

Islam, Judaism, and Christianity remind us that civilizations survive not by strength but by how they respond to the weak; not by wealth but by the care they show for the poor; not by power but by their concern for the powerless. The ironic yet utterly human lesson of history is that what renders a culture invulnerable is the compassion it shows to the vulnerable. The ultimate value we should be concerned to maximize is human dignity—the dignity of all human beings, equally, as children of the creative, redeeming God.

Jonathan Sacks
*The Dignity of Difference:
How to Avoid the Clash of Civilizations*

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 \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.
- 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, March 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, March 12 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 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 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)

Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

J. S. Bach

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Sung by the Alma College Choir

INTROIT

“Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love”

Ned Rorem

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who from yon bright throne
above, ever watchful over our race, still to us extends his grace.
Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed.
What are we that he should show so much love to us below?
God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood
and, to make our safety sure, guides us by his spirit pure.
Sing, my soul; adore his name. Let his glory be thy theme.
Praise him 'til he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 83

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

Tune: DEO GRACIAS

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (*unison*)

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with
thirst you offer the living water of grace which springs up
from the rock, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant your people
the gift of your Spirit, that we may learn to profess
our faith with courage and announce with joy the
wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save
the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and
turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and
great when we are small. We have failed in love,
neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy,
O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of
righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Amen"

Orlando Gibbons

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

"Watchful's Song"

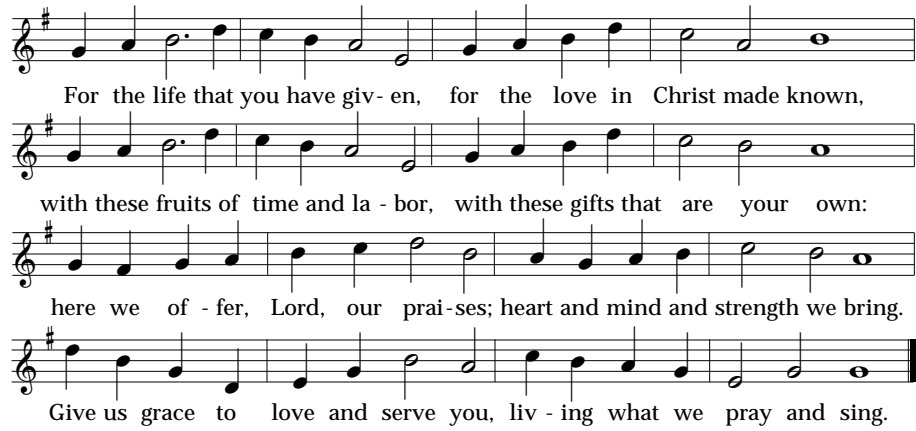
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Except the Lord
keep the house, the watchman waketh but in vain. The Lord hath
poured out upon you the spirit of deep peace; the whole earth is
at rest and is quiet. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from
whence cometh my help, my help cometh even from the Lord
who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to
be moved. He that keepeth thee shall not sleep. Behold, he that
keepeth thee shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is
my keeper; he shall preserve thee from all evil. Yea, it is even he
that shall keep thy soul from this time forth for evermore.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Witness" (9:30 and 11:00)

African American spiritual
arr. Jack Halloran

*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 compassion, we praise you that you look upon
our frail lives with love and understanding and that you
desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ. We are
overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us,
endures the grave, and leads us to new life.

By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and
bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings, and use them
and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ,
our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 298

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Tune: IN BABILONE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

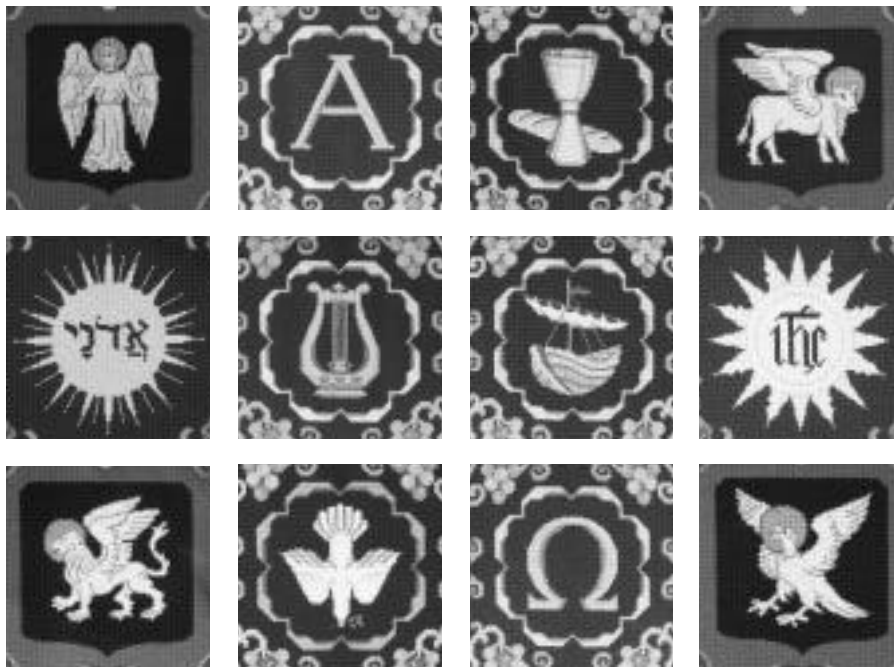
John Rutter

IN THE DETAILS



The needlepoint cushions in the chancel, including thirteen cushions, faux carving, panels of wheat and grapes, and the gold cross, are the handiwork of Morgan Simmons, a member of this congregation and, from 1968 to 1996, organist and choirmaster of Fourth Church. The combined number of stitches for these works approaches 2 million, 169 per square inch.

Central to each of the upper and lower chancel cushions is a religious symbol (shown here), surrounded by clusters of grapes, which echo the motif found in many of the chancel and pulpit carvings and in the stained glass windows.



One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor
John H. Boyle, Parish Associate
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Beena David, alto soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Alma College Choir
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Alma College Choir

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

Worship Notes

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received today and throughout Lent. For more than 50 years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in supporting this offering, responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Presbyterian Committee for the Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program as well as the Fourth Church Partners in Education program. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Fourth Church welcomes the Alma College Choir, conducted by Will Nichols and accompanied by Anthony Patterson, to 9:30 and 11:00 worship this morning. This choir's reputation for excellence as well as an ambitious performing, touring, and recording schedule attracts talented students for whom choral singing is an important part of their lives. About one third of Alma choir members are preparing for careers as professional musicians.

On the cover: Carved into the underside of the octagonal sounding board over the pulpit, an unfolding flower grows out of a crown of thorns, providing an apt metaphor for the new life arising from Christ's death and resurrection.

Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Fourth Church

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

A Vespers Communion service is held Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Midweek Lenten services are held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.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 except this March, when the fourth Friday is Good Friday. The next service is Friday, April 22.

Daily Lenten devotions, written by Fourth Church members and 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.