

August 24, 2003

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

I don't know Who—or what—put the question, I don't know when it was put. I don't even remember answering. But at some moment I did answer Yes to Someone—or Something—and from that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that, therefore, my life, in self-surrender, had a goal.

Dag Hammarskjöld

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 today, August 24, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, September 8, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults and New Members, at 981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church Cares

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; 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, 9:30, and 11:00

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

PRELUDE
(8:00)

Adagio in E Major

Frank Bridge

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Adagio in E Major
Pièce Symphonique

Frank Bridge
César Franck

INTROIT

“O God, Creation’s Secret Force”

Plainsong

O God, creation’s secret force, yourself unmoved, all motion’s
source, you, from the morn till evening’s ray, through all its
changes guide the day.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 417

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Tune: REGENT SQUARE

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.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 84

Hal Hopson

(The choir sings the verses; the congregation sings the refrain.)

Refrain:



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How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, O God of hosts.
My soul is fainting; it yearns with longing for the courts of God.
My heart and flesh sing out with joy to God, the living God.
Refrain

The sparrow finds herself a home, and the swallow finds a nest
to place her young; they lay them at your altar, Lord of hosts,
before you who are my ruler and my God.
How happy are those who live within your house,
for they will always sing their praise to you.
Refrain

How happy are those whose strength is found in you,
whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim way.
Though they travel through the valley of great thirst,
they will find the springs of early rains;
they will go from strength to strength upon their way;
they will see the God of gods in Zion.
Refrain

O Lord, O God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear to my petition, God of Jacob.
Behold my shield with favor, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.
A single day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
Just to stand upon the threshold of your door
is better than to live in tents of wicked ones.
Refrain

You, O Lord, are both my sun and shield;
you give your glory and your grace.
The Lord will hold back nothing that is good
from those whose hearts are true.
O Lord, O God of hosts,
how happy are those who put their trust in you.
Refrain

ANTHEM "I Will Always Give Thanks" *Charles King*
I will always give thanks, give thanks unto the Lord. His praise shall be ever in my mouth. Hallelujah!

FIRST LESSON Ephesians 6:10–20 (page 195, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON John 6:56–69 (page 98, N.T.)

SERMON by Joanna M. Adams
NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART
“So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.’” John 6:67–68 (NRSV)

*HYMN 309 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*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"

Eric DeLamarter

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

"Now Is the Cool of the Day"

Jean Ritchie

My Lord he said unto me: "Do you like my garden so fair? You may live in this garden if you keep the grasses green, and I'll return in the cool of the day." Now is the cool of the day. This earth is a garden, the garden of my Lord and he walks in his garden in the cool of the day. Then my Lord he said unto me: "Do you like my garden so pure? You may live in this garden if you keep the waters clean and I'll return in the cool of the day." Then my Lord he said unto me: "Do you like my pastures of green? You may live in this garden if you will feed my lambs, and I'll return in the cool of the day."

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

"Laudate Pueri Dominum"

Felix Mendelssohn

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye servants of his that do his pleasure. Yea, blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth for evermore.

*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

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.

All: God of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 306

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Tune: CRUSADERS’ HYMN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Prelude on a Gregorian Theme

Marcel Dupré

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Toccata from *Suite Gothique*

Leon Boëllmann

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate
Wendy Mathewson, Pastoral Resident
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. John H. Boyle, Parish Associate
Wendy Mathewson, Pastoral Resident
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. John H. Boyle, Parish Associate
Wendy Mathewson, Pastoral Resident
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. Women of the Morning Choir; Karen Deschere, alto soloist
- 9:30 a.m. Women of the Morning Choir
- 11:00 a.m. Women of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

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).

The angels on the bulletin cover are part of the colorful arched ceiling high above the north balcony. The large canvases, which also depict doves, grapes, and other biblical images, were hand-cleaned by professional art restorers during the sanctuary renovation in 1994.

The Chancel Choir, which sings during 8:00 morning worship during the school year, will start its new season with rehearsal on Thursday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The first Sunday back will be September 14. For more information about singing with the Chancel Choir, contact John Sherer at 981.3592.

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 Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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, September 26.

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