

May 9, 2004

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Love is the most durable power in the world. This creative force so beautifully exemplified in the life of our Christ is the most potent instrument available in mankind's quest for peace and security. . . . The empire of Jesus, built solidly and majestically on the foundation of love, is still growing. It started with a small group who, through the inspiration of their Lord, were able to shake the hinges from the gates of the Roman Empire and carry the gospel into all the world.

Martin Luther King Jr.

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. Activity bags for children in worship are available outside the south transept doors.
- 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 \$6.00 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, May 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, May 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, June 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, 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, 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)

Organ Concerto in F Major, No. 4, Op. 4
Allegro

George Frideric Handel

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Organ Concerto in F Major, No. 4, Op. 4
Allegro – Andante – Adagio – Allegro

George Frideric Handel

INTROIT

“Lord, Hear Our Prayers”

Genevan Psalter

When morning breaks a gift is given anew. Lord, hear our prayers and draw us near to you. Your love for us, our strength throughout our day, your endless grace, our comfort on our way. When we grow weary as we surely will, Lord, hear our prayers and draw us nearer still. We who were weak shall run and not grow tired, and find in you our strength has been inspired.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 486

“When the Morning Stars Together”

Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(9:30 and 11:00)

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen"

Thomas Morley

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

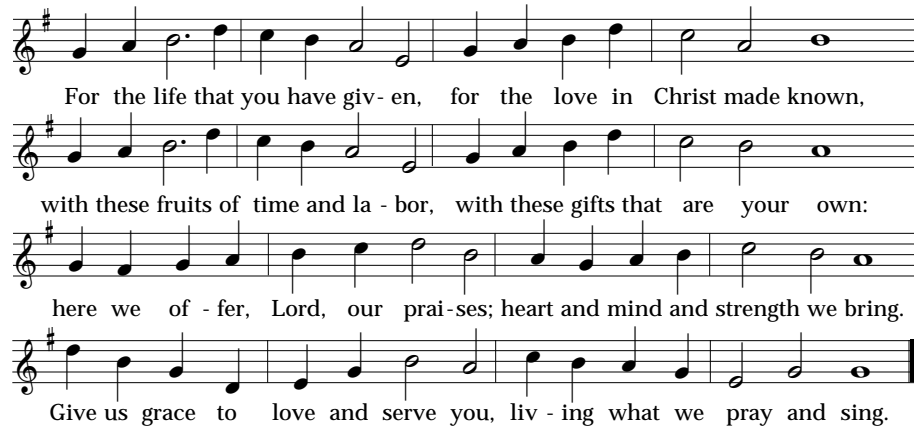
"Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion" *G. F. Handel*
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of
Jerusalem. Behold, thy King cometh unto thee. He is the righteous
Savior and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Children's Letters to God" (9:30 and 11:00)

C. M. Shearer

1. Dear Mister God, How do you feel about people who don't believe in you? Somebody else wants to know.
2. Dear God, I have got to know something. What is it like in heaven? I know it's nice but what kind of nice? What happens when it rains?
3. Dear God, My name is Robert, I want a baby brother. My mother said to ask my father, my father said to ask you. Do you think you can do it? Well, good luck!
4. Dear God, What is it like when you die? Nobody will tell me. I just want to know. I don't want to do it.
5. Last week it rained for three days. We thought it would be like Noah's ark but it wasn't. I'm glad because you could only take two of things, remember, and we have three cats.

*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: We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have
in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all.
We praise you for his presence with us.
Because he lives, we look for eternal life,
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come
can separate us from your great love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 555

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Grand Chorus from *Joshua*

G. F. Handel

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
Grace Ann Colburn, daughter of Gregg and Jennifer Colburn
Matthew William Corley, son of Scott and Melissa Corley
Benjamin Samuel Eldersveld, son of David and Jennifer Eldersveld
Carter Huntington Shute, son of Stephen and Susan Shute
Dean Murdock Waters, son of Jeff and Courtney Waters
Brennan John Zehner, son of Dave and Laura Zehner

Children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are
Mia Carissa Bernardi, daughter of Andrew and Alex Bernardi
Finn O’Dwyer McGann, son of Andy and Pam McGann
Eleanor Rita Murphy, daughter of John and Carol Murphy
Jack David Oosterbaan, son of David and Lindsay Oosterbaan
Zachary Thomas Weber, son of Scott and Jennifer Weber
Ryan Scott Williams, son of Peggy and Scott Williams

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
Susan Andrews, Moderator, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- 9:30 a.m. Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
Susan Andrews, Moderator, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
Susan Andrews, Moderator, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Libby Harrison, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Children's Choir
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Mary Theresa Reed, Director of Children's Music

Worship Notes

Fourth Church welcomes Susan Andrews, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Andrews is Pastor of Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland, and is the first woman pastor ever elected to lead the PCUSA.

Today's minute for mission is presented on behalf of the Center for Older Adults, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church. Chicago Lights brings together the Fourth Church outreach programs of Partners in Education, the Elam Davies Social Service Center, the Center for Whole Health, and the Center for Older Adults.

The text of today's introit was written by Dennis Canfield, a member of Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The offertory anthem was selected in honor of Mother's Day. This anthem is based on the book *Children's Letters to God*. For this anthem, the composer has selected five letters to create a song cycle.

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.

Daily prayer is held each weekday morning at 11:45 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, May 23.

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.

Recent sermons are also available in the literature racks.

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.