

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude (based on Psalm 23:4)
Partita no. 1 in B Minor
Sarabande

Herbert Howells
Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT (9:30)

“Bonse Aba”

Zambian song; arr. Andrew Fischer

Rise up in song; forever lift up your voices. Hear all the people sing; the whole world rejoices. Sing out a joyful song for all of creation. Hear all the people sing in loud jubilation. O sing it loud and clear, a song for all to hear. This day we all delight in song; we all unite!

INTROIT (11:00)

“A Joyful Israeli Canon”

Patrick M. Liebergen

All that sing have the right to be called the children of God.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 274

“O God of Earth and Space”

Tune: LEONI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not done justice, spread kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open us to a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us peace

to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

through Jesus Christ, the light of 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 23 (*sung*)

(The Hymnal, 172)

ANTHEM (9:30)

“Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep”

John Rutter

Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.
I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy perfect love.
Loving shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.
Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne, I shall know as I am known.

ANTHEM (11:00)

“How Lovely Are the Messengers” from *St. Paul*

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 9:1–41

(page 96, N.T.)

“*One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.*” John 9:25 (NRSV)

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR YOUTH

*HYMN 280

“Amazing Grace”

Tune: AMAZING GRACE

*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

“In Thee, O Lord, Do I Put My Trust”

Stephen Sturk

In thee, O Lord, so I put my trust: let me never be confounded. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Antiphon”

Benjamin Britten

Praised be the God of love, here below and here above, who hath dealt his mercies so to his friend and to his foe: that both grace and glory tend us of old and us in the end. The great shepherd of the fold us did make, for us was sold. He our foes in pieces break; him we touch and him we take. Wherefore since that he is such, we adore, and we do crouch. Lord, thy praises should be more; we have none, and we no store. Praised be the God alone who hath made of two folds one.

*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: **Generous God,**

**we give you thanks for life and health,
for friends, parents, children, and families,
for this church community,**

**for the ability to worship and think freely,
for technology that keeps us connected,
for food and shelter and warm clothes,
for music and fun,**

for people to talk to,

**for the ability and opportunity to learn,
for sun and light and the hope of spring,**

for your acceptance, love, and forgiveness.

On good days we are thankful;

on bad days we trust that tomorrow will be better

and that we always have a chance to try again.

Amen.

***HYMN 540**

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Tune: RANDOLPH

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services
April 13 *Joyce Shin preaching*
4:00 p.m. Jazz Service with Communion
Adam H. Fronczek preaching

Maundy Thursday, 12:10 p.m. Communion Service
April 17 *Matt Helms preaching*
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service

Good Friday, 12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary
April 18 *Judith L. Watt preaching*
4:00 p.m. Children's Service in Buchanan Chapel
7:30 p.m. Choral Service in the Sanctuary

Holy Saturday, 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Sanctuary
April 19 *John W. Vest preaching*

Easter Sunday, 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach
April 20 *Hardy H. Kim preaching*
8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Easter Service
Joyce Shin preaching
9:30 a.m. Children's Service in Gratz, Fourth Floor
4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz Service with Communion
Adam H. Fronczek preaching

*Please note that the last morning service
on Easter begins at 11:30 a.m.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Youth, John W. Vest
11:00 a.m. Confirmation Youth, John W. Vest

THE MUSIC TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. The Youth Choir; the Morning Choir; Beena David, Gillian Hollis, Carla Janzen, and Caitlin Mead, soloists; Carling Hank, violinist
11:00 a.m. The Children's Choir; the Youth Choir; the Morning Choir; Beena David, Gillian Hollis, Carla Janzen, and Caitlin Mead, soloists; Carling Hank, violinist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Children's and Youth Choir Accompanist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's liturgy was written and planned by the eighth-grade Confirmation class.

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, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. 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.

The bulletin cover photo depicts the top of the Michigan Avenue courtyard fountain, often referred to as "the children's fountain," a gift from Howard Van Doren Shaw, co-architect of Fourth Church in 1914. The bulletin cover quote is from the Common English Bible (CEB) translation.

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