

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	Processional Fanfare	<i>Elgar Howarth</i>
	Chaconne in E Minor	<i>Dieterich Buxtehude</i>
	Three Welsh Hymn Preludes	<i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>
	II. Rhosymedre	<i>arr. Greg Fudala</i>
	Canzona	<i>Domenico Zipoli</i>
	From Age to Age	<i>Chris Hazell</i>
	I. Renaissance Dance	

INTROIT	“Praise Ye the Lord”	<i>Eric DeLamarter</i>
	Praise ye the Lord. The Lord is high above all nations.	

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

* HYMN 458	“Earth and All Stars”	<i>Tune: DEXTER</i>
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves
and apart from you. We have turned from our
neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by
the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us
from selfishness, that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ
our Savior. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

HYMN 304 (9:30)	“Jesus Loves Me!”	<i>Tune: JESUS LOVES ME</i>
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COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH LEADERS (9:30)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 1 (*congregation sings refrain*)

♩ = 108 Hap-py are they who de - light, ——— who de - light in the law of God.



Happy indeed are they who refuse the way of evil, nor walk the road of sinners, nor join the mockers of God. **(Refrain)**

Joy shall be in the hearts of those who delight in the law of God, for they recite the law; they speak it day and night. **(Refrain)**

They are like green trees that grow by clear flowing waters; they bear their fruit in due season; their leaves fade not; they prosper. **(Refrain)**

It is not so for all, not so with evildoers; they blow like chaff in the wind; they fall by the weight of the truth. **(Refrain)**

God upholds the just; God knows the way of the righteous, but the evil ones shall perish, shall perish by their deeds. **(Refrain)**

ANTHEM

“Hallelujah, Amen” from *Judas Maccabeus* G. F. Handel

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 22:15–22

(page 23, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:1–2; Daniel 6:12a–13, 16a, 21–22;
Acts 5:27–29

SERMON

JOHN M. BUCHANAN

The First (One of the First, at Least) Christian Revolutionary:
Religion and Politics

“We must obey God rather than any human authority.”

Acts 5:29 (NRSV)

*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

“O Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

Eric H. Thiman

O Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry come before thee.

OFFERING

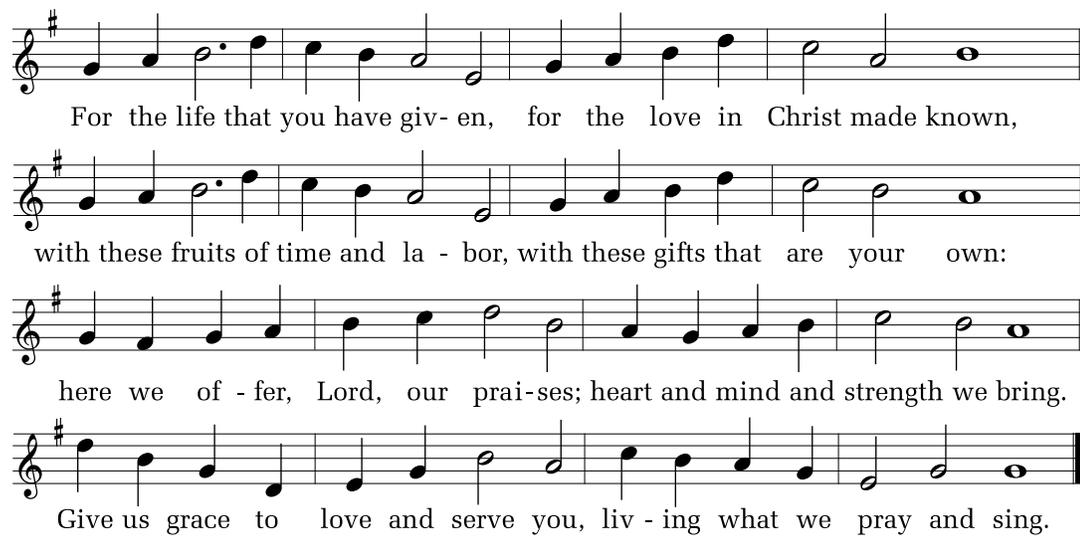
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi”

Ron Nelson

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O, divine master, grant that I may seek not so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

*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: **Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good,
we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life.
We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal this broken world,
who died rejected on the cross
and rose triumphant from the dead.
Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever.
Gracious God, who called us from death to life,
we give ourselves to you; and with the church
through all ages we thank you for your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*HYMN 420

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Canzon noni toni
from *Sacrae Symphoniae*

Giovanni Gabrieli
arr. Robert King

Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders

*Today's commissioning of Sunday School teachers, staff, and youth leaders
is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members,
and those who are among us as visitors*

Sunday School Teachers

Liz Adams	Joyce Greenblatt	Hilary Richardson
Katie Arnold	Ann Grissom	Jennifer Risher
Michelle Becker	Marci Hanzlik	Blasko Ristic
Agnes Boateng	Julie James	Mark Schimmelpfenning
Marta Bonner	Suzanna Kickhaefer	Stacey Shonkwiler
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Steve Bumpus	Ji Inn Lee	Mac Sinclair
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Chrissy Cerasale	Holly McClellan	Debbie Whitmore
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Lies Garner	Don Nelson	
Carol Gates	William Ohlhaber	

Sunday School Staff and Office Assistants

Katy Sinclair, *Sunday School Superintendent*
Sharon Mistele, *Pianist for Children's Chapel*
Rita Bennett, Gayle Engberg, Jennifer McCrea,
Linda Thornton, Charlotte Wager

Youth Teachers and Leaders

Dala Aavik	Kerry Grady	Mark Nelson
Rae Ann Alvarez	Amber Hacker	Kathi Rodak
Nicholette Andrews	Jason Hacker	Katy Sinclair
Michelle Becker	John C. Howard	Rob Sinclair
Ashley Bennett	Marisa Joseph	Gretchen Wahl
Ben Carlisle	Karen Kath	Debbie Whitmore
Frank Clark	Tony Mastroianni	Katie Whitmore

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Tower Brass; the Morning Choir

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

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

WORSHIP NOTES

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning. Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month during the academic year.

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, humanist scholar, lawyer, theologian, religious and political reformer, and father of the Reformed/ Presbyterian Churches, with 80 million adherents worldwide. In observance of this anniversary, this fall and early next year John Buchanan will preach a series of sermons on John Calvin—his life and thought and his relevance for the church and world in the twenty-first century. Morning worship services will incorporate music and liturgies from the time of the Reformation as well. On October 15 and 17 there will also be a series of lectures on John Calvin, sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life (for details, see the Academy for Faith and Life brochure in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/calvin.html).

UPCOMING CALVIN SERMONS BY JOHN M. BUCHANAN

October 11: Surely You Don't Believe in Predestination, Do You?

Who's Really in Charge Here?

October 18: Sausages on Ash Wednesday: A New Piety and Practice

January 10: Totally Depraved? (Calvin Himself Was) When Religion Turns Violent

January 17: The Divider Was a Unifier

January 24: Calvin Was Not a Calvinist: Continuing Reformation

PASTORAL STAFF

John M. Buchanan, Pastor

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Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for

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