When we know that God loves us deeply and will always go on loving us, whoever we are and whatever we do, it becomes possible to expect no more of our fellow men and women than we are willing to give, to forgive them generously when they have offended us, and to respond to their hospitality with love. By doing so we make visible a new way of being human and a new way of responding to our world problems.

Henri Nouwen In My Own Words

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 Monday, June 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, June 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 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 (jschiltz@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

(8:00) Prelude on the Name of Alain Maurice Duruflé

PRELUDE

(9:30 and 11:00) Prelude and Fugue on the Name of Alain Maurice Duruflé

INTROIT "God Be in My Head" Felix Mendelssohn

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be at mine end and in my departing.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

Tune: Crucifer

*HYMN 371 "Lift High the Cross"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison) Be merciful to us, O God, for we have wandered

from your ways and pursued gods of this world. We have allowed pride and envy to shape our relationships with others, and we have wearied you with empty deeds. We are quick to see the sins of friends and strangers alike and slow to recognize our own. We have been unwilling to see our own iniquity and have not dared to believe that you can heal us.

Come now to forgive us. Instill in us anew the knowledge that we all are your children, beloved and cherished, that we may walk in your grace and proclaim your truth

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 33:1–12 (responsively) (page 507, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (page 9, N.T.)

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

SERMON by Dana Ferguson

TAKE YOUR SEAT AND YOUR STAND

"Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy,

not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous

but sinners." Matthew 9:13 (NRSV)

*Hymn 507 "I Come with Joy" Tune: DOVE OF PEACE

*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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

(8:00)

"Ave Verum"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Jesu, word of God incarnate, of the virgin Mary born, on the cross

thy sacred body for us with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side. Feed us with thy body broken, now and in death's agony.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Let All the World"

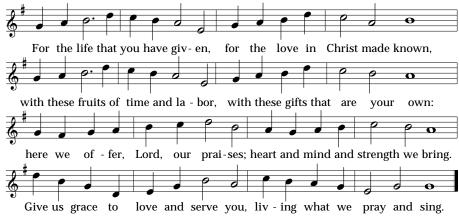
Eric H. Thiman

(9:30 and 11:00)

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.

*Offertory Response



Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

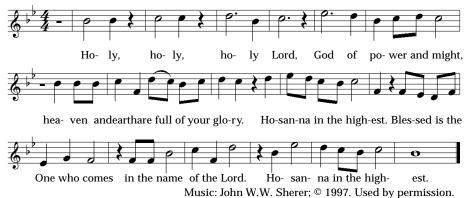
Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy \dots

 \ldots who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty . . .

... dedicated to your service.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional) (page 16, The Hymnal)

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Who at My Door Is Standing?"

English folk song arr. K. Lee Scott

PSALM 23

(recited in unison after all have received the cup)
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison) Gracious God, you have made us one with all

your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us, who have shared Christ's body and received his cup to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Tune: AMAZING GRACE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fanfare William Mathias

THE LORD'S SUPPER AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 14:19 (NRSV)

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the

worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

At our morning communion services, the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers first take the bread and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at evening worship and at morning worship on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

> "I am the bread of life." John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text adapted from *The Book of Order*

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor

John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life

Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor

9:30 a.m. John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life

Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor

Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor

11:00 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor

Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, alto soloist

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

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

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

Fourth Church expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Chancel Choir for the wonderful music leadership it has provided throughout this past school year. This volunteer choir, which sings during 8:00 worship from September through May, is participating in all three morning services today while the Morning Choir sings at Presbyterian Homes in Evanston. The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals in late August and welcomes additional voices.

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, which include two banners that are new this year, is available in the literature racks.

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 Friday, June 24.

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.