

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Carol J. Allen** Associate Pastor  
**Martha S. Brown** Liturgist  
**Thomas Gouwens** Associate Organist  
**The Vespers Choir**

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

**Daily devotions**, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)

**For a preview of next Sunday's worship**, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch) by sending e-mail addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).

**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 26.

**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 Carol Allen, Associate Pastor, at 312.640.5398 ([callen@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callen@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.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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Fourth Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 14, 2005

6:30 p.m.

# vespers

**PRELUDE** Chorale III in A Minor *César Franck*

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN 285** "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

*Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*(unison)*

**Spirit of the living God, we confess that we have not accepted the challenge of your peace in the world. We define peace in ways that preserve our own self-interests, forgetting that your peace may call us to great sacrifice. We are content to believe that speaking of peace is sufficient, forgetting that your peace calls us to action and transformation. Merciful God, forgive our lack of imagination and courage, and empower us to strive anew to make our world a place in which your loving peace abounds. In Jesus' 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 133 *(responsively)*

(page 575, O.T.)

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

**ANTHEM** "Vox Ultima Crucis" *William H. Harris*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 15:21-28 (page 17, N.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God .**

**COMMUNION MEDITATION**

Carol J. Allen

WHEN WILL WE EVER LEARN?

"How good and pleasant it is when kindred  
live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1 (NRSV)

\***HYMN 358** "Help Us Accept Each Other" *Tune: BARONITA*

\***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 Praise God in His Holiness" *C. Armstrong Gibbs*

\* **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**

**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**

**THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of justice, we thank you for this supper  
shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who  
makes us new and strong. We thank you for Jesus,  
who calls all men, women, and children  
into new ways of sharing life together. May we  
receive these new ways with joy, no longer seeking  
to possess or control any human being. May we  
commit ourselves to one another in a unity  
of mutual respect and care. May your life be seen  
in our relationships. For we pray in the name  
of Jesus, who cherished all people. Amen.**

\***HYMN 351** "Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart" *Tune: GATESCARTH*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Te Deum

*Jean Langlais*