

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE**                      Star of Hope                      *Richard Keys Biggs*

**INTROIT**                      “Through Love to Light!”                      *Jean Sibelius*  
Through love to light! O wonderful the way that leads  
from darkness to the perfect day; from darkness and from  
sorrow of the night to morning that comes singing o’er  
the sea! Through love to light! Through light, O God,  
to thee, who art the love of love, the eternal light of light!

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

**\*HYMN 467**                      “How Great Thou Art”                      *Tune: O STORE GUD*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**Holy God, as we begin this new year,  
we cannot help but remember the year past.  
We humbly acknowledge that we fell short—  
short of the expectations we had for ourselves  
and short of the expectations you had for us.  
But despite our shortcomings,  
we know through the gift of Christ  
that we continue to be called by you to dream;  
to expect more from ourselves and those around us.  
Empower us, Lord, that we might live as a people  
inspired by your great call. Amen.**

### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PSALTER**                      Psalm 147:12–20 (*responsively*)                      (page 550, O.T.)

**ANTHEM**                      “Epiphany Alleluias”                      *John Weaver*  
Alleluia. We have seen his star in the east and are come to  
worship him. Alleluia. Arise, shine, for thy light is come  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.

**FIRST LESSON**              Jeremiah 31:7–14                      (page 690, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SECOND LESSON**              Ephesians 1:3–14                      (page 180, N.T.)

**SERMON**                      Redeeming by Redreaming                      MATTHEW J. HELMS

**\*HYMN 275**                      “God of Our Life”                      *Tune: SANDON*

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED**      (*unison*)

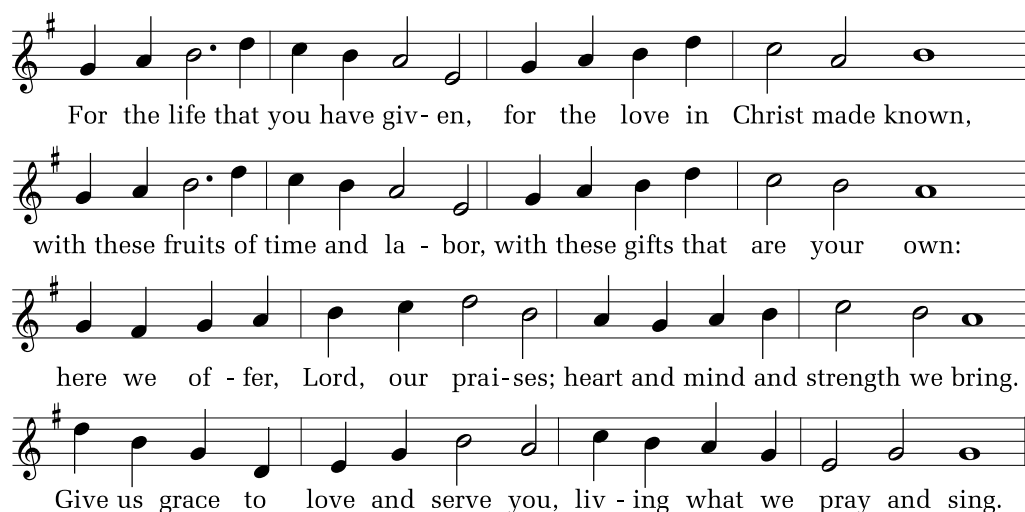
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again 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 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

*Johannes Brahms*

### \*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.**

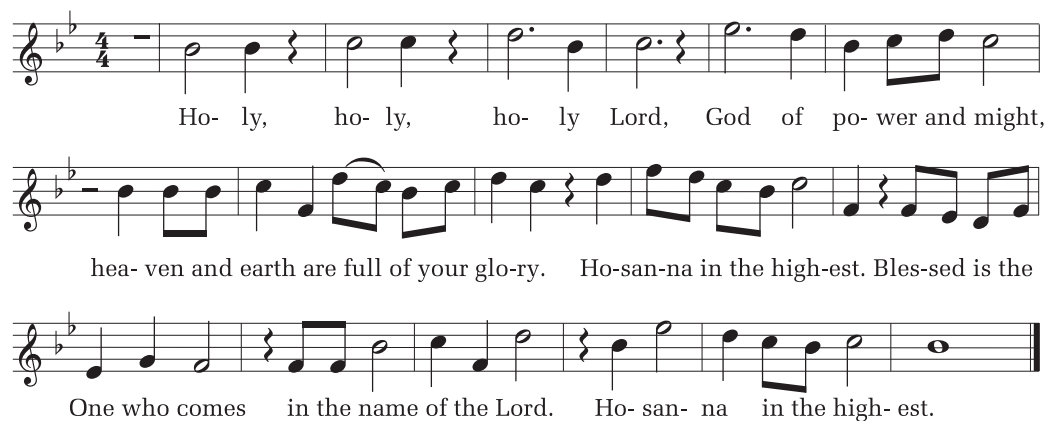
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 Morning Star”

*American folk hymn*  
*arr. Virgil Thomson*

How splendid shines the morning star, God's gracious  
light from darkness far, the root of Jesse's blessed.  
Thou, David's son of Jacob's stem, my bridegroom,  
king, and wondrous lamb, thou hast my heart possessed.  
Sweetly, friendly, O thou handsome precious ransom,  
full of graces, set and kept in heavenly places.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*unison*)

**O Lord, may the bread we have eaten  
and the cup we have partaken from  
be a reminder of your vision for us,  
for our church, and for our world.  
In this season of newness, give us boldness:  
boldness to hope, inspire, and be inspired  
by your unfailing love for us. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 339

## “Be Thou My Vision”

Tune: SLANE

## BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

## In Thee Is Joy

J. M. Michel

## The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

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

**T**he 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 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.

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. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

*"I am the bread of life."*  
John 6:35 (NRSV)

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

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Thomas C. Rook, Kerri N. Allen, Matthew J. Helms

## **THE MUSIC TODAY**

The Chancel Choir

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

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

**The “Light Up a Life” offering** is being received throughout the Christmas season. This annual giving campaign supports congregational programs; mission and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs; and denominational programs. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Church.

**Printed copies of sermons** recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the south transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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