

May 8, 2005

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

The sacred moments, the moments of miracle, are often the everyday moments, the moments which, if we do not look with more than our eyes or listen with more than our ears, reveal only . . . the gardner, a stranger coming down the road behind us, a meal like any other meal. But if we look with our hearts, if we listen with all our being and our imagination--what we may see is Jesus himself, and what we may hear is the first faint sound of a voice somewhere deep within us saying that there is a purpose in this life, in our lives . . . because everything is in the hands of God. This is what the stories about Jesus' coming back to life mean, because Jesus was the love of God, alive among us.

Frederick Buechner  
*The Magnificent Defeat*

## 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 Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, May 29 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, June 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church 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).

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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*  
II. Serene Alleluias from a soul longing for Heaven

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Ascension Day *Olivier Messiaen*  
I. Majesty of Christ praying that his Father should glorify him  
II. Serene Alleluias from a soul longing for Heaven  
IV. Prayer from Christ ascending towards his Father

INTROIT (8:00 and 9:30) "A Hymn of Glory" *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! O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord, who are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit, one.

INTROIT (11:00) "God Is so Good" *Anonymous*  
God is so good. He's so good to me. I praise his name. He's so good to me. Jesus is real. He's so good to me.

\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" *Tune: CORONATION*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is the head of the church, his body. Amen.

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER      Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM                      “Let All the World”                      *Eric H. Thiman*  
(8:00)                      Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!  
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly.  
The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out, but above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Amen.

ANTHEM                      “Psallite Domino”                      *William Byrd*  
(9:30 and 11:00)                      Come with psalms and sing praise to the Lord who has ascended to heaven. Alleluia!

PSALTER                      Psalm 47 (*responsively*)                      (page 518, O.T.)

\*GLORIA PATRI                      (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Luke 24:13–31                      (page 90, N.T.)  
Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON                      by John M. Buchanan  
THE STRANGER  
“He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.”  
Luke 24:30–31 (NRSV)

\*HYMN 504                      “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”      *Tune: UNION SEMINARY*

\*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.

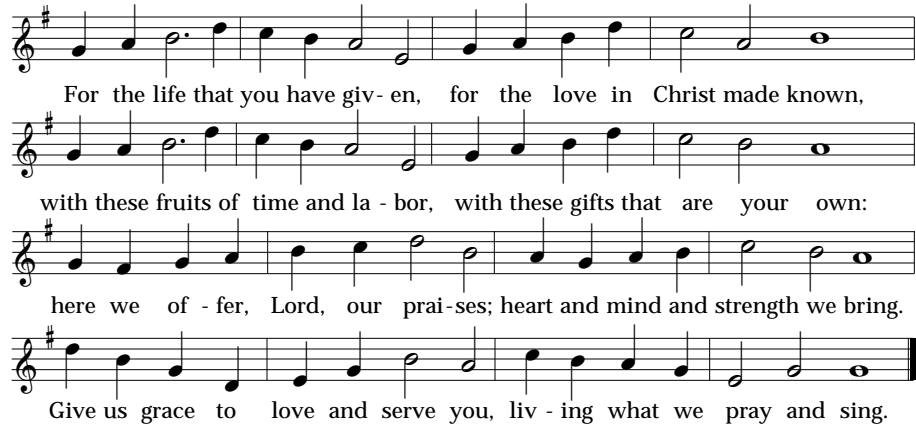
CHORAL RESPONSE "Alleluia, Amen." *Parke S. Barnard*

#### OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "For the Lord Will Lead" *Felix Mendelssohn*  
(8:00)  
For the Lord will lead all the lost in the right;  
God teaches the humble the godly way.  
All who fear you, mighty God, you shall  
instruct and show them the righteous path,  
and they shall dwell in steadfast love and goodness.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Ascendit Deus" *Peter Philips*  
(9:30 and 11:00)  
The Lord is ascended with shouts of jubilation  
and with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia!  
God prepared his seat in 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: 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 371

“Lift High the Cross”

*Tune:* CRUCIFER

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ascension Day

*O. Messiaen*

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

# 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)*

**O**n 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.

The child being baptized at the 8:00 worship service is  
*Ryan Franklin Dong, son of Ron and Rachel Dong*

Children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are  
*Naomi Elle Gibson, daughter of Jim and Molly Gibson*  
*Graydon James Gibson, son of Jim and Molly Gibson*  
*Caroline Wilson McClellan, daughter of Andrew and Holly McClellan*  
*Andrew Gregory Meints, son of Gregory and Jennifer Meints*  
*Elena Jungeun Park, daughter of Arnold and Tanya Park*  
*Audrey Marlene Baker, daughter of Michael and Heather Baker*

Children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are  
*Luke Armen Avedisian, son of Vann and Heidi Avedisian*  
*Lily Katherine Britt, daughter of Timothy and Molly Britt*  
*Ryan Salvatore Hew, son of Clifford Hew and Karen Salvatore*  
*Dylan Jiwon Hicks, son of Kenneth and Agnes Hicks*  
*John Gentry Nickerson, son of Matthew and Elizabeth Nickerson*  
*Maxwell Paul Ondik, son of Michael and Emily Ondik*  
*Maximilian Graham Pohl, son of Ralf and Pamela Pohl*  
*Patrick James Simonian, son of Philip and Kelly Simonian*

### Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Richard Williams, Pastoral Resident  
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Richard Williams, Pastoral Resident  
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor  
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor

### The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Cherub Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist  
Beverly Escuder, Children's Choirmaster

### Worship Notes

The Chicago Lights Annual Fund Appeal continues today. Because this is the only general appeal for Chicago Lights that will be made this year, those who would like to make gifts in support of the Chicago Lights programs—Partners in Education, Elam Davies Social Service Center, Center for Whole Health, and Center for Older Adults—may want to take advantage of the special offering envelopes available in the pew racks. Gifts can also be made by writing “Chicago Lights Annual Fund” on a check made payable to Chicago Lights.

Today's prelude and postlude, “Ascension Day,” was written in 1933 by French organist Olivier Messiaen. Messiaen's music was shaped by his deep faith, his passion for birdsong, and his interest in the music of other cultures.

The detail on the bulletin cover is taken from one of Fourth Presbyterian Church's aisle windows. Designed by Charles J. Connick of Boston, these stained-glass windows on the north and south sides of the sanctuary were made in the thirteenth-century style known as grisaille.

### Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Fourth Church

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

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 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 27.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

Today's sermon will be available online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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](mailto:News@FourthChurch) by sending e-mail addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).