

August 15, 2004

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

If our world were nothing but a place of created goodness and profound beauty, a space of flourishing for all, just and life-giving for all in God's creation, then Jesus' challenge would be deeply troubling. If, on the other hand, our world is deeply marred and scarred, death-dealing for many life forms, with systems of meaning that are exploitative and nonsustainable, then redemption can come only when those systems are shattered and consumed by fire. Life cannot (re-)emerge without confrontation. This is the basis of the conflict Jesus envisions. He comes not to disturb a nice world but to shatter the disturbing and death-dealing systems of meaning that stifle life.

Teresa Berger, *Christian Century*

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 the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.50 to 4:00 p.m. (validation is for three hours or less) and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m.
- Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, August 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, September 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025 (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 312.640.5398 (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 Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578 (jschiltz@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) Sheep May Safely Graze *Johann Sebastian Bach*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Prelude and Fugue in C Major *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Sheep May Safely Graze *J. S. Bach*

INTROIT "Now That Daylight Fills the Sky" *Plainsong*
Now that daylight fills the sky we lift our hearts to God on high, that he, in all we do or say, would keep us free from harm this day. To God the Father, heavenly light, to Christ revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 457 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" *Tune: TOULON*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Lord God, we confess that we have praised you with our lips but have not glorified you with our lives. Have mercy on us, we pray, for our brief faith that fades under pressure, for our quick enthusiasms that just as quickly die, for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue. Forgive us, God, and give us new trust in your power, that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness by our acts as by our words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 80:3–19 (*responsively*) (page 540, O.T.)

ANTHEM "King of Glory, King of Peace" *David Charles Walker*
King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love
may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my
request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working
breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art,
I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me, and alone,
when they replied, thou didst hear me. Seven whole days,
not one in seven, I will praise thee in my heart; though not in
heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is in this poor sort to enroll
thee. Even eternity is too short to extol thee.

FIRST LESSON Hebrews 11:29–12:2 (page 226, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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

SECOND LESSON Luke 12:49–56 (page 75, N.T.)

SERMON by Carol J. Allen
KEEPING FAITH IN A CHANGING WORLD
“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before
us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith”
Hebrews 12:1–2 (NRSV)

*HYMN 351 “Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart” *Tune: GATESCARTH*

*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.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen"

Morgan Simmons

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "Give Me Jesus"
(8:00)

African-American spiritual
arr. William Arms Fisher

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Ride the Chariot"
(9:30 and 11:00)

African-American spiritual
arr. William Henry Smith

I'm gonna ride the chariot in the morning, Lord. I'm getting ready
for the judgment day, my Lord. Are you ready, my brother?
Are you ready for the journey? Do you want to see your Jesus?
I'm waiting for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go. Are you ready,
my sister? Are you ready for the journey? Do you want to see
your Jesus? I'm waiting for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go.
I never can forget that day when all my sins were taken away.
My feet were snatched from the miry clay. I'll serve my Lord
till judgment day.

*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 mystery, you summon us to be pioneers in your world, to forge new routes to destinations yet unknown. Because we cannot plan the course of our life in detail, we thank you for your guidance and direction by signposts that flare like a pillar of fire, lighting our path through the darkness. Especially we thank you for Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who runs on ahead, encouraging and strengthening us with words of grace and wisdom. Accept and use the gifts we bring of self, service, and sustenance to be light for those on the road with us; through the power of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 353

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here”

Tune: DAS NEUGEBOERNE KINDELEIN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke

IN THE DETAILS



The Great East Window in the Fourth Presbyterian Church sanctuary was designed by Charles J. Connick, with the stone tracery around the glass reminiscent of the traditional “Jesse tree.” With the vine, leaves, and grapes providing a background for the large figures, this window, known as the Nettie Fowler McCormick Memorial Window, is similar to Connick’s east window in the Princeton University Chapel.

Shown on this page is the window panel on the far right, in which Saint John is depicted at the top of the panel, with an eagle (the symbol for John) and the identification “Saint John” above his head. He is also represented (*upper right above*) by the rider on the white horse—the “King of kings” of John’s revelation (Revelation 19:11–16)—and below that the Old Testament prophet Ezekiel is shown as the prototype of John.

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
Tamara Leonard Lara, Pastoral Resident
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir; Jerry Johnson, bass soloist
9:30 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, tenor soloist
11:00 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, tenor soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

The men of the Morning Choir will be assisting in morning worship services during the month of August.

The special 90th Anniversary Offering, celebrating 90 years on Michigan Avenue, supports Fourth Church's vision for the future, Project Light—in particular the refurbishing and releading 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.

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.

The carving shown on the bulletin cover can be seen atop of the Children's Fountain. Located in the Garth, the fountain was the gift of Howard Van Doren Shaw, the Chicago-based architect who designed the Parish House, Manse, and Cloisters. Included in the carving is the verse "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

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 Stone 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, August 27.

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.