

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in B Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*
When We Are in the Greatest Need *J. S. Bach*

INTROIT “Even Now, Says the Lord” *Richard Proulx*
Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart,
for I am gracious and merciful.

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

***HYMN 376** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *Tune: HYFRYDOL*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Forgive us, O Lord,
for everything that spoils our home life:
for the moodiness and irritability
that make us difficult to live with,
for the insensitivity that makes us careless
of the feelings of others,
for the selfishness that makes life harder for others.**

**Forgive us, O Lord,
for everything that spoils our witness for you;
that we so often deny with our lives
what we say with our lips;
for the difference between our creed and our conduct,
our profession and our practice;
for any example that makes it easier for people
to criticize your church or for another to sin.**

**Grant unto us a true penitence for our sins.
Grant that at the foot of the cross
we may find our burdens rolled away.
And so strengthen us by your Spirit that in the days to come
we may live more nearly as we ought.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 63:1–9 (*responsively*) (page 498, O.T.)

ANTHEM “To Thee, O Lord, Do I Lift up My Soul” *Sergei Rachmaninoff*
To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; my God, I trust in thee.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:1–8 (page 644, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Luke 13:1–9 (page 71, N.T.)

SERMON Lent as Alternative to Empire WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

***HYMN 81** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” *Tune: ST. FLAVIAN*

***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 "Give Ear unto My Words"

Stephen Sturk

Give ear unto my words, O Lord. Hearken to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God, for unto thee do I pray. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Like as the Hart Desireth the Water Brooks" *Herbert Howells*

Like as the hart desireth the water brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, "Where is now thy God?"

***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 335**

“Though I May Speak”

Tune: O WALY WALY

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C

André Fleury

Welcoming Guest Preachers—This Spring

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 Walter Brueggemann is with us today, and Randall O'Brien and Neal Presa, among others, will be sharing the Word with us this spring.



Randall O'Brien

APRIL 21 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

President of Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee, J. Randall O'Brien has also served Baylor University as executive vice president and provost and George Truett Theological Seminary as chair of the religion department. Across the breadth of his teaching career, Dr. O'Brien has been pastor for three churches and held sixteen interim pastorates. A noted author of articles and books as well as a contributor to several Bible dictionaries, he is also a decorated veteran of the U.S. Army, having served with the 101st Airborne Infantry in Vietnam.



Neal Presa

APRIL 21 AT 4:00 P.M.

Currently Moderator of the 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Neal Presa is a Filipino American who was born in Guam, raised in the San Francisco Bay area, and now lives in New Jersey, where he serves as pastor of Middlesex Presbyterian Church and Affiliate Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. A committed ecumenist, Mr. Presa has served on a variety of national and international committees and commissions on ecumenical topics and is also an author and editor.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod, Walter Brueggemann

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church welcomes Walter Brueggemann to the pulpit this morning.

Dr. Brueggemann is Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and the author of more than fifty-eight books.

An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, he is widely sought after as a preacher, teacher, and lecturer. We are honored to have him with us today.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Social Service Center as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Gifts can also be made online at www.fourthchurch.org.

The bulletin cover photo, taken during a heavy snowfall, shows a coiled vine hanging from a tree on the Michigan Avenue side of the cloisters. The cover quote is from John Brueggemann’s book *Rich, Free, and Miserable: The Failure of Success in America*.

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