
August 28, 2005

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is the seeking that counts. It's so easy to forget that simple truth in a capitalistic society that teaches us to win, get, have, amass, and defines the best of us as the one who has the most of these things. . . . But in the God-life, the seeking is itself the end. We never "get" God, but we always "have" God. We never "find" God. But we forever dwell in God. So, if I'm seeking God, I have already come to God.

Joan Chittister
Called to Question

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.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome.

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.

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 today, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, September 17 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).

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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)

Psalm Prelude (based on Psalm 37:11)

Herbert Howells

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Psalm Prelude (based on Psalm 37:11)
Marche Héroïque

Herbert Howells
A. Herbert Brewer

INTROIT

“Search Me, O God”

Eric DeLamarter

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and
know my thought and see if there be any wicked way
in me and lead me into the life everlasting. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 470

“O Day of Radiant Gladness”

Tune: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and
by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us
amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and
walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS
(9:30)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 105:1–6 (*responsively*)

(page 556, O.T.)

"My Lord, What a Morning" *African American spiritual*
arr. R. Lee Gilliam

[illegible]

SECOND LESSON Exodus 3:1-15 (page 50, O.T.)

*HYMN 399 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”
Tune: DUNLAP’S CREEK

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"

Anonymous

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

"The Lord Is My Light" *Frances Allitsen*

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom, then, shall
I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom, then,
shall I be afraid? Though a host of men were laid against
me, yet shall not my heart be afraid. And though there
rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
For in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his
tabernacle. Yea, in the secret places of his dwelling
shall he hide me and set me up upon a rock of stone.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

"Come Sing to Me of Heaven" *J. Aaron McDermid*

Come sing to me of heaven when I am called to die. Sing
songs of holy ecstasy to waft my soul on high. When
the last moment comes, let one sweet song begin. Let
music cheer me last on earth, to greet me first in heaven.

*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: Almighty and merciful God,
from whom comes all that is good,
we praise you for your mercies,
for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us,
your discipline that has corrected us,
your patience that has borne with us,
and your love that has redeemed us. Help us
to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts
by serving you and delighting to do your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 263

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Tune: ST. DENIO

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Prelude on a Gregorian Theme

Marcel Dupré

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter



Two latest two banners in the Unweavings® series by Jewish fiber artist Laurie Wohl were installed early this summer, on the hymnboard pillars roughly halfway back in the sanctuary. From a distance the banners look subtle and understated, but close-up inspection reveals a detailed symphony of colors, textures, lively figures, and polished beads.

The texts featured on the two newest banners are “O sing to the Lord a new song. . . O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 96) and “There is a river, whose streams make glad the city of God” (Psalm 46).

Calligraphy—both English and Hebrew—is used in all of the hangings to augment the formal and pictographic narratives. The ancient biblical text and Hebrew language together convey a quality of timelessness and continuity of story, and the forms and arabesques in the Hebrew language contribute an art form in themselves. The English lettering style seen in the banners suggests the iconography in the transept ceilings of Fourth Church.

The use of Hebrew in the hangings also promotes the Christian–Jewish dialogue that continues between two congregations that share a close relationship: Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Sinai Congregation. Chicago Sinai holds its High Holy Day services in the Fourth Church sanctuary, at which time the banners and parament are part of the worship setting.

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Donna Gray, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. John H. Boyle, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir; Todd DeStigter, tenor soloist
9:30 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

Participants in the October mission trip to Northern Ireland are being commissioned during 9:30 worship today. Eleven people from Fourth Presbyterian Church and Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church will be travelling to Belfast as part of this peace and reconciliation pilgrimage. For information about future mission trips, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

The men of the Morning Choir will be assisting in morning worship services during the month of August.

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," today's closing hymn, is based a Welsh folk melody from the early nineteenth century. Walther Chalmers Smith wrote the text, which first appeared in *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life*.

The bulletin cover depicts the seed of new life, in the form of acorns. This hand-carved stone on the north wall of the chancel dates from 1914, the year of Fourth Church's construction and dedication.

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