
March 11, 2001

Second Sunday of Lent

The biblical prophets challenged the way things were while at the same time helping people imagine new possibilities. They were not afraid to confront the king, to defend the poor, or to say that what God had in mind was far different from what most people had settled for. Rankled by injustice, sickened by violence, and outraged by oppression, the prophets defined true religion as doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with your God. . . . God is in this with us. God is not distant and far away and somehow in charge of making things turn out right. God is enmeshed with us in the human situation: “God with us”—Emmanuel—the heart of Christian faith is incarnation. In Jesus, God hits the streets.

Jim Wallis
*The Second Reformation Has Begun:
Envisioning the New City*

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Morning Worship 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

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

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in E Major *Imogene Oliver*
Prelude and Fugue in D Minor *Clara Schumann*
Two Hymn Preludes *Emma Lou Diemer*
Though I May Speak
Kum Ba Yah

Introit Praise ye the Lord. The Lord is high above all nations.
Praise the Lord, O ye servants of the Lord.

***Doxology and Invocation** (The Hymnal, 592)

***Hymn 303** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" *Charles Wesley*

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

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

(9:30 and 11:00) **Sacrament of Baptism**

(9:30 and 11:00) **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

Psalter Psalm 27 (responsively) (Page 503, O.T.)

(9:30 and 11:00) **Anthem** "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" *Elizabeth Poston*
The tree of life my soul hath seen laden with fruit and always green. The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel. By faith I know but never can tell the glory, which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought and pleasure dearly I have bought. I missed of all, but now I see, 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile. Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive. Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

First Lesson Zechariah 8:1-6 (page 883, O.T.)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gloria Patri** (The Hymnal, 579)

(9:30 and 11:00) Children are dismissed to Church School classes.

Second Lesson Luke 13:31-35 (page 77, N.T.)

Sermon by John M. Buchanan

A BUTTERFLY IN THE GHETTO

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem. . . . How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood.”

Luke 13:34 (NRSV)

***Hymn 437** “Our Cities Cry to You, O God” *Margaret Clarkson*

***Apostles’ Creed** (traditional)

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 and 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.

Response Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Offering

(8:00) **Offertory Solo**

“Hear Ye, Israel!”

Felix Mendelssohn

Stephanie Mann, soprano

(9:30 and 11:00) **Offertory Anthem**

“As Truly as God Is Our Father”

William Mathias

As truly as God is our father, so just as truly is he our mother. In our father, God Almighty, we have our being. In our merciful mother, we are remade and restored. Our fragmented lives are knit together. And by giving and yielding ourselves through grace to the Holy Spirit we are made whole. It is I, the strength and goodness of fatherhood. It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood. It is I, the light and grace of holy love. It is I, the Trinity, the unity. I am the sovereign goodness in all things. It is I who teach you to love. It is I who teach you to desire. It is I who am the reward of all true desiring. All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well. Amen.

Text by Julian of Norwich

***Presentation of the Offering and Response**

“For the Life That You Have Given”

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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 - see; 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

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: 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 413**

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Erik Routley

Benediction and Response

Postlude

Prelude in F Major

Fanny Mendelssohn

*Stand as you are able.

Today's Worship

Ministers 8:00: Paulo França, Sarah Jo Sarchet, and John M. Buchanan
9:30: Thomas C. Rook, Sarah Jo Sarchet, and John M. Buchanan
11:00: Thomas C. Rook, Laurie Armstrong, and John M. Buchanan

The Music Today 8:00: The Chancel Choir
9:30: The Morning Choir and Children's and Youth Choirs
11:00: The Morning Choir

Fanny Mendelssohn, the composer of today's postlude, was regarded by her parents to be more talented than her brother Felix. However, neither Felix nor their father would give Fanny permission to publish or perform her music, as they felt that music could be only "an adornment, never a basis for a career" for a woman. Felix did publish, under his own name, music Fanny wrote, and he performed her works in his solo piano recitals. Although in 1846 he finally did give his approval for Fanny to publish some compositions, her professional music career was short-lived. She died in May 1847, at the age of forty-one.

