

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- A South African Medley Traditional
Esto Les Digo Kinley Lange
Sing Me to Heaven Daniel Gawthrop
Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel African American spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

Introit

- “Christ Is Our Cornerstone” John Darwall
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled.
On his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.*

- *Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.**

*Call to Worship

Leader: *We are here to worship God,*
People: **who knows the human heart.**
Leader: *We are here to worship God,*
People: **who gives us the Holy Spirit.**
Leader: *We are here to worship God,*
People: **who cleanses our hearts by faith.**
Leader: *Come, worship the Lord!*

*Prayer of Praise

- *Hymn 394 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Sicut cervus” Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 15 Old Testament, page 469

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:[†]
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Scripture Lesson

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-12 New Testament, page 126

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: “A Spirit Revolution” Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 372. “O for a World”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

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

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” Marty Haugen

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Rockin’ Jerusalem” African American spiritual
arr. Stacey Gibbs

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts
as signs of our time and labor.
Receive the offering of our lives
and feed us with your grace,
that in the midst of death
all creation might feast on your unending life;
in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

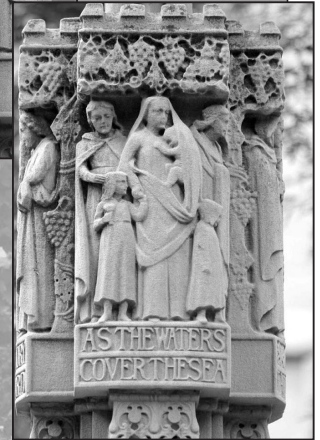
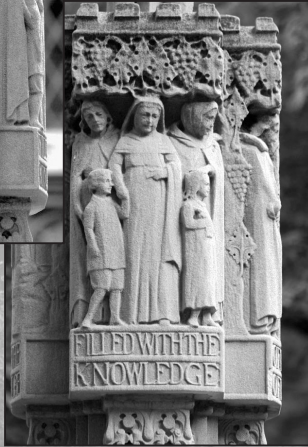
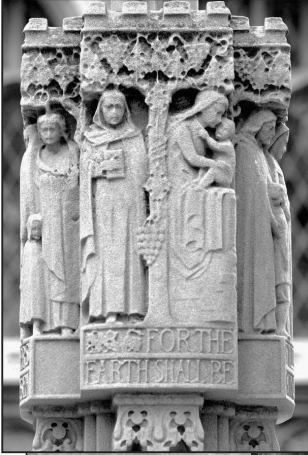
*Hymn 309 “Come, Great God of All the Ages”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Marche-Sortie Théodore Dubois

In the Details



The associate architect of the Michigan Avenue property, Howard Van Doren Shaw, donated the courtyard “Children’s Fountain” in 1913. The base is decorated with various animals, while the four sides of the top include the verse “For the earth shall be / filled with the knowledge / of the glory of the Lord / as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9; Habbakuk 2:14).

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

9:30 Lucy Forster-Smith, Debbie Kinzer, Judith L. Watt, Rocky Supinger

11:00 Lucy Forster-Smith, Ann Murray, Judith L. Watt, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

Men's Choir; Henry Hendricks Weddington After School Matters Choir
Grant Nill, Fourth Church Organ Scholar (2017–2018)

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES THE HENRY HENDRICKS WEDDINGTON
After School Matters Choir, which is directed by Daniel Henry, member of the Fourth Church Morning Choir. Sponsored by the City of Chicago, this choir brings together high school students from around the city to sing concerts in many settings each summer.

THIS SUMMER'S SERMON SERIES on the Acts of the Apostles, "A Spirit Revolution," invites us to widen our imaginations about what God might do through us as individuals and as a church.

THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent).

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