

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Poem of Peace *Jean Langlais*
Dialogue *Jacques Berthier*
Aria *Morgan Simmons*

INTROIT “Eternal Light” *Leo Sowerby*
Eternal light, shine into our hearts; eternal goodness,
deliver us from evil; eternal power, be our support;
eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;
eternal pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

***HYMN 482** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” *Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure
when we are stained and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANTHEM “Sicut cervus desiderat” *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

PSALTER Psalm 139:1–12 (*responsively*) (page 545, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 8:28–30 (page 148, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

JOHN M. BUCHANAN

Surely You Don't Believe in Predestination, Do You?
Who Decides Who Gets In? Who's Really in Charge Here?
*“Those whom he predestined he also called; and those
whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified
he also glorified.”* Romans 8:30 (NRSV)

***HYMN 280** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
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 "Amen"

Richard Warner

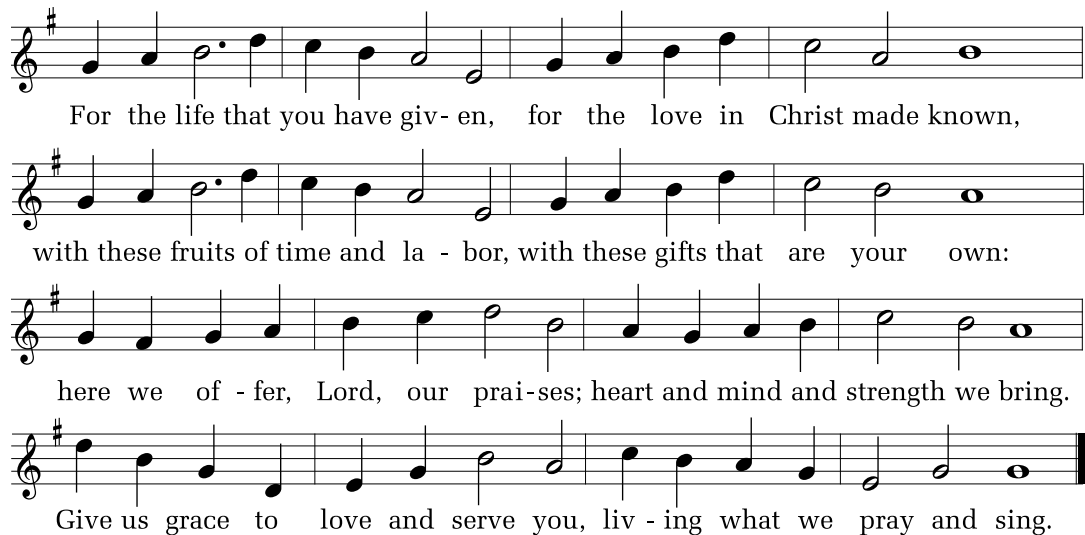
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Exultate Deo"

G. P. da Palestrina

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.
Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our
festal day.

*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: **God of compassion,**

**we praise you that you look upon our frail lives
with love and understanding
and that you desire for us all
new life in Jesus Christ.**

**We are overwhelmed by your love,
which goes to the cross for us,
endures the grave,
and leads us to new life.**

**By your Spirit,
strengthen our souls to be brave
and bold in Christ's service.**

**Take our offerings,
and use them and us for your purposes,
in the name of Jesus Christ,
our crucified and risen Lord.**

Amen.

***HYMN 248**

“You Are Before Me, Lord”

Tune: SURSUM CORDA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude

César Franck

BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

EACH SECOND SUNDAY OF THE 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

*Avery Frances Avedisian, daughter of Vann and Heidi Avedisian
Ian Patrick Mahone, son of Shay and Amy Mahone
Hugh Edward Powers, son of Michael Powers and Lindsey Harrington
Avery Jayne Schanna, daughter of Michael and Tricia Schanna
Avery Jean Starkey, daughter of Mike and Michelle Starkey
Evie Constance Vigerust, daughter of Herman Vigerust and Marcie Hawley*

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

*Madeleine Ann Bennett, daughter of George and Catherine Bennett
Evelyn Hicks Blackwell, daughter of Graham and Alyssa Blackwell
Evan Arthur Branstad, son of Erik and Audra Branstad
Megan Lindsey A. Branstad, daughter of Erik and Audra Branstad
Cecelia Milan Burt, daughter of Randy and Kimberly Burt
Ava Rose Martin, daughter of John Martin and Stacey Turner
Catherlyne McKenna Redfield, daughter of Ivette and Prescott Redfield*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Linda C. Loving, John M. Buchanan

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Prelude, "Aria," will be performed by Nathan Cole, a Fourth Church member and violinist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. This piece was written by Fourth Church member Morgan Simmons, who served as the Organist and Choirmaster at Fourth Church from 1968 to 1996.

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Debbie Frisch on behalf of the Annual Appeal Committee.

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 is preaching 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. This Thursday and Saturday, 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 "News and Opportunities" insert and the Academy for Faith and Life brochure in the literature racks.

UPCOMING CALVIN SERMONS BY JOHN M. BUCHANAN

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

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