

July 3, 2005

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Every human being counts. If we truly believe that, reflect upon it, and act upon it as a nation and in our own lives, we will have the basis for unity within our borders and with freedom-loving people around the world. We will take and hold the high ground against the apostles of hate who say murder is pleasing to God. We will steadily erode the legitimacy of dictators and tyrants who claim virtual divinity for themselves. We will live up to our founding ideals. We will take a small step forward in meeting the demands of religious faith. And we will more fully earn the right to ask—though never demand or simply assume—that God bless America.

Madeleine Albright, Former Secretary of State

## 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.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

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, July 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, July 24 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).

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)

American Hymn

*Richard Keys Biggs*

PRELUDE  
(9:30 and 11:00)

Variations on "America"

*Charles Ives*

INTROIT

"The Lord Is in His Holy Temple"

*Eric DeLamarter*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all  
the earth keep silence before him. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Tune: CWM RHONDDA*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of all nations: you led men and women  
to this land, and out of our conflicts you have  
created in us a love for peace and liberty .  
When we neglect rights and restrict freedoms,  
we fail you. When we turn away neighbors in need  
and refuse to extend the opportunities of this land  
to all, we offend your justice and your love.  
Forgive us. Forgive pride that will not acknowledge  
national wrong and that justifies injustice.  
Forgive our divisions of race and class.  
Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful  
to each other and to all people. Raise up  
in us a right patriotism that seeks our  
nation's good and the world's peace and hope.  
Through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalms 46 (*responsively*)

(page 517, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” *Calvin Hampton*

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea.  
There’s a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;  
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.  
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up  
in heaven. There is no place where earth’s failings have such  
kindly judgment given. There is plentiful redemption in the  
blood that has been shed. There is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the head, for the love of God is  
broader than the measure of the mind, and the heart of  
the eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were  
but more faithful, we should take him at his word, and  
our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

FIRST LESSON

Mark 12:13–17

(page 49, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 12:1–4

(page 10, O.T.)

SERMON

by John M. Buchanan

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

“I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you,  
and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”

Genesis 12:2 (NRSV)

\*HYMN 564

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

*Tune:* MATERNA

\*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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen"

*Anonymous*

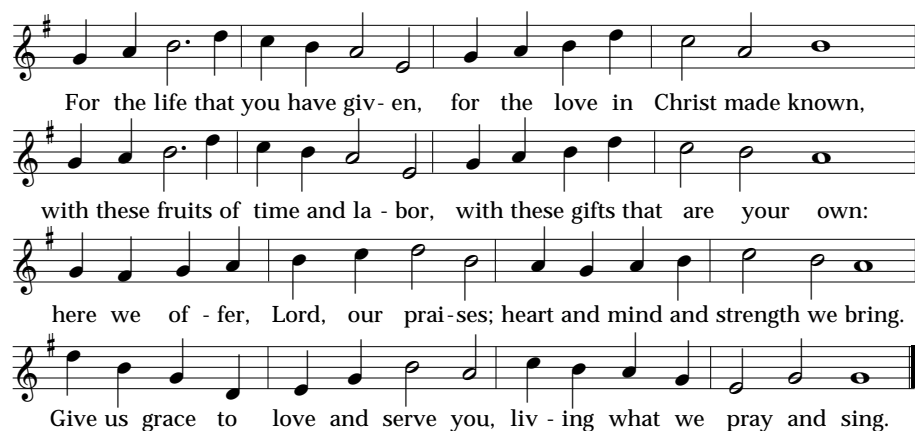
### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Simple Gifts"

*American Shaker melody  
arr. Aaron Copland*

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,  
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When  
true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we  
shan't be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight  
'til by turning, turning we come 'round right.

### \*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: Great and mighty God, we thank you for this land  
so fair and free, for its worthy aims and high hopes.  
We are grateful for people who have come with  
customs and accents and dreams to enrich our lives.  
Lead us into the future as you have led us in the past.  
Renew within us our commitment to liberty and  
justice for all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*HYMN 561**

“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”

*Tune: AMERICA*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE  
(8:00)

Trumpet Tune

*David Johnson*

POSTLUDE  
(9:30 and 11:00)

American Hymn

*Richard Keys Biggs*

## IN THE DETAILS



The Great East Window in the Fourth Presbyterian Church sanctuary was designed by Charles J. Connick and installed in 1930. In 1937, Fourth Church gave the east window that had been installed at the time the sanctuary was built (1914) to the Roseland Presbyterian Church at 11200 S. State Street. That original window, done in the style of the grisaille windows along the aisles of the sanctuary and containing identical diamonds with symbols in them, can still be seen at the church, which is today known as Cornerstone Presbyterian Church.

Shown on this page is the fourth window panel from the left, in which Saint Luke is depicted at the top of the panel, with an ox (the symbol for Luke and his portrayal of the sacrificial character of Christ) and the identification "Saint Luke" above his head. The central scene (*upper right*) is a representation of the New Testament parable of the house built on a rock (Luke 6:47–49). Below that sits the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah, shown as a prototype of Luke.

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

### Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor  
Richard Williams, Parish Associate  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor  
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor  
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life  
John M. Buchanan, Pastor

### The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. Women of the Morning Choir; Marnie Pomeroy, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. Women of the Morning Choir
- 11:00 a.m. Women of the Morning Choir

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

### Worship Notes

- The women of the Morning Choir will be assisting in morning worship services during the month of July. The men of the Morning Choir will sing in August.
- Each gift of \$100 to the Summer Day offering makes it possible for one student from Cabrini-Green or another economically disadvantaged neighborhood to participate in the full-day academic and fine arts Summer Day program. Held at Fourth Church from July 11 to August 5, Summer Day, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, serves 100 children each year. Special Summer Day offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.
- 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, can be found in the literature racks.
- The bulletin cover shows an architectural detail from the Fourth Presbyterian Church spire. This angel on the Michigan Avenue facade echoes the text of Psalm 150: "Praise God with trumpet sound. . . . Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!"

### 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, July 22.
- 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.
- 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).