

WORSHIP LEADERS

Adam Fronczek Associate Pastor
Thomas Gouwens Associate Organist
The Vespers Choir

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is Friday, August 25.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, death, hospitalizations; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Elizabeth Andrews, Minister for Congregational Care, at 312.274.3818 (eandrews@fourthchurch.org).

The Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, a ministry of Fourth Church, offers support groups as well as individual, couples', and premarital counseling. Information about the Center is available in the literature racks or by calling 312.787.8425.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, August 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, August 27 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, September 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m.

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Fourth Presbyterian Church
Sunday, August 13, 2006
6:30 p.m.

vespers

PRELUDE Prelude on the Tune "Rhosymedre"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "From the rising of the sun to its setting
my name is great among the nations,"
says the Lord of hosts.

People: **The Lord's name be praised.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 467 "How Great Thou Art"

Tune: O STORE GUD

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

**Lord, hear our confession. We fall short of the life
you call us to live. We long to be faithful people,
but we break our promises to you and to one another.
We try to live unselfishly, but we strive for selfish goals.
We should be glad for the blessings of our lives,
but we forget to thank you for your gifts. Forgive us, Lord.
Help us to live faithfully, unselfishly, and thankfully.
Make our lives a reflection of your great love, shown to us
through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER READING

Psalm 130 *(responsively)*

(page 542, O.T.)

ANTHEM "My Eyes for Beauty Pine" *Herbert Howells*

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 18:1–9, 15, 31–33 (page 279, O.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION

by Adam Fronczek

O ABSALOM, MY SON, MY SON!

HYMN 333 "Seek Ye First"

Tune: LAFFERTY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

(unison)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others
by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be
the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and
serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim
Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

(United Church of Canada)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O Day of Peace"

Charles Hubert H. Parry

***DOXOLOGY**

(The Hymnal, 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison)

**God of grace,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us
as we seek to walk according to your will.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

***HYMN 332** "Live into Hope"

Tune: TRURO

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

John Stanley