



SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021
Morning Worship | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Delighting in God's Glory | Demonstrating His Grace | Declaring His Gospel

WELCOME

PRELUDE .IV "Andante con moto" From Six Short Preludes and Postludes C.V. Stanford
(*Founded on an old Irish church melody.*)
Ted Bickish, organ

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "O Sing a New Song to the Lord" Lasst Uns Erfreuen
O sing a new song to the Lord,
From day to day his praise record.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Lord's redeeming grace proclaim;
Sing all the earth and bless his name.
O praise him, O praise him. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Psalm 96:1-2

*CALL TO WORSHIP
The Triune God calls his church to worship him

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Asking God to attend and bless the worship of his people

*HYMN NO. 25 "Immortal, Invisible" St. Denio

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess and acknowledge before you that we violate your holy commandments continuously in our obstinate wills and rebellious actions. We sorrow for our sin and for grieving the Holy Spirit. Forgive us our sin for the sake of your suffering Son, who endured your just wrath that we may know your free pardon. Grant the grace of the Holy Spirit, that we might put sin to death and rise again to new life in Christ, to the glory of your name, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Acknowledging our sins before our Holy God and seeking his forgiveness in Christ

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God's law

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley
PASTORS Rev. David Frerichs | Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Ron Meyer | Rev. Thomas Myrick | Dr. Robert Norris

HYMN OF THANKS

“Rock of Ages”

James Ward

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and thou alone.

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SUMMER STAFF ANTHEM

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Christopher Miner

Summer Staff; Jeremy Hashiguchi, guitar; Sarah Beall, piano

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

The congregation is invited to remain seated and join in singing.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Ron Meyer*

9:30 *Dr. Robert Norris*

11:00 *Rev. David Frerichs*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 501

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Quebec

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| OLD TESTAMENT READING | Deuteronomy 18:15–19 | page 161, pew Bible |
| ANTHEM | “Rock of Ages” <i>Sarah Beall, piano</i> | James Ward |
| 9:30 AND 11:00 DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH <i>Children age 2.5–3rd grade may be dismissed to be escorted to their classrooms. If your child does not have a name tag, please accompany them to their classroom. Face masks will be provided for children who do not have them. Parents, please pick up your children from their classrooms immediately after the service.</i> | | |
| NEW TESTAMENT READING | John 5:31–47 | page 890–891, pew Bible |
| SERMON | “Witness” <i>14th in a series on the Book of John</i> | Rev. Corey Gray |
| *HYMN NO. 201 | “Grace Greater Than Our Sin” | Moody |
| *BENEDICTION <i>Pronouncing God’s blessing on his people</i> | | |
| POSTLUDE | .II “Allegro non troppo” From Six Short Preludes and Postludes <i>Ted Bickish, organ</i> | C.V. Stanford |

**Congregation standing as able*

WORSHIPING WITH CHILDREN

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder of God’s covenant faithfulness. Parents, God put the wiggle in your children; don’t feel you have to suppress it in God’s house. All are welcome!

- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastors, ushers, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn to worship by watching and following you.
- If you need to leave the service with your child, feel free to take them to our Family Room where you can follow the service via livestream. You’ll find the Family Room out the back doors of the Sanctuary and to your right.

Nursery Care

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is now available during the 9:30 and 11:00 am services. You can register your young children in the classrooms with their caregivers. Ushers will direct you to the appropriate rooms.

Summer Sunday Nights

Following tonight's evening service, you are invited to enjoy fellowship and a sweet treat from a dessert food truck.

Deacon Support

Deacons provide assistance and prayer support to those in our congregation facing difficult circumstances. Contact an individual deacon directly, call the deacons' phone line at 301-320-3600, x223, or email deacons@4thpres.org.

Giving

If you would like to leave an offering, please place it in the offering basket at the Sanctuary entrance or exit. You can also give online at 4thpres.org/giving.

Fourth Updates

Subscribe to Fourth Updates to stay informed about ministry opportunities and activities at Fourth. Call the church office, look for the word "Subscribe" in the footer of 4thpres.org, or bookmark 4thpres.org/updates.

TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"The Church Needs You"

James 5:13-20

Rev. David Frerichs

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

MORNING SERVICE

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

"Lunch Is on Me"

John 6:1-15

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Capstone on James"

James 1:22-25

Rev. Ron Meyer

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

2021 Annual Budget \$ 5,146,626

2021 Year-to-Date Received \$ 2,237,639

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