

September 18, 2005

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Christ's vineyard, in contrast to every other vineyard we know, our degrees and seniority, our years of distinguished service, our titles are irrelevant to the overriding question: Is your discipleship exercised from a community founded to heal the wounds caused by the conceit of birthrights, the arrogance of racial identities, the disparities of privilege rooted in gender--indeed, all of our pathetic definitions of success reflected in status, income, residence, and luck? These distinctions dissolve in the vineyard of Christ.

James W. Crawford, *Minister's Manual*

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.

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 Sunday, September 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, October 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, October 15 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)

Cloister–Garth

Herbert Brewer

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Processional Fanfare
Canon in B Minor
Toccata

Elgar Howarth
Robert Schumann
Aurelio Bonelli
arr. Robert King

Cloister–Garth
Canzona
Molto Sostenuto

Herbert Brewer
Hans Leo Hassler
arr. B. Fitzgerald

INTROIT

“This Is My One, My Lifelong Wish”

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This is my one, my lifelong wish, that I should serve the Lord,
that the day I depart this world, I'll see God face-to-face.
Though we face many fiery trials, let us not be afraid, for
with the power of Jesus Christ, we'll overcome them all. More
precious yet than gold is faith, treasure that lasts for life. All
who believe this truth are best, finding abundant joy. Time
like an arrow swiftly flies; let's use our time for him. With all
our hearts and minds and strength, let's labor for our Lord.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 458

“Earth and All Stars”

Tune: DEXTER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and
turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask
your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and
renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us
from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of our salvation and
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

HYMN 304
(9:30)

“Jesus Loves Me!”

Tune: JESUS LOVES ME

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH LEADERS
(9:30)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

COMMISSIONING OF MUSICIANS
(8:00 and 11:00)

ANTHEM

“O Lord, Seek Us”

Jean Berger

O Lord, seek us; O Lord, find us in thy patient care.
Be thy love before, behind us, 'round us, everywhere,
lest the god of this world blind us, lest he speak us fair,
lest he forge a chain to bind us, lest he bait a snare.
Turn not from us, call to mind us, find, embrace us, bear.
Be thy love before, behind us, 'round us, everywhere.

PSALTER

Psalms 105:37–45 (*responsively*)

(page 557, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 20:1–16

(page 21, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

by Dana Ferguson

CRUEL OR UNUSUAL

“Or are you envious because I am generous?”

Matthew 20:15b (NRSV)

*HYMN 332

“Live Into Hope”

Tune: TRURO

*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"

Orlando Gibbons

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

"Panis Angelicus"

César Franck

Bread of heaven, given to us from God, fill our
hungry souls. Strengthen and revive us again.
O most miraculous, thou dost come to us,
lowly though we thy servants be. The bread
of the angels is now our bread. The bread
of heaven makes all our sorrows end.

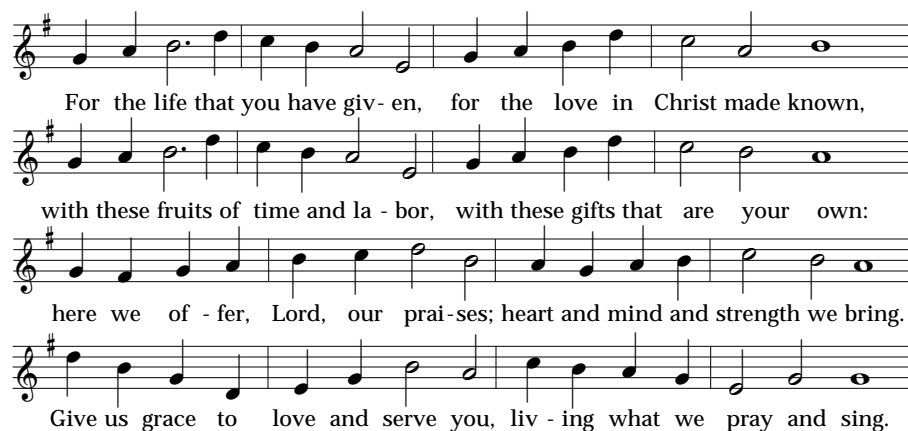
OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

(9:30 and 11:00)

African American spiritual
arr. Tim Harbold

Somebody's knocking at your door. O, sinner, why
don't you answer? Knock like Jesus. Can't you hear him?
Answer Jesus now. Can't you trust him now?

*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: As we bring our gifts before you, O Lord, we give thanks
for the richness of life, for the beauty and wonder
of the world, for the care of those who love us,
for strength and hope in the trials and difficulties of life,
and for the good news of the risen Christ in our lives.
Strengthen us to be your faithful followers
that we might become your body in the world,
serving, forgiving, and making whole. Amen.

*HYMN 371

"Lift High the Cross"

Tune: CRUCIFER

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

(8:00)

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Georg Philipp Telemann

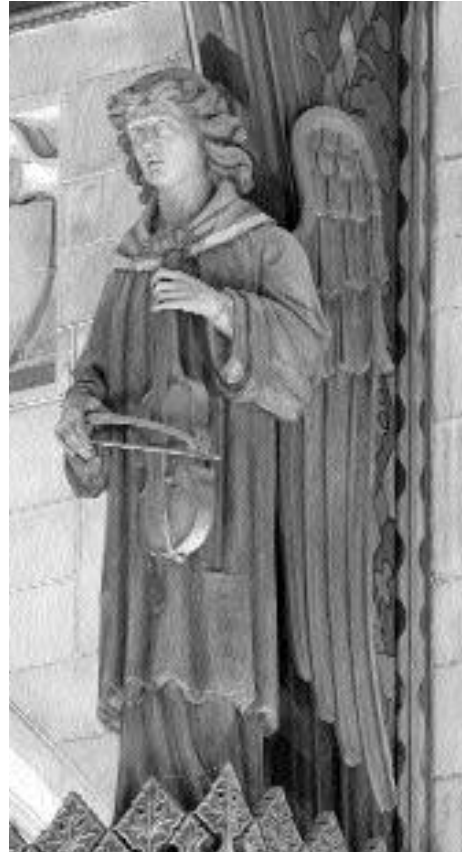
POSTLUDE

(9:30 and 11:00)

Canzon Francese

Giovanni Cavaccio
arr. Erich Peterson

IN THE DETAILS



A close-up look at the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels atop the aisle piers reveals their distinctive expressions, patterns, and instruments. Shown above are the pair of angels closest to the chancel.

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Donna Gray, Calum I. MacLeod, Dana Ferguson
9:30 a.m. Carol J. Allen, John H. Boyle, Dana Ferguson
11:00 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Calum I. MacLeod, Dana Ferguson

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Margaret Wendt, alto soloist
9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

Today's commissioning of the choirs, Tower Brass, Sunday School teachers and staff, and youth leaders is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors.

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning. Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month from September through May.

A special Disaster Relief Offering is being received today to help those in the Southern states who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina. For information about how Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is actively engaged in ministering to those in need, visit www.pcusa.org/pda. Disaster Relief Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks; gifts to this offering can also be made by writing "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

John M. Buchanan is preaching at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, a Presbyterian Church of Canada in Montreal, this morning.

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.

Pastoral Staff

John M. Buchanan, Pastor
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