

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
Healey Willan

INTROIT “Alleluia, the Lord Is Risen Indeed” *Stephen Sturk*
Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed; O come
let us adore him.

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

***HYMN 104** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”
Tune: HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God,
in baptism you call us to turn from sin
and to turn to Jesus Christ,
but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.
In baptism you join us to Christ in his death
that we might be raised with Christ in new life,
but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace
the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.
In baptism you call us to unity,
but we foster division in the church
and allow enmity and hatred to grow among us,
putting neighbor against neighbor,
and nation against nation.
In baptism you send us to serve with compassion
all your children, but we ignore the suffering
of the oppressed, the plight of the poor,
and the cries of the hungry.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness.
Set us free from all that enslaves us,
and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ,
that we may be your faithful servants,
showing forth your healing love to the world. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 150 (*responsively*) (page 551, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Surrexit Christus” *Giovanni Battista Pergolesi*
Christ is risen, alleluia! This day Christ is arisen
from the dead, alleluia.

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (page 157, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON John 20:19–31 (page 108, N.T.)

SERMON Sacred Conversations JOHN W. VEST

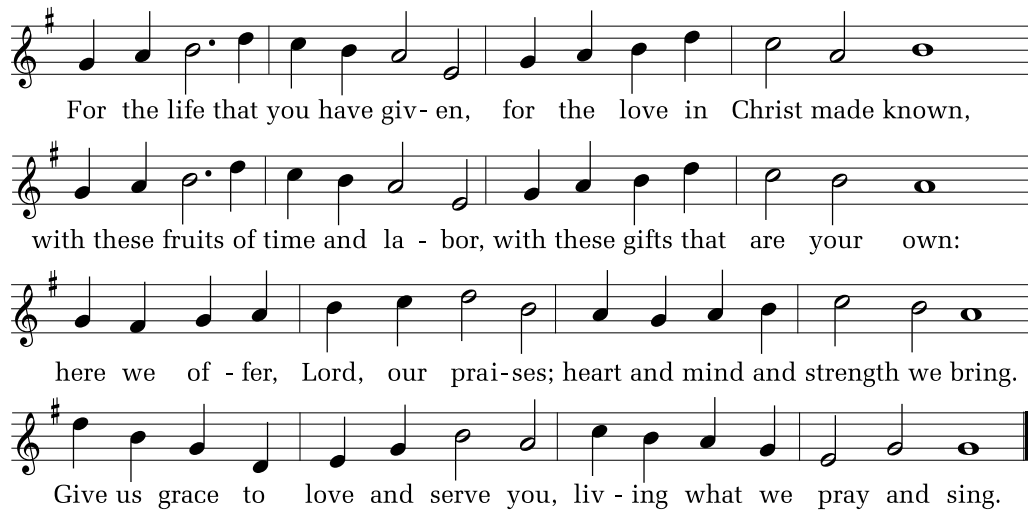
***HYMN 522** “Lord, When I Came Into This Life”
Tune: LAND OF REST

***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 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 "Most Glorious Lord of Life" *William H. Harris*

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin and, having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win, this joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou didst die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity; and that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again; and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain. So let us love, dear love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 525**

“Here I Am, Lord”

Tune: HERE I AM, LORD

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on “Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”

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, Matt Helms, John W. Vest

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

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.

The Easter banners and the Communion Table and pulpit paraments were made by Nancy Chinn and Eliza Linley and depict the joy of the Resurrection.

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