

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- “This Still Room” David Davenport
“Ave Maria” Michael John Trotta
“Cantique de Jean Racine” Gabriel Fauré
“My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord” African American spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

Introit

- “The Lord Is Full of Compassion” Iain Quinn
*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come, let us adore him.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

- *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

Leader: *From where will our help come?*

People: **Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: *Let us worship God:
our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer.*

*Prayer of Praise

- *Hymn 32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

We confess, O God, that we breathe the proud spirit of the world,
the spirit which scorns the way of weakness,
boasts of cleverness, clings to power,
and seeks to prove our worth by separating ourselves from others.
And even so, you love us; you never leave us.
Warm our hearts to the love and command of Jesus the Christ,
for you alone, O Lord, can save and redeem us.
Hear us as we open our hearts to you in silence.
(Please hold silence.)

Extinguishing the Fourth Lenten Candle

Kyrie Franz Schubert

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

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

Anthem

“Popule Meus” Javier Busto

Behold the wood of the cross on which hung the salvation of the world; come, let us adore. O my people, what have I done to you? Or wherein have I grieved you? Answer me. Because I led you out of the land of Egypt, you have prepared a cross for your Savior. O holy God. O holy strong one. O holy and immortal, have mercy upon us. Because I led you through the desert for forty years and fed you with manna and brought you into a land exceeding good, you have prepared a cross for your Savior. For you I scourged Egypt and its firstborn, and you have delivered me to be scourged. I brought you out of Egypt and sank Pharaoh in the Red Sea, and you have delivered me to the chief priests. I opened the sea before you, and you have opened my side with a spear.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 89:1–8 Old Testament, page 516

Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri.

*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.

Sending Forth

Hymn 748. “Go with Us, Lord”

Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:28–44. New Testament, page 46

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

“Conversations on the Way” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 316 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

*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.

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

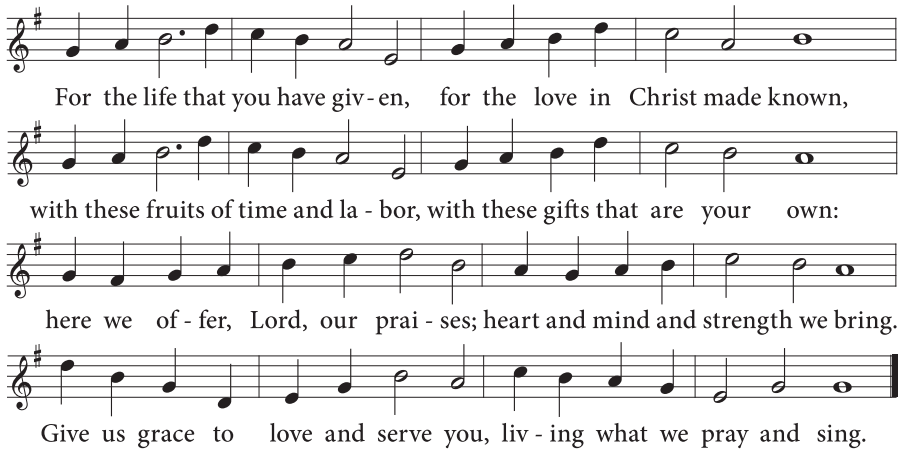
“Hear the Prayers of Your Faithful People” Morgan Simmons
Hear the prayers of your faithful people, and grant us the presence of your Holy Spirit.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Shout for Joy!” Dan Davison

*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, we dedicate to you not only these gifts
but also ourselves in deep gratitude—for your call on our lives,
your guidance in the baptismal journey, and your invitation
to participate in your healing and compassionate work.
Accept what we bring for your own good purposes.
In Christ we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Rigaudon André Campra

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.

Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:

Annette Marie Arnolds, child of David and Marin Arnolds
Adelaide Mallory Rice, child of Matthew and Faye Rice
Elliot Koley Rice, child of Matthew and Faye Rice

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

Luke William Pekarek, child of Jeff and Katie Pekarek
Grace Elizabeth Schmitt, child of Robert Schmitt and Carrie Gilson

Worship Leaders

9:30 Judith L. Watt, Rod Gedey, Matt Helms, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Judith L. Watt, Kathryn Burkhardt, Matt Helms, Shannon J. Kershner

Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

9:30 The Hull Family

11:00 The Bossert Family

The Music Today

Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES THE MARTIN CHORALE from Martin High School in Arlington, Texas. Directed by Kay Owens and accompanied by Michael Plantz, the choir is the winner of numerous awards in music festivals from New York to San Francisco. The Martin Chorale was also one of three high school choirs selected by Carnegie Hall to perform at the National Youth Invitational Concert sponsored by Carnegie Hall in the spring of 2006.

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

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