

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Prelude on a Melody by Sowerby *Morgan Simmons*

INTROIT “God Be Merciful” *Eric DeLamarter*
God be merciful unto us and show us the light
of his countenance that thy way may be known
upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.
Amen.

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

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

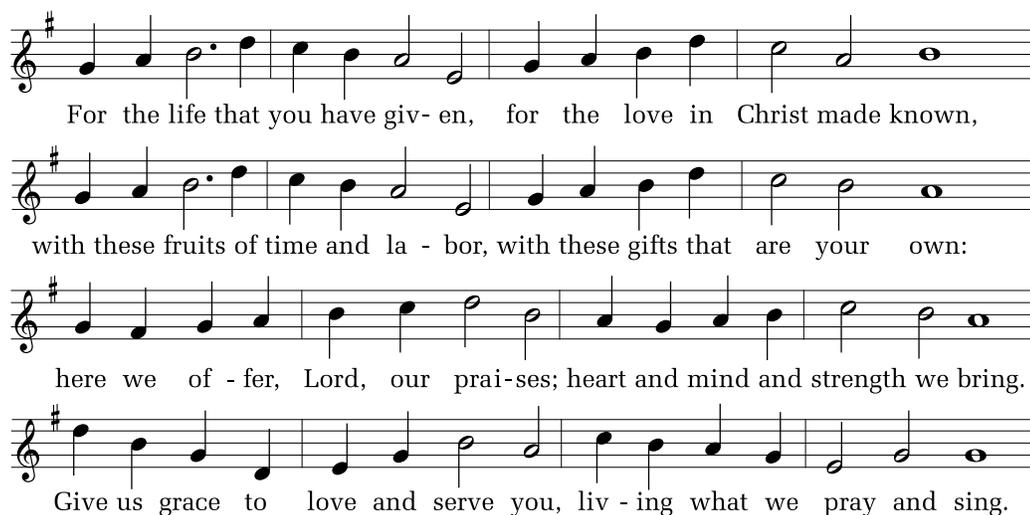
**God our Savior, forgive us, we pray.
If we have shrugged off our vows to you
and rushed headlong into temptations
we could not safely deal with,
have pity on us.
If we have slid slowly into an apathy
towards loving our God with all our being
and loving our neighbor as ourselves,
have pity on us.
If we have received blessings with scant gratitude,
if we have begrudged calls on our time and energy,
and faced new opportunities with a sour face,
have pity on us.
God, our holy Friend,
we put ourselves in your hands.
May we receive your mercy without doubting.
In humility, we ask your forgiveness,
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

*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.**

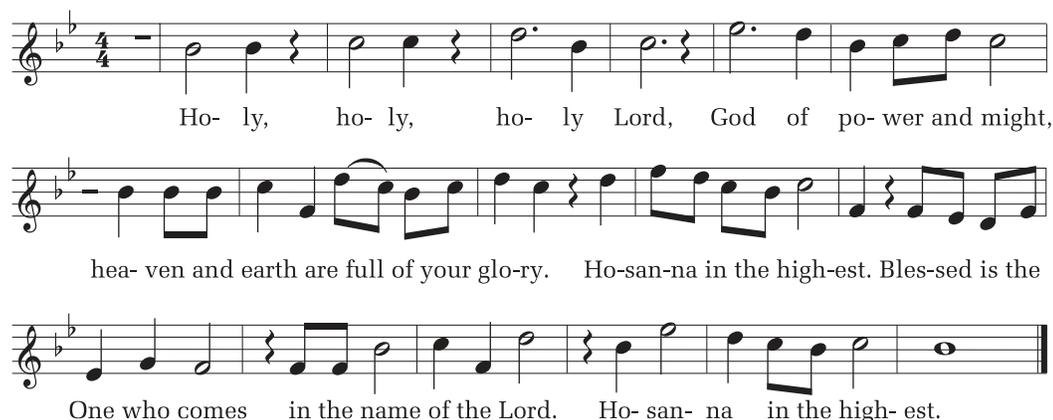
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 "The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare"

Geoffrey Shaw

The Lord my pasture shall prepare
and feed me with a shepherd's care.
His presence shall my wants supply
and guard me with a watchful eye.
My noonday walks he shall attend,
and all my midnight hours defend.
When in the sultry glebe I faint,
or on the thirsty mountain pant,
to fertile vales and dewy meads
my weary wandering steps he leads.
Where peaceful rivers soft and slow,
amid the verdant landscape flow.
Though in a bare and rugged way
through devious lonely wilds I stray,
thy bounty shall my pains beguile;
the barren wilderness shall smile
with sudden greens and herbage crowned,
and streams shall murmur all around.
Though in the paths of death I tread,
with gloomy horrors over spread,
my steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
for thou, O Lord, art with me still;
thy friendly crook shall give me aid
and guide me through the dreadful shade.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**Thank you, great God,
for the reminder you have given us in table,
bread and cup, that you are with us,
that you desire to feed and nurture us
into wholeness, and that no matter how far
we wander or how arduous the journey back,
you welcome us into your presence.
Open us to the spiritual food you offer
and make us ever mindful of our blessings,
so that we can be signs of your love
to the world around us. Amen.**

***HYMN 364** “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” *Tune: GRAND ISLE*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Praise God, Ye Christians, One and All
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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Edwin Estevez, John W. Vest, Judith L. Watt

THE MUSIC TODAY

Men of the Morning Choir; Nikolas Arden, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The men of the Morning Choir will be singing in worship through September 1. The full choir will return on September 8.

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Rebecca Nilsson on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

The African American spirituals featured in worship today are offered to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the civil rights march in Washington, D.C., where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

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, except in November and December. The next Taizé service will be Friday, August 23, held outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

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