

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness *Johann Sebastian Bach*
The Joy of the Redeemed *Clarence Dickinson*

INTROIT “My Lord, What a Morning” *African American spiritual*
arr. R. Lee Williams

My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You’ll hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God’s right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

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

***HYMN 476** “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” *Tune: LYONS*

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

ANTHEM “Like as We Do Put Our Trust” *Charles Wesley*
Like as we do put our trust in thee,
let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

PSALTER Psalm 84 (*responsively*) (page 513, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by Otis Moss III

***HYMN 282** "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Tune: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

***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"

Anonymous

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace"

C. Lee Williams

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on thee.
The darkness is no darkness with thee,
but the night is as clear as the day;
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.
God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live and it shall praise thee.

***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: **All good things come from you, O God,
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.
You created all that is,
and with love formed us in your image.
When our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.
You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior.
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.
And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,
we offer you ourselves, and all that we have,
in union with Christ's offering for us.
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

***HYMN 356**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Tune: NETTLETON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

Guest Preachers in July and August

This year, we are honored to be able to welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit several highly regarded theologians and preachers. We are particularly pleased that Otis Moss III and Anna Carter Florence will be sharing the Word with us this July and August.



Otis Moss III

TODAY AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

Otis Moss III serves as Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, the South Side congregation that is the largest church in the UCC. He is an ordained minister in both the Progressive National Baptist Convention and the United Church of Christ. A popular speaker on college campuses, conferences, and churches across the globe, Dr. Moss is recognized for his ability to communicate across generations and his creative Bible-based messages. He is committed to preaching prophetically that the message of love and justice are inseparable companions, forming the foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is also an accomplished author and a member of the *Christian Century* board.



Anna Carter Florence

AUGUST 12 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia (a seminary of the Presbyterian Church USA). She is interested in historical, theological, aesthetic, and performative dimensions of preaching and the ways preaching engages other fields and different traditions. Dr. Florence's research focuses on testimony, feminist theology, the role of experience in preaching, and the history of preaching women. Previously having served as Associate Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis, she is a frequent speaker and lecturer at churches and conferences, including the Festival of Homiletics.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Adam H. Fronczek, Judith L. Watt, Otis Moss III

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church expresses its thanks to the men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs for singing in June and July. The women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs will sing next Sunday and throughout August.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities each week. In addition to Sunday morning services, an afternoon jazz service with Communion is also held on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. On weekday mornings, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary (9:00 a.m. on Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday), and a Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month.

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 photo depicts the stonework around the small window in the northeast corner of the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary.

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