The children being baptized at the 9:30 service are Grace Lee Holmes, daughter of Todd K. and Hayley Spencer Holmes; Oscar Joseph Michel, son of Victor Fritz and Stefanie Sierakoski Michel; Cameron Lloyd Peake, son of Steven D. and Betsy Wright Peake; Maya Elaine Lee Seymore, daughter of Ronald S. and Harriett McNair Seymore; and Katherine Corinne Wegmann, daughter of Gary G. and Joan Blankshain Wegmann. The children being baptized at the 11:00 service are Ethan Kristan Belnap, son of Tyler Kristan and Paula Filipello Belnap; Matthew Walker McBrayer, son of Jeffrey T. and Katie Walker McBrayer; and Holly Karoline Sutkay, daughter of Steven Jon and Colleen Butler Sutkay.

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- > Child care for infants and toddlers is available in Westminster 14.
- > Please pass the registration pads during the Concerns of the Church, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to register and greet one another following the service.
- > Individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the Narthex.

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THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO
Coming Fourth

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO
FOURTH CHURCH**

Welcome! We are grateful for your presence and ask you to register your name on the pew pad. We invite you to

- > identify yourself by wearing a Fourth Church lapel pin, located in the pew racks
- > attend Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall following the morning worship services for fellowship and conversation; visit the *Welcome Table* and the *Deacons' Information Table* to learn about church programs and volunteer opportunities
- > tour the church building at 12:15 p.m., beginning at the rear of the Sanctuary
- > attend an Inquirers' Class and explore Presbyterian history and beliefs either **Saturday, March 17**, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or **Sunday, March 25**, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or **Monday, April 2**, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This class is a prerequisite for membership. No prior registration is necessary. For further information, contact Nan Birmingham at (312) 787-2729, ext. 210.

You are invited to participate in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church. For more information, see an usher or minister, or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

**TODAY AT
FOURTH CHURCH**

Tonight's special Vespers service, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, will celebrate Steven Runholt's ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Steve is in his first year of pastoral residency at Fourth Church.

During Lent, Fourth Church will receive a One Great Hour of Sharing offering in support of the Center for Whole Life, the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Special envelopes are available in the pew racks. Offerings also may be made by writing "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The Advocacy Table in Anderson Hall provides an opportunity to sign a letter to President Bush and members of Congress asking them to complete the rescinding of Third World debt as part of the Jubilee 2000 debt cancellation campaign.

Fourthlights (40s and older) meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Dining Room for artist Renee McGinnis's discussion of her paintings. Next Sunday, Steven Arculeo, a board certified chiropractic physician, will teach simple chiropractic strategies to relieve pressure, reduce pain, and improve health.

Academy for Faith and Life courses meeting at 9:30 a.m. are "New Testament Survey,"

taught by John Cairns; "The Future of Cabrini" (see below); and the John Knox Bible Study. The 11:00 a.m. courses are "Forgiveness and Reconciliation," taught by Jana French, and "Judaism and Islam," taught by Azam Nizamuddin.

Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

The "Future of Cabrini-Green" series continues at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall, North Balcony. Today's guest speakers will discuss building community.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays and lesbians and friends of the community, meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room for a Lenten study of Barbara Brown Taylor's sermon series *God in Pain: Teaching Sermons on Suffering*.

Venture Fourth (30s and 40s) meets for its weekly Sunday discussion at 11:00 a.m. in the Manse. Those interested in going for brunch in the area should meet in the Chestnut Street lobby at 12:30 p.m.

Fourth Acts, a gathering of those interested in performing dramatic readings to enhance worship, meets at 12:15 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Confirmation Class meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Celebrate the gifts of women at 3:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall as Eileen Lindner, gifted storyteller and Presbyterian pastor,

speaks on issues of child advocacy, drawing on scriptural and theological perspectives. Childcare will be provided.

Senior High Youth Group meets at 4:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest for dinner and a discussion about Appalachia. Those participating in work camp this summer should be sure to attend this conversation.

Fourthcomers (20s and 30s) meets in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. for Vespers. Afterwards they will gather in the Page Smith Room before going out for dinner and conversation at Typhoon.

COMING EVENTS

Young Adult Bible Study meets on Tuesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Professional Women with Children gathers for lunch at the Women's Athletic Club on Wednesday, March 14 at 12:00 noon. Call Lisa Cochrane at ext. 271 to make reservations.

