

ANTHEM “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Eric H. Thiman*
Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible
hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the
ancient of days, almighty, victorious, thy great name
we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy
justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds,
which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life
thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou
livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as
leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught
changeth thee. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud
we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor
of light hideth thee. Amen.

PSALTER Psalm 27 (*sung*) (The Hymnal, 179)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:22–40 (page 55, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Seeing Our Salvation JOHN W. VEST

***HYMN 437** “Our Cities Cry to You, O God” *Tune: SALVATION*

***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.**

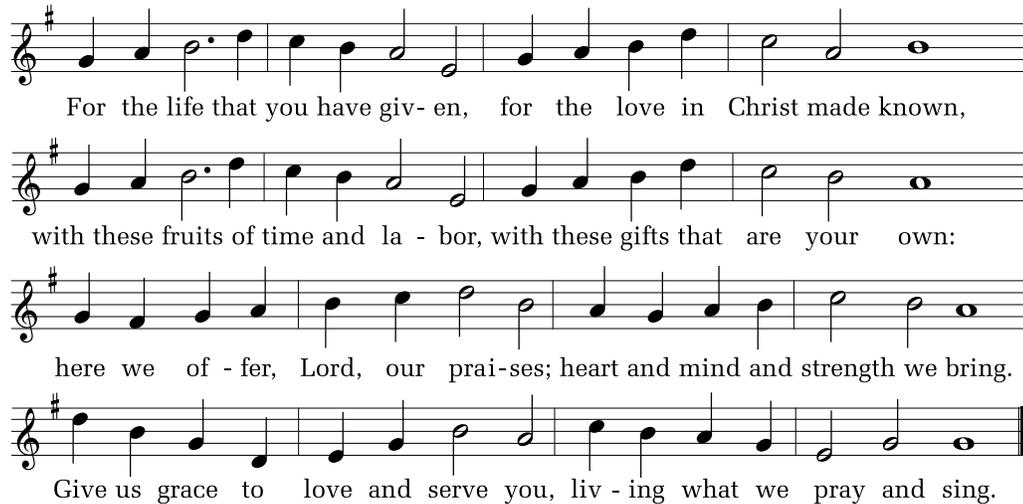
**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO “Esurientes implevit bonis” from *Magnificat* *Johann Sebastian Bach*

He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

*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- wer 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 "Song of Simeon"

Louis Bourgeois

Now may your servant, Lord, according to your word,
depart in exultation. My peace shall be serene, for now
my eyes have seen your wonderful salvation. You did for
all prepare this gift so great, so rare, fulfilling prophets'
story. A light to show the way to Gentiles gone astray,
and unto Israel's glory.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us
with this sacred meal,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
of your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to love and serve you and all your children
in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 420 “God of Grace and God of Glory” *Tune: CWM RHONDDA*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Finale from *Organ Symphony no. 1* *Louis Vierne*

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

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order

WORSHIP LEADERS

Joyce Shin, Victoria G. Curtiss, John W. Vest

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Alex Radtke on behalf of the Fourth Church youth and the Souper Bowl of Caring.

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.

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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