

May 23, 2004

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Beyond all mystery is the mercy of God. It is a love, a mercy that transcends the world, its value and merit. To live by such a love, to reflect it, however humbly, is the test of religious existence.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

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 today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, June 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, June 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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)

Ascension Day

Olivier Messiaen

4. Prayer from Christ ascending towards his Father

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Ascension Day

Olivier Messiaen

1. Majesty of Christ praying that his Father should
glorify him
2. Serene Alleluias from a soul longing for heaven
4. Prayer from Christ ascending towards his Father

INTROIT
(8:00)

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

Plainsong

A hymn of glory let us sing, new hymns throughout the world
shall ring. By a new way none ever trod, Christ takes his place,
the throne of God!

INTROIT
(9:30 and 11:00)

“Canon of Praise”

*Johann Pachelbel
arr. Hal Hopson*

All within me bless the Lord; all within me bless his holy name.
O bless the Lord, my soul, bless his holy name. O hear, you
righteous, know that the Lord is good. With truth, with hope, he
crowns with hope and truth. God the Lord is gracious, the same
forever. The Lord our God loves, he loves his own. Those who
love the Lord, they claim his ever-present help.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 483

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

If we have worshiped you as a relic from the past,
a theological concept, a religious novelty, but not as
a living God; if we have confused your will with our
understanding of it and have preferred divergence to
unity; if we have heard stories of struggle with no
intention of sharing the burden or pain; if we have
identified the misuse of power but failed to prophesy
against it and refused to empower the weak;
if we have sung songs in praise of your creation while
defiling the goodness of the earth, Lord, forgive us. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONFIRMATION

(11:00)

UNISON PRAYER

(11:00)

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the seal of your Holy Spirit, you have bound us to your service. As you bind these young people to yourself through faith, renew in every worshiper here a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Send forth these young people in the power of your Spirit to perform the service you have set before them. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:25–31 (*responsively*)

(page 668, O.T.)

ANTHEM

(8:00)

“The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune”

(*Text based on Psalm 100*)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

ANTHEM

(9:30 and 11:00)

“Psallite Domino”

William Byrd

Come ye with psalmody, singing and praising the Lord of Hosts, now ascended far above the starry skies in highest heaven. Alleluia.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1–3, 32–12:3

(page 225, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

(9:30 and 11:00) *Children are dismissed to Sunday School classes.*

PSALTER

Psalm 23 (*unison*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want; he maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters, he restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever .

SERMON

by Deborah Kapp

THE PROMISE OF FAITH

*HYMN 170

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" *Tune: CRIMOND*

*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 (*traditional*)

(The Hymnal, page 16)

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen"

Frank Bohnhorst

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

“Domine Deus”
from *Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi

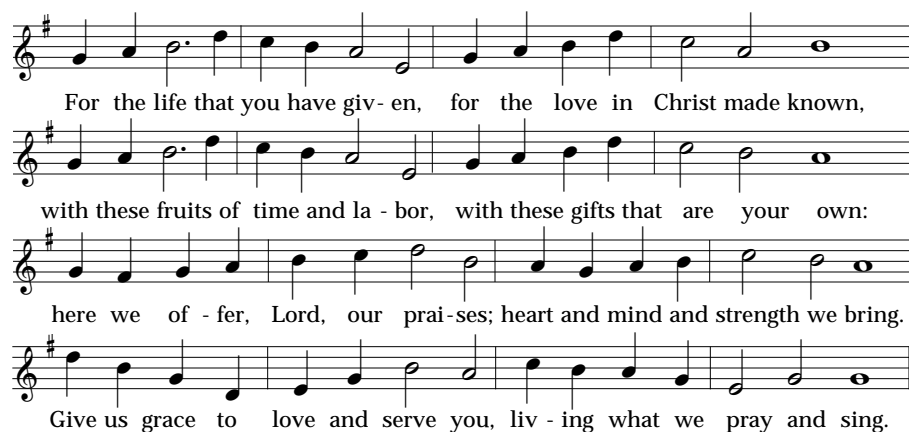
Lord God Almighty, King of heaven, God the Father, almighty
Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Ascendit Deus”
(9:30 and 11:00)

Peter Philips

God is ascended amid jubilation and God the Lord to the sound
of the trumpet. Alleluia! Yea, the Lord prepared his seat above
the heavens. Alleluia!

*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: As we bring our gifts before you, O Lord, we give thanks
for the richness of life, for the beauty and wonder of the
world; for the care of those who love us; for strength and
hope in the trials and difficulties of life; and for the good
news of the risen Christ in our lives. Strengthen us to be
an Easter church that we might become your body in the
world serving, forgiving, and making whole. Amen.

*HYMN 281

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *Tune: CWM RHONDDA*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ascension Day

O. Messiaen

3. Outburst of joy from a soul before the Glory of Christ
which is its own glory

Fourth Presbyterian Church Confirmation Class 2004

*The following individuals will be confirmed during 11:00 worship today.
Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.*

Anne Adams	Shannon Kimball
Matthew Carroll	Michael Miller
Maddie Culbertson	John Mussman
Victoria Flynn	Meredith Packham
Lauren Frisch	Caroline Quazzo
Anne Golembeski	Alice Rossiter
Alexandra Guynn	Jordan Scheibe
Stephanie Holmes	Terrance Stephens
Melanie Jucewicz	

Baccalaureate Sunday May 23, 2004

*Fourth Presbyterian Church recognizes the following 2004 graduates
this Baccalaureate Sunday*

Eighth Grade

Anne Adams, Matthew Carroll, Sanford Carton, Maddie Culbertson, Victoria Flynn,
Lauren Frisch, Anne Golembeski, Alexandra Guynn, Stephanie Holmes,
Melanie Jucewicz, Shannon Kimball, Michael Miller, John Mussman,
Meredith Packham, Sarah Pemberton, Caroline Quazzo, Alice Rossiter,
Jordan Scheibe, and Terrance Stephens

Twelfth Grade

Lara DeVries, Emily Ruth Morris, Garret Munski, and Becky Rogers

College and Graduate Degrees

Kelly Cameron, B.A., Dartmouth College

Ranjan Daniels, M.B.A., Kellogg School of Management (Northwestern)

Anne O. Decker, Masters of City Planning (University of California–Berkeley)

Eric Walsworth, M.B.A. and Masters of Engineering Management,
Kellogg School of Management (Northwestern)

Karen Haugen Woollen, A.A.S. in Le Cordon Bleu Patisserie & Baking
and A.A.S. in Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts, Cooking and Hospitality Institute
of Chicago

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
Tamara Leonard Lara, Pastoral Resident
Deborah Kapp, Professor, McCormick Theological Seminary
- 9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
Tamara Leonard Lara, Pastoral Resident
Deborah Kapp, Professor, McCormick Theological Seminary
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
Deborah Kapp, Professor, McCormick Theological Seminary

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Marnie Pomeroy, 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 Deborah Kapp to the pulpit this morning. She is Professor of Ministry at McCormick Theological Seminary and served as Associate Pastor at Fourth Church from 1981 to 1991.

The special 90th Anniversary Offering supports Fourth Church's vision for the future, Project Light—in particular the refurbishing and rereading of the 90-year-old stained glass windows. Gifts can be made to this offering by using the 90th Anniversary envelopes in the pew racks or by writing "90th Anniversary" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Fourth Church expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs and to their director, Mary Theresa Reed, for providing music leadership during worship this school year. These choirs will be on summer break until September.

Tonight's Vespers service will be led by the Confirmation Class.

John Buchanan is giving the commencement address at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, today.

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 11:45 a.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 this Friday, May 28.

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

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.