

Come to the table not because you are strong,
but because you understand something of your own weakness.
Come to the table not because you feel worthy,
but because you have a sense of your own unworthiness;
come not because you love God a lot,
but because you love God a little
and want to learn to love God more.

from the Church of Scotland

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church.

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets for 900 parking must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, October 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.; or Sunday, October 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025.

Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns and anxieties; illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

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MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Sicilienne *Gabriel Fauré*

INTROIT “Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee” *Plainsong*
Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who at this blessed feast
art pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here in thy presence we devoutly hail.

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

***HYMN 457** “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” *Tune: TOULON*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Eternal God, we open ourselves to your forgiving grace as we confess our sins, for we have been heedless in our thoughts, cruel in our words, and shameful in our actions. Indifferent to your world, we pass by on the other side of human need and pursue paths of our own pleasing. Held hostage by our anger, we are quick to resort to violence. Forgive the sin we confess to you and the secret sins we do not see, and renew within us the spirit of compassion and care embodied in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 19:7–14 (*responsively*) (page 472, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee” *Eric H. Thiman*
Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast,
but sweeter far thy face to see and in thy presence rest.
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory
find a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.
Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be. Jesu, be thou
our glory now and through eternity. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 20:1–6 (page 63, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Matthew 21:33–44 (page 22, N.T.)

SERMON by John H. Boyle
THE DAGGER AND THE CROSS

***HYMN 504** “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” *Tune: UNION SEMINARY*

***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

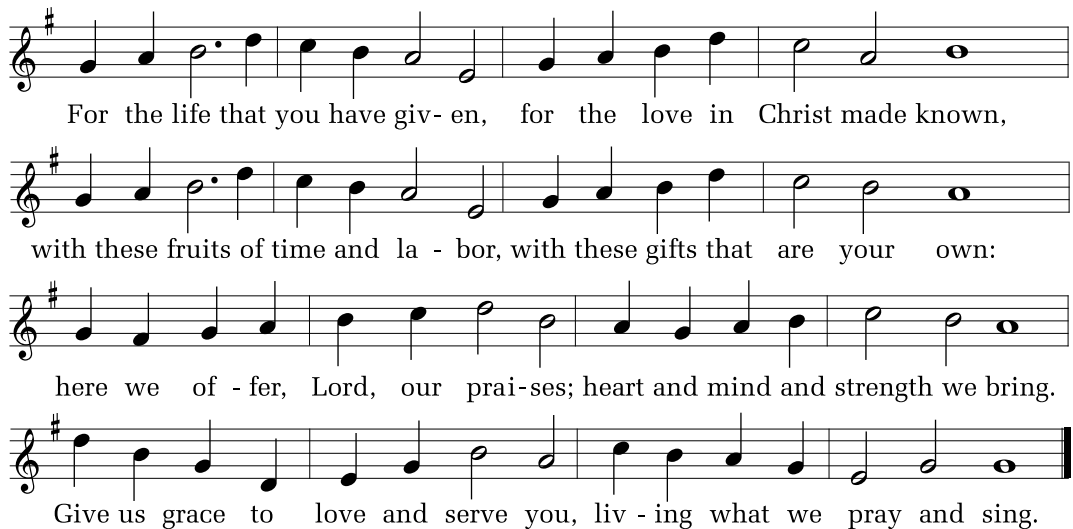
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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 “May the Words of My Mouth” *Hollis Schachner*

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*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.**

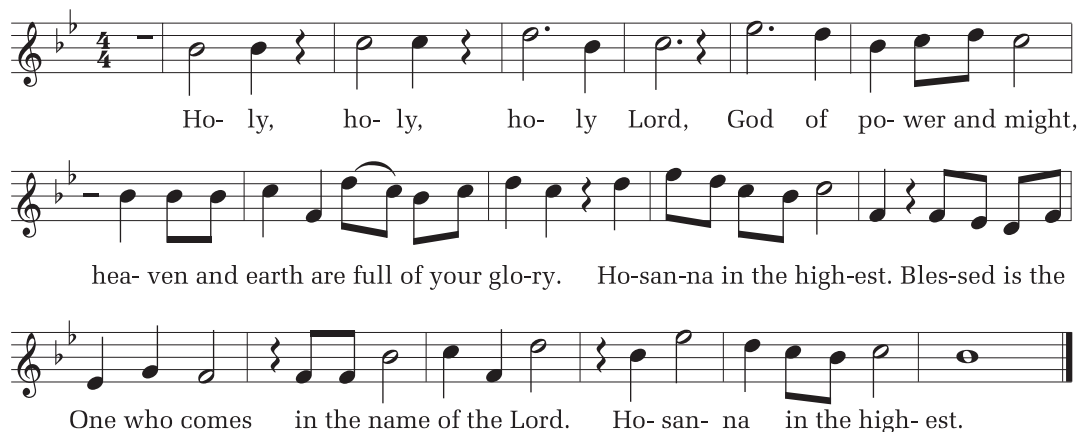
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 Holy Banquet”

David S. Harris

I come to thee, O Lord, that by thy gift it may be well with me,
that I be gladdened by thy holy banquet which thou, O God,
in thy sweetness hast prepared for the poor. Therefore gladden
the soul of thy servant this day, because unto thee, O Lord Jesus,
have I lifted up my soul.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**Gracious God, we thank you for the love which brings us,
as food from heaven, the life of the one who embodied
that love and who died that we might be forgiven,
assuring us that we belong to the company of all your
faithful people throughout your world. Grant that,
strengthened by this communion and by the power of
your Holy Spirit, we may continue Christ's work of love
and justice in the world throughout all our days. Amen.**

***HYMN 441**

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

Tune: ST. THOMAS

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Eugène Gigout

The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 (NRSV)

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 last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

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. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. 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 Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

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. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

"I am the bread of life."

John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

WORSHIP LEADERS Adam Fronczek, Victoria G. Curtiss, John H. Boyle

THE MUSIC TODAY The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, flutist;
Elizabeth Anderson, Alexia Kruger, and Cole Seaton, soloists
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

World Communion Sunday is a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper, enacting the words of the hymn "Come, Risen Lord": "One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break."

Today's Peacemaking Offering will support the work of the Cameroon America AIDS Alliance. The CAAA was born out of the efforts of Fourth Church elder Francis Ntowe and several other Fourth Church members, including Dr. Bernard Blaauw, who served as a medical missionary in Cameroon. It provides medical care as well as educational opportunities around HIV/AIDS. All undesignated offerings, as well as those placed in the Peacemaking envelopes available in the pew racks, will support the work of the CAAA.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings" created by 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).

The bulletin cover depicts seeds of new life, in the form of acorns. This hand-carved stone on the north wall of the chancel dates from 1914, the year of Fourth Church's construction. During this Annual Appeal season, we are mindful that the gifts we offer plant seeds of new life in this congregation and the communities it serves through worship, education and discipleship, and mission and service.

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