

The story of creation in the Bible is a narrative about God's insistence that the creation should be nothing other than God's creation. Such a view leaves ample room for every reasonable scientific investigation. But it yields not at all on the issue of the fundamental character of reality as derived from and belonging to this sovereign, gracious God. The story announces the deepest mystery: God wills and will have a faithful relation with earth. The binding is irreversible. . . . The relation is grounded in a mystery of faithful commitment.

Walter Brueggemann

The gifts of God's creation are to be conserved over time for God's children. . . conservation is faithful stewardship and intergenerational responsibility.

An Open Letter from Thirty-Nine Religious Leaders

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church.

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions.

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 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.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs.

This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, July 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, July 27, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; and Monday, August 4, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor for New Members, at 981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church Cares

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 for Congregational Care, at 640.5398 (callen@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.

Births, adoptions, and baptisms: To notify the church of births and adoptions or for information about baptisms, contact Jill Stephens in the Children and Family Ministry office at 640.2578 (jstephens@fourthchurch.org).

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MORNING WORSHIP

8:00 and 9:30

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

PRELUDE (8:00) Prelude on "Come, Holy Spirit" *Libby Larsen*

PRELUDE (9:30) Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne *Dieterich Buxtehude*
Prelude on a Scottish Hymn (Dundee) *Healey Willan*
American Hymn *Richard Keys Biggs*
Prelude on "Come, Holy Spirit" *Libby Larsen*

INTROIT "The Savior Died, but Rose Again" *Scottish hymn*
The Savior died, but rose again triumphant from the grave, and pleads our cause at God's right hand, omnipotent to save.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 229 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
(9:30)

UNISON PRAYER (9:30) 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

ANTHEM "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" *William Mathias*
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

PSALTER Psalm 24 (*responsively*) (page 502, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)
(9:30) *Children are dismissed to Sunday School classes.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1:1–5, 26–31; 2:15 (page 1, O.T.)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON John M. Buchanan
WHOSE EARTH IS IT?
"The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it."
Psalm 24:1 (NRSV)

*HYMN 469 "Morning Has Broken" *Tune: BUNESSAN*

*APOSTLES' CREED (*unison*)
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 *(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

"Amen"

W. Lawrence Curry

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

"Zion's Walls"

Aaron Copland

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30)

"Take My Life, That I May Be"
(Anthem text based on The Hymnal, 391)

Aaron David Miller

*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.

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

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: Eternal God,

creator of the world and giver of all good,
we thank you for the earth, our home,
and for the gift of life.

We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal this broken world,
who died rejected on the cross
and rose triumphant from the dead.

Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever .

Gracious God, who called us from death to life,
we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through all ages
we thank you for your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 176

“The Earth and All That Dwell Therein” *Tune: CAITHNESS*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Plainsong on “Christ Have Mercy”

François Couperin

POSTLUDE
(9:30)

Lift High the Cross

Donald Busarow

Fourth Church introduces a new worship bulletin format this weekend. The morning and Vespers bulletins will once again be separate bulletins, opening up room for larger and more accessible text and providing space for including additional worship information.

To allow those two bulletins to focus on the centrality of worship, announcements about Fourth Church news and events have been moved from the back pages of the worship bulletin to a new publication, the four-page “News and Opportunities.” This publication will be inserted in the Sunday bulletins each week and will also be available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

We hope these new formats will enhance your worship experience and provide you with a news resource and calendar that is easy to take home and use throughout the week.

BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are
Alexandra Hope Barnard, daughter of Peter Barnard and Terri Alexander
Ava Catherine Delariman, daughter of Jared Delariman and Tracy Colquhoun
Mia Katherine Hales, daughter of Bryan and Holly Hales
Trent Joseph Henderson, son of Steve and Christina Henderson
Claire Christina Murphy, daughter of John and Carol Murphy
Zachary Philip Simonian, son of Philip and Kelly Simonian

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
Victoria Decker Millar, Pastoral Resident
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
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The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. Members of the Morning Choir; Jared Metzger, baritone soloist
9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

Calum I. Macleod will be installed as Associate Pastor for Young Adults and New Members today during 11:00 worship. John McIndoe, former minister of St. Columba's Church of Scotland in London and moderator of the 1996 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, will preach at that service. A reception will follow.

The prelude on "Come, Holy Spirit" was composed by Libby Larsen (b. 1950). Larsen is one of America's more prolific and performed living composers. Her music has been commissioned and premiered internationally by major artists and orchestras and is prized for its dynamic, deeply inspired, and vigorous spirit.

The men of the Morning Choir will sing during morning worship on July 20 and July 27; the women of the Morning Choir will sing throughout August.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, are intended to elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day. More information about these hangings is available in the literature racks.

Fourth Church is receiving an offering throughout the summer to support the programs of Partners in Education. Gifts to this special offering can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks or by writing, on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, the name of the PIE program you wish to support (see envelope for list of programs).

Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Fourth Church

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.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Blair Chapel.

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, July 25.

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

Today's sermon will be available online at www.fourthchurch.org by this Friday.

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