

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Voluntary in D Major George Frideric Handel
 [Slow] – Fugue
Allegro di Molto Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach
Adagio Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Grand Chorus César Franck

Introit

“Praise We Sing to Thee” Franz Joseph Haydn
*Praise we sing to thee, thou mighty ruler, King forever; praise we sing to thee,
dear Lord, and we will fail thee never. All the joys of nature tell us of thy
wonder working power. Still thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour.
Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forevermore. Grateful hymns of thanks
we raise for all the gifts thou dost ordain, Lord of hosts, who over the
wondrous realm of heaven doth reign.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Minister: *We worship the Lord our God,*
People: because God created us and called us good.
Minister: *We love the Lord our God,*
People: because God loved us first.
Minister: *We serve the Lord our God,*
People: because God’s faithfulness endures forever.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 401 “Here in This Place”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of our lives, you know us completely.
You see what moves and motivates us.
You know what is written on our hearts.
Forgive us when we work for the wrong things in life.
Forgive us for spending so much time, money, and effort
on things that glorify ourselves and not you.
Write your humbling word of love and compassion,
of grace and goodness, upon our hearts
that we may live as letters of your love.
For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sacrament of Baptism (9:30)

Unison Prayer (9:30)

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and
renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve
you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 146 Old Testament, page 549

Anthem

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen” African American spiritual
arr. Gordon Krunnfsuz
*Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen, nobody knows but Jesus, glory
hallelujah. Sometimes I’m up, sometimes I’m down. O yes, Lord. Sometimes
I’m almost to the ground. If you should see me going slow. O yes, Lord. I’ve
got my troubles here below. I know why Satan hates me so. O yes, Lord.
He got me once and let me go.*

First Lesson

1 Samuel 15:34—16:13. Old Testament, page 248

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 3:1–6 New Testament, page 169

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Spiritual Mobility Joyce Shin

“You show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.” 2 Corinthians 3:3 (NRSV)

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 692 “Spirit, Open My Heart”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

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.

Reception of New Members (11:00)

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

“Amen” Johann Michael Bach

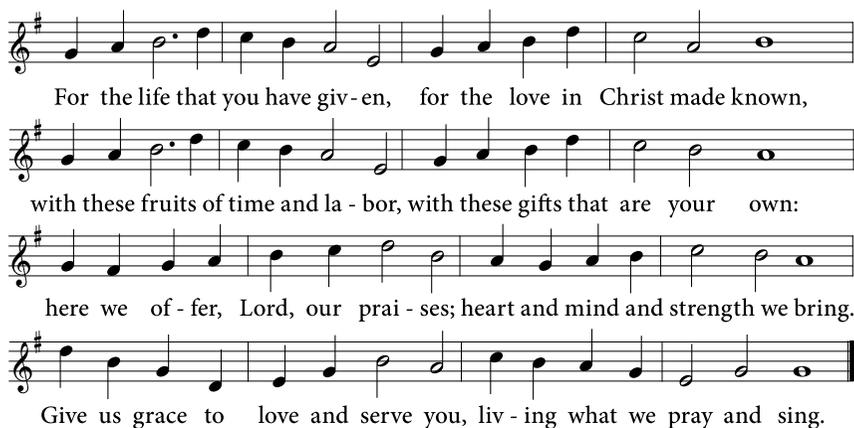
Offering

Offertory Anthem

“King of Glory, King of Peace” David Charles Walker

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease,
I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou
didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my
utmost art, I will sing thee; and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they
replied, thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise
thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is in this
poor sort to enroll thee; even eternity's too short to extol thee.*

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Gracious God, you are the source of all that is good.
Grace abounds in your world.
We thank you for the grace that has filled our lives.
Let us spend it without counting the cost,
trusting that what we give away will not be lost.
Glorifying you, we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 697 “Take My Life”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

March F. J. Haydn

“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

Baptism

at Fourth Presbyterian Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

Otis George Allerton, son of Jesse and Ellen Allerton

William Jozef Dee, son of David and Katrina Dee

Juliana Leigh Miles, daughter of Aaron and Kristen Miles

Eleanor Rode Nelson, daughter of Scott and Alyson Nelson

Worship Leaders

9:30 Layton Williams, David Miller, Matt Helms, Joyce Shin

11:00 Hardy H. Kim, David Miller, Matt Helms, Joyce Shin

The Music Today

Men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE IS BEING PLAYED on the 1850 Jardine tracker organ located in the East Balcony. This is the oldest playing organ in Chicago and air is pumped into the organ by an assistant.

THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT, "UNWEAVINGS," created by fiber artist Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day.

THE BULLETIN COVER photograph depicts the north stairs from the Narthex up to the east balcony. The image's ambiguity—is the viewer looking up the stairs or looking down?—reflects the cover quote's invitation to be open to different ways of viewing our path. (To better "read" the cover image, turn the bulletin cover 90 degrees counterclockwise.)

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