

February 26, 2006

Transfiguration of the Lord

Was it a vision?
Or did we see that day the unseeable
One glory of the everlasting world
Perpetually at work, though never seen
Since Eden locked the gate that's everywhere
and nowhere?

Edwin Muir
The Transfiguration

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 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

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 today, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, March 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, March 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 and 11:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

PRELUDE (8:00) Air from Orchestral Suite No. 3 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

PRELUDE (11:00) Jesus Bids Us Shine *Kenneth Leighton*

INTROIT “O Light of Light” *Plainsong*
O light of light, love given birth, Jesus, redeemer of the earth. More bright than day your face did show, your raiment whiter than the snow. Two prophets, who had faith to see, with your elect found company; the heavens above your glory named, your Father’s voice his Son proclaimed. May all who seek to praise aright through purer lives show forth your light. To you, the King of glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

O splendor of God’s glory bright,
from light eternal bringing light;
thou light of life, light’s living spring,
true day, all days illumining:

Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love,
shower down thy radiance from above,
and to our inward hearts convey
the Holy Spirit’s cloudless ray.

O joyful be the passing day
with thoughts as clear as morning’s ray,
with faith like noontide shining bright,
our souls unshadowed by the night.

(hymn continues on next page with stanza 4)

*Stand as you are able.

O Lord, with each returning morn
thine image to our hearts is born;
O may we ever clearly see
our Savior and our God in thee!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Before the dazzling brightness of your glory, O God,
the blotches of sin in our lives become apparent.
You call us to love outwardly; we focus in on ourselves.
You welcome us with open arms;
we distance ourselves from others.
And we follow the impulses of our own needs
when you say, "Come, follow me."
Lord, in your tender mercy, forgive us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 50:1–6 *(responsively)*
(the congregation reads the verses in bold type)

The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.
He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
"Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.

ANTHEM

"This Is My Beloved Son" *Knut Nystedt*
He was still speaking when lo, a bright cloud
overshadowed them, and a voice from
the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased. Hear ye him."

FIRST LESSON Exodus 3:1-5
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, Amen.

SECOND LESSON Mark 9:2-9

SERMON by Calum I. MacLeod
ON THE MOUNTAIN

*HYMN

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair” *Tune: DEO GRACIAS*

O wondrous sight, O vision fair
of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

From age to age the tale declare,
how with the three disciples there,
where Moses and Elijah meet,
the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

The law and prophets there have place,
two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud
proclaims his only Son aloud.

With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery,
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

*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"

Milton Dieterich

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

"Serenity"

Charles Ives

(8:00)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Prayer for Transfiguration Day"

John Weaver

(11:00)

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son,
you have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the
testimony of the apostles. In the voice that came from
the bright cloud you proclaimed him to be your Son and
told us to heed his teachings. O God, make us heirs
with Christ in his glory forevermore. Alleluia. Amen.

*OFFERTORY 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: Fairest Lord Jesus, whose glory was shown forth
on the mountain, we give you thanks
for the light of your love in our lives and in the world.
May your light shine through our life and work,
that all that we do and all that we ar e
would be true to your call to discipleship,
healing, forgiving, and making whole. Amen.

*HYMN

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Tune: CRUSADERS’ HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

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Benedetto Marcello

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“Arise, Your Light Is Come!” *Tune: FESTAL SONG*

Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

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*CANTATA

"Mass of the Children"

John Rutter

1. Awake my soul and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run; shake off dull sloth and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice. Redeem thy misspent time that's past; live this day as if it were thy last. Improve thy talent with due care, for the great day thyself prepare. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
2. Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father. Receive our prayer. For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

3. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
4. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee, gave thee life, and bid
thee feed by the stream and over the mead; gave thee
clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly bright;
gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice?
Little lamb, I'll tell thee. He is called by thy name for
he calls himself a lamb. He is meek and he is mild;
he became a little child. I a child and thou a lamb,
we are called by his name. Little lamb, God bless thee.
5. Lord, open thou mine eyes that I may see thee. Lord,
open thou my lips that I may praise thee. Lord, open
thou my heart that I may love thee. Serve thee with joy,
fear none above thee. Christ, be my sword and shield,
my strong defender. Christ, be my light and my redeemer.
Lord, be with me this day in each endeavor. Lord, keep
my soul with thee now and forever. Grant us peace. Christ,
be my guide today, my guide tomorrow. Christ in my days
of joy, my days of sorrow. Christ in the silent hours when
I lie sleeping, safe in his holy angels' keeping. Christ,
be within the hearts of all who love me. Christ all around
and Christ above me. Christ in my thought and prayer
and my confessing. Christ, when I go to rest, grant me
your blessing. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, grant us peace. Glory to thee, my God this
night for all the blessings of the light. Keep me, O keep
me, Kings of kings, beneath thy own almighty wings.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him,
all creatures here below, praise him above, ye heavenly
host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Grant us peace.

PRAYER

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*HYMN

"Go with Us, Lord"

Tune: TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit, strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

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Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Patrick Daymond, Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod
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11:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir, Carol Carpenter, alto soloist
9:30 a.m. The Children's and Youth Choirs; The Morning Choir;
Libby Harrison, soprano soloist; Daniel Henry, baritone soloist
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Beverly Escuder, Children's Choirmaster

Worship Notes

The new pews were installed in the sanctuary this past week as part of the Project Light sanctuary improvements. The new cushions for the pews will be delivered in June. In the weeks ahead, final testing will be done on the sound system and final speakers installed. In the meantime, a temporary sound system, with temporary speakers, will continue to be used during worship along with the temporary electric organ, which is being used while the pipe organ remains sealed to protect it during this installation phase.

John Rutter conducted the premiere of his *Mass of the Children* in Carnegie Hall on February 13, 2003. This music is wedded to the ancient text of the mass, the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei and to poetry by Thomas Ken, William Blake, Lancelot Andrewes, and St. Patrick.

The hymn text for "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" is ©1981 Ruth Duck.

Offering envelopes for the Fourth Presbyterian Church general fund are available in the pew information pads, which are passed during the Concerns of the Church.

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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