



SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023
Morning Worship | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Bell Jubilee!

Anna Laura Page

Ring Forth! handbell choir; Christine Long, flute; Mary Clark, director

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

"Far as East from West"

Beecher

Far as east from west is distant, God from sin has set us free.
As a father loves his children, feeling pity for their need,
So the Lord in great compassion comforts those who fear his name.
He remembers we are dust and he knows well our feeble frame.

Psalm 103:12-14

*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. 466

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Aberystwyth

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and all-knowing God, we acknowledge you are not the center of all our thoughts as you should be. We are doing well if you have a place in any of them. You are our Creator and Sustainer, yet we have neglected your rule and broken your law with our many sins. Our minds have focused on things utterly hollow and useless. Our hearts have been consumed with idols beyond number. In your mercy, forgive us for our self-seeking, self-sufficiency, and self-centeredness. Deliver us from our spiritual sloth and transform us by the renewing of our minds through your tender mercies to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. 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. Thomas Myrick

HYMN OF THANKS

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Ville du Havre

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin—not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

MINISTRY MINUTE—FELLOWS PROGRAM

Jenn Redd, Co-Director, Fourth Fellows Program

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Thomas Myrick*; 11:00 *Mr. Manuwa Eligwe*

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. 204

“Rock of Ages”

Toplady

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Habakkuk 2:2–4

page 785, pew Bible

8:00 *Stow Lovejoy*; 11:00 *Joel Fuller*

8:00 ANTHEM

“You Set Me Free”

Joel Lindsey

Jen Biddison, soprano; Wyeth Duncan, piano

There’ve been times in my life you’ve opened doors.
They weren’t what I was hoping for, so I walked right by them; I didn’t even try them.
There’ve been dreams I forgot and dreams I let die;
Unnoticed sunsets in front of my eyes. I just couldn’t see them; I thought I didn’t need them.
Sure, there are things I’d do different, and yet grace gives me days where I simply forget.
*‘Cause you set me free to run through fields of laughter and to sing as though I have no yesterdays.
You set me free from my befores and afters, from a debt I know I’ll never pay when you set me free.*
There’ve been chances to love that I’ve ignored,
And mercies I found I couldn’t afford. I’m sure I would have shown them if I would have known then
How we all play a part in each other’s lives.
And there’s more to the game than winning the prize. So much I want to try now, I feel like I could fly now.
Sure, there are things I’d do different and yet, grace gives me days where I simply forget.

*Father, you father me, ever so patiently.
You give me wings to fly when you set me free.*

To fly, to soar to places I’ve not been before.
The boundaries of humanity cannot contain what you set free.

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11:00 ANTHEM

“Beautiful Savior”

Robert Lee

Sanctuary Choir; Wyeth Duncan, piano; Ted Bickish, director

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes the sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine.

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DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children K–3rd grade may go to the front when the pastor calls them forward for prayer and then be escorted to their classrooms.

If your child does not have a name tag, please go to the back to be assisted by a Children's Ministry volunteer as your child goes forward.

Please pick up your children in Room 212.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 2:11–16

page 973, pew Bible

SERMON

“In Step With the Gospel”

Rev. David Frerichs

5th in a series on the Book of Galatians, “All About the Gospel”

*HYMN NO. 203

“And Can It Be?”

Sagina

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

Wyeth Duncan, organ

**Congregation standing as able*

The flowers in the Upper Room are from the wedding of Hannah Thompson and David Falcone.

May the Lord bless this couple in their life together.

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, Room 210, where you can follow the service via livestream.

DEACON SUPPORT

Deacons provide assistance and prayer support to those 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 baskets in the alcoves or in the back. You can give online at 4thpres.org/giving.

NEW TO FOURTH?

Let us know you're here! Scan and tap to fill out a simple form (4thpres.org/connect), and we'll be in touch to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. We also invite you to visit the Information Center off of Halverson Hall to learn more about Fourth.



TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m. | Upper Room

"Surprising Mercy"

Ruth 2:1-16

Rev. Thomas Myrick

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

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 7

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m. | Upper Room

"Christ in Me"

Galatians 3:1-5

Dr. Timothy Mallard

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

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m. | Upper Room

"Covenant Faithfulness"

Ruth 2:17-23

Rev. Thomas Myrick

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

2023 Annual Budget \$ 5,684,990

2023 Year-to-Date Received \$ 1,147,798

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