May 22, 2005 Trinity Sunday

The divine word strives to inspire us to see life not from the narrow confines of fleeting 80-year-life expectancy. Rather, we are to find our place in a world that was created eons before we came into being, by a Creator who existed eternities before this universe was shaped; a world whose idealized perfection may well be realized ages after we are gone from the scene. If humans can see the world even a little bit from this perspective, they will recognize their modest place; their judgments will be less distorted by the skewing that power, wealth, social standing, and religious membership generate. They will be more able to find their proper role in the perfecting of the world. They will act closer to the norms of love, justice, and dignity, which are the proper responses to the value of their fellow creatures.

Irving Greenberg
For the Sake of Heaven and Earth
The New Encounter Between Judaism and Christianity

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 Sunday, May 29 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, June 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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).

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

O Trinity of Blessed Light

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

(8:00)

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00)

O Trinity of Blessed Light Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
We All Believe in One True God Johann Sebastian Bach
Jesu, Joy of All Desiring J. S. Bach

Choral Variations on

"Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire" Maurice Duruflé

INTROIT

"O Trinity of Blessed Light" Heinrich Schütz
O Trinity of blessed light, O unity of holy might, the fiery sun
now goes his way, shed thou within our hearts thy ray. To thee
our morning song of praise, to thee our evening prayer we raise;
O grant us with thy saints on high to praise thee through eternity.
All laud to God the Father be, all praise eternal Son to thee,
all glory, as is ever meet, to God the Holy Paraclete.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*Hymn 138

"Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Tune: NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods.

Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. 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 in your Son Jesus Christ

you have 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 perfor m

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

PSALTER Psalm 8 (responsively) (page 492, O.T.)

ANTHEM "Trinitarian Blessings" K. Lee Scott

(8:00) May the Sending One sing in you, may the Seeking One walk with you, may the Greeting One stand by you in your

gladness and in your grieving. May the Gifted One relieve you, may the Given One retrieve you, may the Giving One receive you in your falling and your restoring. May the Binding One unite you, may the Beloved One invite you, may the Loving One delight you, Three in One, joy in life unending.

ANTHEM "Gloria Patri" Thomas Tallis

(9:30 and 11:00) Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:1–5, 26–31 (page 1, O.T.)

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

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Matthew 28:16–20 (page 34, N.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan

GOD'S PARTNERS

"You have made them a little lower than God . . .

You have given them dominion. . . " Psalm 8:5, 6 (NRSV)

*HYMN 374 "Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"

Tune: DICKINSON COLLEGE

*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 (traditional)

(page 16, The Hymnal)

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" Richard Warner

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

"Brother James' Air"

arr. Phyllis Tate

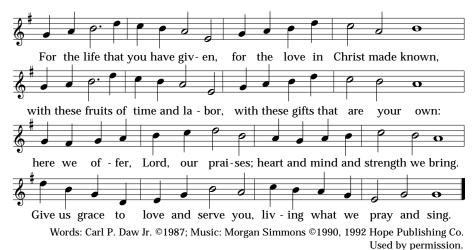
The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie in pastures green. He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness, even for his own name's sake. Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill, for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes. My head with oil thou dost anoint and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me and in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Father, All Holy" (9:30 and 11:00)

Charles Wood

Father, all holy, merciful, and tender, Son co-eternal, worthy to be praised, Spirit of comfort, fount of loving-kindness, God everlasting, trinity holy, unity unchanging, goodness unbounded, very God of heaven, light of angels, refuge of the friendless, hope universal. All thy works hymn thee, all thy saints adore thee. They are and were created for thy pleasure. Now while we worship thee devoutly, hear thou our voices. Thine be the glory, Deity Almighty, One in Three Persons, Monarch in the highest. Glory and honor, song and praise beseem thee now and forever. Amen.

*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: Gracious Father, giver of all good things:

For our home on earth and your unfailing mercy ,

we give you thanks. Christ, our Redeemer:

For your sacrifice on the cross and rising from death that we might live, we give you thanks and praise. Holy Spirit, giver of life: For your abiding presence in our lives and for comforting us and guiding us, we give you thanks, praise, and glor y. O triune God: To you be glory and praise now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 139 "Come, Thou Almighty King" Tune: ITALIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Grand Chorus from *Joshua George Frideric Handel* (8:00)

POSTITUDE Trinity's Shield from Windows of Comfort Dan Lock!

POSTLUDE Trinity's Shield from *Windows of Comfort Dan Locklair* (9:30 and 11:00)

Fourth Presbyterian Church Confirmation Class 2005

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

Marilyn Adibu Jeremy Lewis Genevieve Carter Phelan Maxey Allison Cochrane Charlie McElveen Devin Elliott Katharine McGuinnis Sierra Vaughan Gabor Jack McPherrin Margaux Gottlieb Samantha Parrillo Lauren Greenblatt **Timothy Parsons** Natasha Helmick Haley Pearson Drew Johnson Sydney Sawyier **Christopher King** Jacob Schemper

Baccalaureate Sunday May 22, 2005

Fourth Presbyterian Church recognizes the following 2005 graduates this Baccalaureate Sunday

Eighth Grade

Devin Elliott, Peter Scott Fairman, Margaux Gottlieb, Jeremy Lewis, Alexis Madera, Phelan Maxey, Catriona Reid

Twelfth Grade

Elizabeth Kathleen Andrews, Travis Bournes, Taisha Britten, Tamika Dale, Jesse Hatcher, Sterling Holston, Andrew Kimbrough, Pierre King, Ryan Maxey, James Mills, Jacqueline Valentine, Lakisha Vinson

College and Graduate Degrees
Carol Carpenter, Loyola University Chicago
Katharine Lennox, University of Michigan
Cozumel Southern, Northwestern University
Beth Truett, McCormick Theological Seminary
Michelle Worth

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. David Aja-Sigmon, Pastoral Resident

Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor

John M. Buchanan, Pastor

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

Alice M. Trowbridge, 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; Lindsay Peters, soprano soloist

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

Today is Trinity Sunday, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

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 9:30 and 11:00 postlude, Trinity's Shield by Dan Locklair, is based on three notes that are meant to represent the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The bulletin cover shows the arched ceiling high above the north balcony. The large colorful canvases that can be seen there depict angels, doves, grapes, and other biblical images.

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 this Friday, May 27.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church 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.

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.