Noonday Bible Study meets on Wednesday, March 14 at 12:10 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

The Wednesday Lenten worship service, an opportunity to observe the season through song, prayer, and meditation, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

The annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Center for Older Adults will be held on Thursday, March 15 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. Reservations must be made by Monday, March 12 by calling the COA office at ext. 232 or ext. 290.

The Benevolent Guild handcrafts toys and treats for hospitalized children on Wednesday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Fourthlights meets to socialize on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Talbot Hotel gathering space. On Sunday, March 25 they will meet for a condo party and buffet dinner at a member's home. Reserve by March 18 for a discount in "ticket" price. For more information, call the Fourthlights Infoline at ext. 494

This month's Family Night, celebrating St. Patrick's Day, will be held on Friday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. A storytelling party for children and families will be held on Sunday, March 18 at 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room, with stories told by Denise Barry-Hanna. Lunch foods will be served. Make reservations for both events by signing up in Westminster House or by calling Jill Stephens at ext. 282.

Venture Fourth book group discusses the film Gandhi on Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manse. Reservations for the Venture Fourth Retreat March 30-April 1 must be made by Friday, March 16. For retreat information, pick up a brochure or call Melinda Lupfer at ext. 379.

Inquirers' Class meets on Saturday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. (See "If You Are New to Fourth Church" on page 6.)

Children's entertainer Joel Frankel will provide interactive musical fun for children of all ages on

Saturday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information, call John Sherer at ext. 219.

The Mission Committee-sponsored trip to Albania on August 3-12 will be the subject of an informational meeting on Sunday, March 18 at 12:15 p.m. Those interested in going on the trip can pick up an application form from the literature racks. For more information, call Vicki Reynolds at ext. 257.

The Wooster Chorus of the College of Wooster, Ohio, will sing a free concert at Fourth Church on Sunday, March 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Fourthnights (40s and up) meets for "Quantum Creativity: Transforming the Way You Work" on Friday, March 23 in Anderson Hall. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:15 p.m. RSVP by March 20 to ext. 494.

Spaces on the Egypt tour with John Buchanan and John Cairns this October 14-28 are still available. Copies of the revised itinerary and enrollment forms are available in the literature racks. For more information, call Jeanette Krenek at ext. 256.

A Lenten retreat, led by J. Barrie Shepherd, will be held March 23-24. Brochures are available in the literature racks.

Devotions for Lent are available in the literature racks or at www.fourthchurch.org. To receive them by e-mail, send e-mail addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 11		
7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
8:45 a.m.	Children's and Youth Choirs rehearsal	Choir Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:15 a.m.	Fourthlights	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Fourth Forum	Large Conference Room
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday school	Westminster House
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth	Manse
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour begins	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Acts	Large Conference Room
1:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
3:00 p.m.	"Celebrate the Gifts of Women": Eileen Linder	Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth Groups	Crow's Nest
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Community Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service Steven Runholt Ordination	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Fourthcomers	Page Smith Room
Monday, March 12		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Center for Older Adults, Monday through Friday	Chestnut Street Lobby
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutoring, Monday through Thursday	Westminster House
Tuesday, March 13		
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study	Randolph Room
Wednesday, March 14		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:00 noon	Professional Women with Children	(see announcement)
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
1:00 p.m.	Prayer meeting	Center for Whole Life
6:00 p.m.	Community Supper	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Worship	Blair Chapel
Thursday, March 15		
7:00 p.m.	Venture Fourth Book Group	Manse
Friday, March 16		
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Steven Betancourt, organ	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Family Night	Anderson Hall
Saturday, March 17		
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m.	Children's Program with Joel Frankel	Sanctuary
Sunday, March 18		
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Dr. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service Ms. Ferguson and Mr. MacLeod	Sanctuary

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 until 2:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m.; at 111 East Chestnut Street (access from Pearson) at the rate of \$4.00 until 2:00 p.m.; and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$5.00 until 2:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25, and the John Hancock Center at the rate of \$5.75. Tickets must be validated in the coffee hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.

For child care arrangements (other than during Sunday morning worship services), call (312) 787-2729, ext. 282 at least three working days in advance.