

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 30 (*responsively*) (page 478, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Laudate Dominum” from *Vesperae solennes de confessore*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness
of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! 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.

FIRST LESSON Revelation 5:11–14 (page 233, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Acts 9:1–20 (page 119, N.T.)

SERMON What Lies Beneath? LAURIE KRAUS

***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"

Florence Worthington

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Praise"

Alec Rowley

To the master of music and loveliness: praise, power, dominion forever. To the Lord of the word of creation be praise, power, dominion forever. To the maker of movement, color, and light: praise, power, dominion forever. To the builder, designer, creator, be praise, power, dominion forever. To the theme of all song, inspiration of love; to the artist of life, to the greatest and least: praise, power, dominion forever. For he is the greatest upon his high throne, and he was the least as the child of a maiden. Praise then to Jesus whose mother was Mary and praise now to Christ who is God in the midst of us. Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to thee; give us thyself both in time and eternity. Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to thee, offering all that we are or can hope to be.

*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: **Great and wondrous God,
we praise you that Christ has risen.
We rejoice before the gift of his grace and peace,
for he has put down tyrannies that would destroy us
and unmasked idols claiming our allegiance.
We thank you that he alone is Lord of our lives.
By your Spirit,
give us freedom to love with his love
and to embrace the world with his compassion.
Accept the offering of our lives,
that we may obey your commands to serve
in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 361**

“How Firm a Foundation”
(verses 1–3, 5)

Tune: FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Marcel Dupré

“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the
kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

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.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

Connor Peyton Butler, son of Kevin and Whitney Butler
Isla Catherine Darragh, daughter of Patrick and Emily Darragh
Jacob Michael Jurgens, son of Steven and Emily Jurgens

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Sofia Clara Evans, daughter of Tim and Ruth Evans
Ava Madeline Maggio, daughter of James Maggio and
Nicholette Andrews-Maggio
Skye Ella Spearing, daughter of Brett and Sarah Spearing
Jack Walter Taylor, son of Brandon and Leslie Taylor
Stella Judith Woodring, daughter of R. J. and Lera Woodring

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. John W. Vest, Judith L. Watt, Laurie Kraus

11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Victoria G. Curtiss, Laurie Kraus

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Gillian Hollis and Mark Eldred, soloists

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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Prayer of Confession was written by Dom Helder Camara, who was Archbishop of Olinda and Recife, Brazil, from 1964 to 1985.

Today's guest preacher is Laurie Kraus, who for more than twenty years served as Pastor of Riviera Presbyterian Church in Miami. She now brings her decades of experience in also working in disaster response to her new position, Coordinator of the PCUSA's Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Laurie is also known to us as the mother of Morning Choir member Gillian Hollis.

The Easter banners and the Communion Table and pulpit paraments were made by Nancy Chinn and Eliza Linley and depict the joy of the Resurrection.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities each week. In addition to Sunday morning services, an afternoon jazz service with Communion is also held on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. On weekday mornings, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary (9:00 a.m. on Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday), and a Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The next Taizé service will be Friday, April 26.

The bulletin cover photo depicts white Easter tulips backlit by the stained-glass windows in the south aisle. The bulletin cover quote is from Mary Oliver's poem "In Blackwater Woods," from her book *New and Selected Poems*.

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