loves Me!" *Tune: JESUS LOVES ME*
(9:30)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)*

**Lord God, we have given more weight
to our successes and our happiness than to your will.
We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.
We have spoken without an effort to understand others.
We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.
We have judged others,
forgetful that you alone are the Judge.
We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions
than according to your commands.
Within your church we have been slow
to practice love of our neighbors.
And in the world we have not been your faithful servants.
Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

**Stand as you are able.*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 145:1–9 (*responsively*) (page 548, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Hear My Prayer, O Lord” *Henry Purcell*
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee.

FIRST LESSON Matthew 16:13–20 (page 17, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Matthew 16:21–26 (page 17, N.T.)

SERMON To Be a Christian *JOHN BUCHANAN*
“If any want to be my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Matthew 16:24 (NRSV)

***HYMN 306** “Fairest Lord Jesus” *Tune: CRUSADERS’ HYMN*

***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"

John Stainer

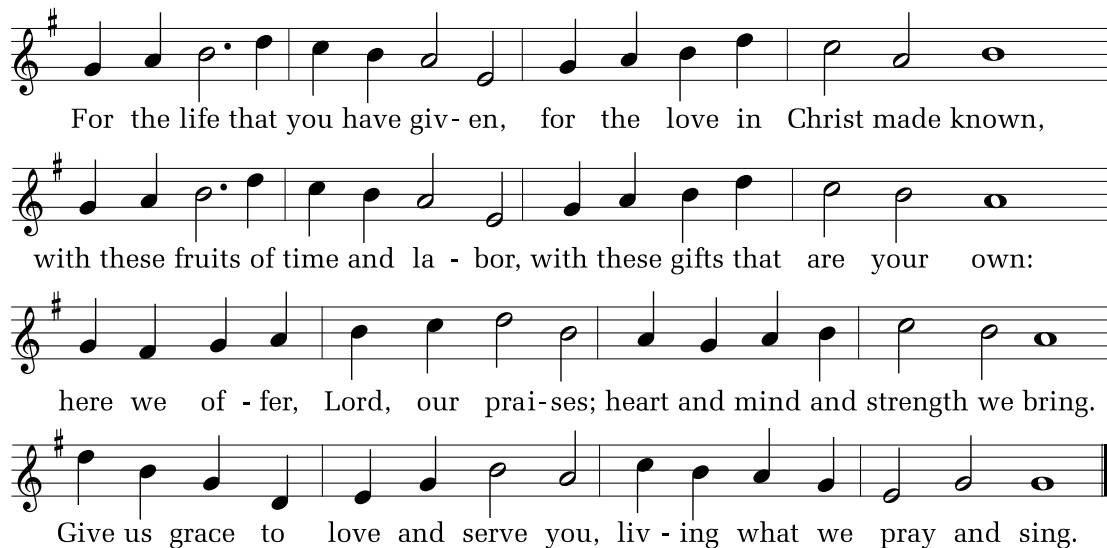
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Venite Exultemus Domino"

Orlando Gibbons

With singing let us come before the Lord.
Rejoice in God who is our salvation;
with psalms let us give thanks and praise to God.
Hallelujah! Amen.

*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: Great God of our lives, for all that is gracious in our lives,
revealing the image of Christ,

People: **we give you thanks.**

Minister: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families,
and our friends,

People: **we give you thanks.**

Minister: For minds to think and hearts to love and hands to serve,

People: **we give you thanks.**

Minister: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

People: **we give you thanks.**

Minister: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

People: **we give you thanks.**

Minister: For the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus
our Lord; to you, O God, be praise and glory.

People: **Amen.**

***HYMN 371**

“Lift High the Cross”

Tune: CRUCIFER

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Canzon noni toni

*Giovanni Gabrieli
arr. R. King*

Sunday School and Youth Ministry Commissioning

Today's commissioning of Sunday School teachers, staff, and youth leaders is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors.

Sunday School Staff

Josie Phelps, *Sunday School Superintendent*

Katy Sinclair, *Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth*

Donna Gray, *Minister for Children and Families*

Sunday School Leaders

Liz Adams	Ann Grissom	Don Nelson
Agnes Boateng	Marci Hanzlik	Bill Ohlhaber
Marta Bonner	Julie James	Kathleen Page
Irene Bumpus	Terri Kinney	Hilary Richardson
Phil Calian	Erica Kuhlmann	Blasko Ristic
Anne Marie Canfield	Ji Inn Lee	Hilary Scott
Dennis Canfield	Amanda Love	Stacey Shonkwiler
Rhonda Carlson	Missy MacLeod	Michelle Stromberg
Chrissy Cerasale	Heather Major	Ned Thomas
Carol Collins	Lisa McClung	Linda Thornton
Ashley Condon	Brian McCrea	Susan Van der Meulen
Cathy DeMille	Jen McCrea	Julie Vander Weele
Gayle Engberg	Jacquie McGrew	Charlotte Wager
David Ericson	Tim Mertzluft	Debbie Whitmore
Jim Garner	Mark Meyer	Todd Zimmerman
Lies Garner	Sharon Mistele	

Youth Leaders (Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, and Senior Highs)

Nicholette Andrews	Kat Kath	Linnea Schramm
Michelle Becker	Dala Lucas	Anna Vest
Carole Bekken	Mark Nelson	Gretchen Wahl
Amber Hacker	Andrea Page	Debbie Whitmore
Jason Hacker	Kathi Rodak	Katie Whitmore
John Howard	Mark Schimmelpfennig	

Youth Ministry Staff

Sarah Bennett, *Young Adult Volunteer*

Kimberlee Frost, *Youth Ministry Associate*

John W. Vest, *Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Victoria G. Curtiss, John Buchanan

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Tower Brass; The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

WORSHIP NOTES

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, returns to worship leadership this morning. Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month during the academic year.

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 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 photograph depicts the easternmost column in the north aisle, as photographed from the east balcony. The cover quote is from William Placher's book *Jesus the Savior: The Meaning of Jesus Christ for Christian Faith*.

PASTORAL STAFF

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Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission

Adam H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship

Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families

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Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life

John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

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