

January 15, 2006

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was a time when the church was very powerful, in the time when the early Christians rejoiced at being deemed worthy to suffer for what they believed. In those days the church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was a thermostat that transformed the mores of society. Whenever the early Christians entered a town, the power structure immediately sought to convict them for being “disturbers of the peace” and “outside agitators.” But the Christians pressed on, in the conviction that they were a “colony of heaven,” called to obey God rather than man. Small in number, they were big in commitment.

Martin Luther King Jr.
Letter from Birmingham Jail

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. 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 Sunday, January 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 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 Elizabeth Andrews, Minister for Congregational Care, at 312.274.3818 (eandrews@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)

In Thee Is Joy

Johann Sebastian Bach

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Fanfare

*Jiri Ignac Linek
arr. Robert Rada*

In Thee Is Joy

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor

*J. S. Bach
arr. Ryohei Nakagawa*

INTROIT

“Blessed Martin, Pastor, Prophet”

Carl Haywood

Holy God, you raise up prophets; praise and honor do we sing
for your faithful, humble servant, Doctor Martin Luther King.
Blessed Martin, pastor, prophet, you the mountaintop did see,
blessed Martin, holy martyr. Pray that we all may be free.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 478

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from our neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil,
prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us
to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER	Psalm 139:1–12 (<i>responsively</i>)	(page 577, O.T.)
ANTHEM	“Let the Bright Seraphim” Let the bright seraphim in burning row their loud angel trumpets blow, and the cherubic host in thousand choirs strike their immortal harps of golden wires.	<i>Deodatus Dutton</i>
FIRST LESSON	John 1:43–51	(page 92, N.T.)
	Minister: The Word of the Lord.	
	People: Thanks be to God.	
*GLORIA PATRI		(The Hymnal, 579)
SECOND LESSON	1 Samuel 3:1–10	(page 247, O.T.)
SERMON	by John M. Buchanan LISTEN “Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’” 1 Samuel 3:10 (NRSV)	
*HYMN 248	“You Are Before Me, Lord”	<i>Tune: SURSUM CORDA</i>
*APOSTLES’ CREED	(<i>unison</i>) 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

"Incline Thine Ear unto Me"
Incline thine ear unto me. In the day
when I call, answer me speedily. Amen.

Stephen Sturk

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

"These Things Shall Never Die"

Beena David

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30)

"Sahayta"
I will sing for you. Peace. Joy. Unity. Cooperation.
Mix together. Helpfulness. Praise the Lord.

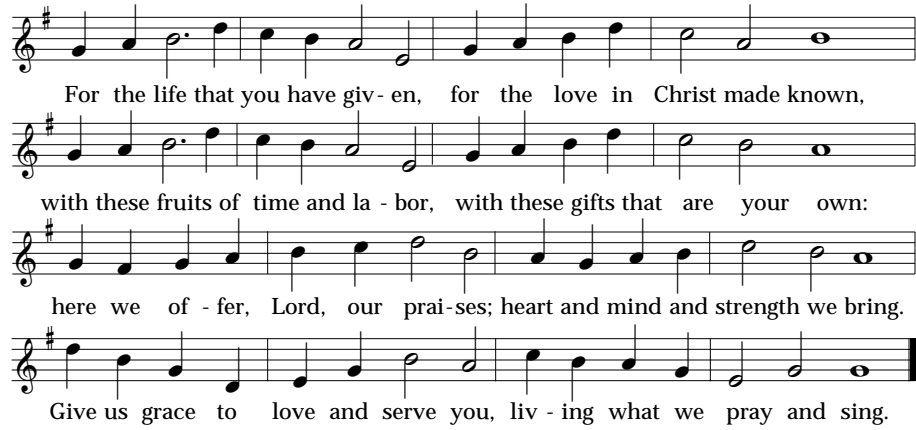
Ben Allaway

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(11:00)

"Ezekiel Saw the Wheel"
Ezekiel saw the wheel way up in the middle of the air.
The big wheel run by faith, the little wheel run
by the grace of God, a wheel in a wheel way
in the middle of the air. Better mind, my brother,
how you walk on the cross, your foot might slip and
your soul get lost. Old Satan wears a club foot shoe,
if you don't mind he'll slip it on you. Some go to church
for to sing and shout Hallelujah. Before six months
they are all turned out way in the middle of the air.

*African American spiritual
arr. William L. Dawson*

*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 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 275

“God of Our Life”

Tune: SANDON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

“Ezekiel Saw the Wheel”

*African American spiritual
arr. Thomas Gouwens*

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Tutto lo di

*Roland de Lassus
arr. Erich Peterson*

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Seventy-seven years ago today, on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta. Only thirty-five years later, this pastor and Civil Rights leader became the youngest individual to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. On this weekend when we join churches and communities across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., we read again the words he wrote from the Birmingham Jail in April 1963, excerpted from his letter, from which the bulletin cover quote is also taken, and which was first printed in the *Christian Century*:

We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be co-workers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.

. . . If today's church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century.

Is organized religion too inextricably bound to the status quo to save our nation and the world? Perhaps I must turn my faith to the inner spiritual church, the church within the church, as the true ekklesia and the hope of the world. But again I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom. . . . They have acted in the faith that right defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment.

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Erica Schemper, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Beena David, mezzo-soprano soloist
9:30 a.m. The Children's Choir; The Youth Choir; The Morning Choir;
Tower Brass
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Craig Palmer, tenor soloist; Tower Brass

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Beverly Escuder, Children's Choirmaster
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

"Sahayta," the 9:30 Offertory Anthem, features text sung in Filipino, Hindi, Mende, English, Sanskrit, Arabic, Hebrew, Damara, Spanish, and Swahili. The composer of this anthem, Ben Allaway, is composer-in-residence at First Christian Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

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.

The bulletin cover image is of "The Great Teacher," which was sculpted by Abbott Pattison and given to Fourth Presbyterian Church by the Center for Older Adults in 1991. It is now displayed at the Delaware Place entrance to the church. It is one of the many pieces of religious art in the Fourth Church collection. Representative pieces from that collection are currently on display in the Loggia.

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