

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE** Three Liturgical Improvisations *George Oldroyd*  
1. My soul hath a desire and longing  
to enter the courts of the Lord.

**INTROIT** “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” *German chorale*  
*arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel*  
Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;  
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.  
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.

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

**\*HYMN 293** “This Is My Father’s World” *Tune: TERRA BEATA*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**God, we know that this world is not as it should be.  
We know that our lives are less than you want.  
We are less loving, less hopeful, less giving.  
Please forgive us, and despite us,  
make our life together into something greater  
for the sake of your glory. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**ANTHEM** “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” *Healey Willan*  
*arr. Henry V. Gerike*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence,  
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,  
and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

**PSALTER** Psalm 81 (*responsively*) (page 512, O.T.)

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Jeremiah 2:4–13 (page 657, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** The Worth of Things JOYCE SHIN

*“What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?”*

Jeremiah 2:5 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 278** “Our God, to Whom We Turn”  
*Tune: WAS FRAG’ ICH NACH DER WELT*

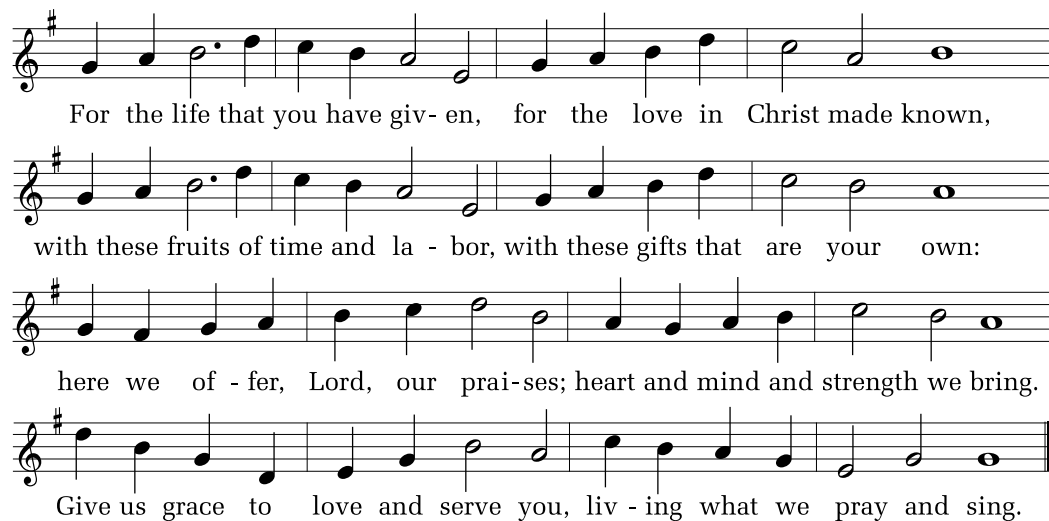
**\*APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

**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 VOLUNTARY** “Sicilienne” *André Fleury*

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE



For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.  
Give us grace to love and serve you, living 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.**

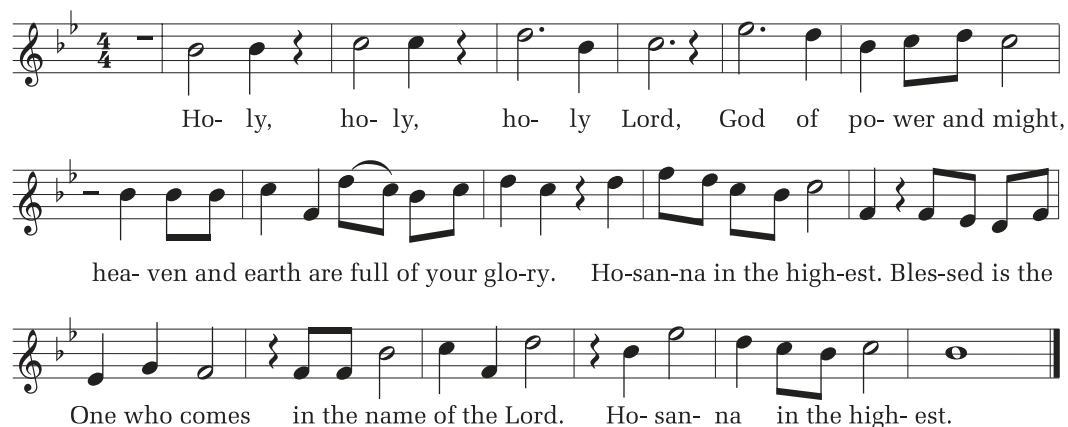
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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-wei 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** "O God, Thou Faithful God" *German chorale*  
*arr. T. Hoelty-Nickel*

O God, thou faithful God,  
thou fountain ever flowing,  
who good and perfect gifts  
in mercy art bestowing,  
give me a healthy frame,  
and may I have within a conscience  
free from blame,  
a soul unhurt by sin.  
Grant thou me strength to do  
with ready heart and willing  
whatever thou shalt command,  
my calling here fulfilling;  
to do it when I ought, with all my might;  
and bless the work I thus have wrought,  
for thou must give success.  
If dangers gather round,  
still keep me calm and fearless;  
help me to bear the cross  
when life is dark and cheerless;  
and let me win my foe  
with words and actions kind.  
When counsel I would know,  
good counsel let me find.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Almighty God,  
you have created all things,  
and you love your creation.  
In this bread and wine you take the ordinary  
and make them lovely.  
Teach us the worth of each thing.  
Teach us the worth of ourselves and of others.  
Teach us the worth of your entire world  
for which your son gave his life.  
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, we pray.  
Amen.

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

## BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Major

*A. Fleury*

## **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**

Matt Helms, Edwin Estevez, Joyce Shin

## **THE MUSIC TODAY**

Men of the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

**Fourth Church expresses its thanks** to the men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs for singing in July and August. The full choir will return next Sunday, September 8. Anyone interested in singing with the Chancel Choir during 8:00 a.m. services is invited to attend the Thursday evening rehearsals, which begin September 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft.

**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 (9:00 a.m. on Tuesday and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday). 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, September 27.

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