

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

### PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

*John Ferguson*

### INTROIT

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

*Hal H. Hopson*

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon, but as his Father’s Son. He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make. This very day invade us and every bondage break. Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most: to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

*(The Hymnal, 592)*

### \*HYMN 10

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Merciful God,**

**in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,  
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,  
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,  
and show reluctance to welcome one another;**

**we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,  
and free us from sin.**

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism  
so that we may rise to new life  
and live together in grace.**

**Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PSALTER

Psalm 29 (*responsively*)

(page 477, O.T.)

### ANTHEM

“The Baptism of Jesus”

*Peter Hallock*

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane. [Today Jesus returned from the Jordan.] When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father’s voice was heard in the place: “Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.” [This is my beloved Son.] There were three persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one accord, the Father said this blessed word: “Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.” Now Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptized in Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then: “Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.”

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1–9

(page 630, O.T.)

### \*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

### SECOND LESSON

Matthew 3:13–17

(page 3, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Baptized

HARDY H. KIM

*“And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’”* Matthew 3:16–17 (NRSV)

### \*HYMN 70

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

Tune: CAITHNESS

**\*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**

“At the River”

*Aaron Copland*

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

**\*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 Is My Shepherd”

*Allen Pote*

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life. Leads me in paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord’s name. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and in the house of my God I will live forever.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**God of heaven and earth,  
you call us to come in humility before you,  
bringing the offering of our very selves.  
As you revealed Jesus to be your Son  
in his baptism at the hand of John,  
so you claimed our lives in baptism,  
that we might die to sin  
and be raised with him to new life.  
By your Spirit, and through this meal we have shared,  
confirm in our hearts the witness  
that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord.  
Accept all that we have and are, O God,  
in the service of Jesus Christ,  
and strengthen us with your Spirit’s power,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

### \*HYMN 443

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

Tune: AURELIA

### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

*Richard Proulx*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Edwin Estevez, Joyce Shin, Hardy H. Kim

## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

## WORSHIP NOTES

**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.

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.

**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, and Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held most months at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday; the next Taizé service will be on January 24.

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