When we reach beyond our fears to the One who loves us with a love that was there before we were born and will be there after we die, then oppression, persecution, and even death will be unable to take our freedom. Once we have come to the deep inner knowledge—a knowledge more of the heart than the mind—that we are born out of love and will die into love, that every part of our being is deeply rooted in love, and that this love is our true Father and Mother, then all forms of evil, illness, and death lose their final power over us.

Henri Nouwen
Our Greatest Gift:
A Meditation on Dying and Caring

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.

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 Monday, April 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, April 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. 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 (jstchiltz@fourthchurch.org).

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 Christ, Have Mercy from Mass on the Second Tone

(8:00) André Raison

PRELUDE Christ, Have Mercy from Mass on the Second Tone

(9:30 and 11:00) André Raison

Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT "I Sought the Lord" Calvin Laufer

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me. It was not I that found, O Savior true, no, I was found of thee.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 308 "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" Tune: KINGSFOLD

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (unison)

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us

all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in holiness and

righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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 pur e 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.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news. People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS (9:30)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM "Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me" Irish folk tune (8:00)

arr. Robert N. Roth

Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know wherever I rest, wherever I go. Thou knowest all that I have planned, and all my ways are in thy hand. Where can I go apart from thee, or whither from thy presence flee? In heaven, it is thy dwelling fair. In death's abode, lo thou art there. If deepest darkness cover me, the darkness hideth not from thee. To thee both night and day are bright; the darkness shineth as the light.

ANTHEM Curt Oliver "Fragrant the Prayer"

(9:30 and 11:00) Fragrant the prayer, breath of the rose in air! Fragrant

the prayer my child taught me, fragrant the prayer! The son of Mary bought me, the son of Mary craved me, the son of Mary saved me. In grey of morn Christ was forlorn! In grey of morn the birds call kindly! Be not my eyes shut blindly! The son of Mary wept me, the son of Mary kept me. In grey of morn Christ was forlorn!

O countenance like the ember, bid me remember the lamb of God soretaken, the lamb of God forsaken, the lamb of God under clay three days till resurrection day!

PSALTER Psalm 130 (responsively) (page 573, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 11:17-44 (page 105, N.T.)

> Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON by John M. Buchanan

> ENOUGH TO MAKE A GROWN MAN CRY "Jesus began to weep." John 11:35 (NRSV)

*HYMN 76 "My Song Is Love Unknown" Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN *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 Mar y, 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"

John Rutter

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

"From the Accursed" from Requiem

Giuseppe Verdi

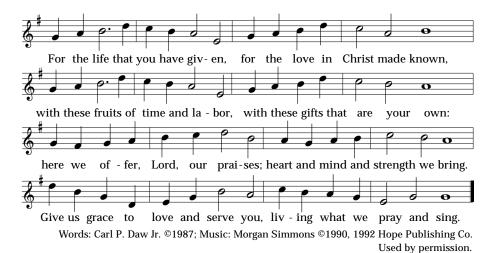
(8:00)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "What Wondrous Love" (9:30 and 11:00)

Southern Harmony arr. Alice Parker

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord of bliss, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul? When I was sinking down, O my soul, beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the lamb I will sing, to God and to the lamb who is the great "I am." While millions join the theme, I will sing. And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE



*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 mercy, we praise you that in love you have reached across the abyss of our sin and brought us into your embrace. We thank you for the sacrifice of your Son on the cross, for the breaking of his body for our sakes, and for the spilling of his blood to seal us in the covenant of your love. By your Spirit, give us the grace of repentance, and guide us in ways of righteousness. Take our humble offerings as tokens of our commitment to follow Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.

Amen.

*HYMN 101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Tune: HAMBURG

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fugue in D Minor Johann Pachelbel (8:00)

POSTLUDE Marcia Celtica Eric H. Thiman (9:30 and 11:00)

Join Us as We Journey to Easter

Palm Sunday, March 20 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m

Monday-Friday, March 21-25

12:10 p.m. Holy Week Service Lunch will be served immediately after the service each day. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Wednesday, March 23

7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

Maundy Thursday, March 24

12:10 p.m. Communion Service 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service

Good Friday, March 25

12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service 4:00 p.m. Children's Service in Westminster House 7:30 p.m. Choral Service: *The Passion According to Saint Matthew* by Heinrich Schutz

Easter Sunday, March 27

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Easter Service9:30 a.m. Children's Service in Westminster House6:30 p.m. Jazz Vespers Service

Please note that sanctuary seating for all services on Easter morning fills quickly and early. Please also be prepared for possible delays in entering and exiting the parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume.

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life

Julie Kim, Pastoral Resident John M. Buchanan, Pastor

9:30 a.m. John H. Boyle, Parish Associate

Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor

John M. Buchanan, Pastor

11:00 a.m. John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life

Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor John M. Buchanan, Pastor

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Jerry Johnson, bass soloist

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock, soprano soloist,

Thomas Ballentine, baritone soloist

11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock, soprano soloist,

Thomas Ballentine, baritone soloist

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

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

Participants in mission trips to Cuba, Lakota, Guatemala, and Borderlinks are being commissioned during 9:30 worship today. For information about other upcoming trips, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received today and throughout Lent. 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.

John Ireland (1879–1962) composed the hymn tune "Love Unknown" in 1918 while having lunch with Geoffrey Shaw. Shaw handed him the text, and Ireland immediately wrote the hymn on the back of a menu.

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 ressurection.

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 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.