

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE**                      Benedictus                                      *Alec Rowley*

**INTROIT**                      “O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord”      *Stephen Sturk*  
O come, let us sing to the Lord. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise.

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

**\*HYMN 252**                      “O Lord, You Are My God and King”  
*Tune: JERUSALEM*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of life,  
grant us your forgiveness.  
We have been heedless in our thoughts,  
cruel in our words,  
shameful in our actions.  
We are indifferent to a world made sad  
by want and wastefulness;  
we pass by on the other side  
when we see our neighbor in need;  
we wander from the way that leads to peace.  
God of life, grant us your forgiveness.  
Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**PSALTER**                      Psalm 23 (*sung*)                                      (The Hymnal, 170)

**ANTHEM**

“Children’s Letters to God”

*C. M. Shearer*

1. Dear Mr. God, How do you feel about people who don’t believe in you? Somebody else wants to know.
2. Dear God, I have got to know something. What is it like in heaven? I know it’s nice, but what kind of nice? What happens when it rains?
3. Dear God, My name is Robert. I want a baby brother. My mother said to ask my father; my father said to ask you. Do you think you can do it? Well, good luck!
4. Dear God, What is it like when you die? Nobody will tell me. I just want to know. I don’t want to do it.
5. Last week it rained for three days. We thought it would be like Noah’s ark, but it wasn’t. I’m glad because you could only take two of things, remember. And we have three cats.

**FIRST LESSON**

Philippians 4:1–9

(page 187, N.T.)

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

**SECOND LESSON**

Matthew 22:1–14

(page 23, N.T.)

**SERMON**

The Clothes You Need to Wear

Calum I. MacLeod

**\*HYMN 333**

“Seek Ye First”

*Tune: LAFFERTY*

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED**

*(unison)*

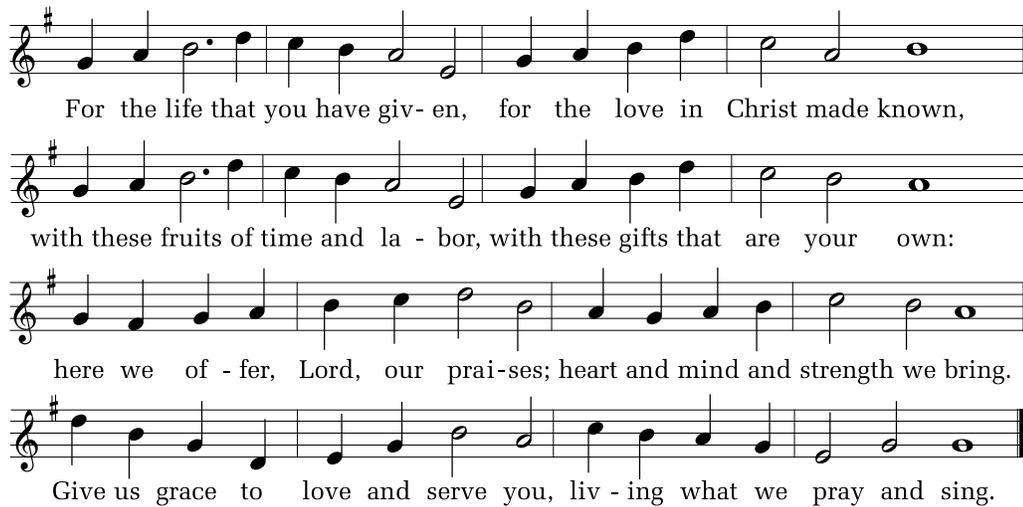
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again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

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

### \*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: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high . . .  
. . . 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 "Amazing Grace"

*American folk tune  
arr. Richard Proulx*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a  
wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was  
blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart  
to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did  
that grace appear, the hour I first believed. Through  
many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis  
grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead  
me home. The Lord has promised good to me, his word  
my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as  
long as life endures.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*unison*)

**Gracious God,  
we thank you for the love  
which brings us food from heaven,  
the life of your dear Son.  
Grant that strengthened in this fellowship  
we may continue his work in the world  
until we come to the glory of your eternal kingdom.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN 433**

“There’s a Spirit in the Air”

*Tune: LAUDS*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Fantasia in G Minor

*Johann Pachelbel*

## **The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church**

**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. 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.

*Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Victoria G. Curtiss, John H. Boyle, Calum I. MacLeod

## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, flutist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

## WORSHIP NOTES

**The first anthem this morning** is a musical setting of five letters from the book *Children's Letters to God*. These whimsical pieces were composed by C. M. Shearer, who taught music at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

**Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities** in addition to Sunday morning services. A jazz service with Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary 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. on the fourth Friday of each month.

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