

March 5, 2006

First Sunday in Lent

Eternal God, our Father, praise be to you
for your unwavering goodness to your children:
for mercies that fall like rain on the just and the unjust;
for words that find us in our seasons of not-knowing;
for songs your love has taught our hearts to sing;
for coincidental happenings which, viewed in retrospect,
speak of your gentle leading and your care;
for good memories and true hopes, and every thought of you.

Ernest T. Campbell
Where Cross the Crowded Ways: Prayers of a City Pastor

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 Monday, March 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, March 26 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 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 a.m.

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

PRELUDE (8:00) Prelude and Fugue in E Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Prelude and Fugue in E Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Concerto in B Minor *Johann Gottfried Walther*
Allegro--Adagio--Allegro

INTROIT "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" *Richard Farrant*
Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins
to our charge, but forgive that is past and give us
grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from
sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in
a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.

***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 Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
Tune: DEO GRACIAS

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us to evil power betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death,
for us gave up his dying breath.

(hymn continues on the next page with stanza 4)

For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent the Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ
to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way .
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 25:1–10 *(responsively)*
(the congregation reads the verses in bold type)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast
love,
for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my
transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and
faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

ANTHEM

“Hide Not Thou Thy Face from Us, O Lord” *R. Farrant*
Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not
off thy servant in thy displeasure, for we confess
our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercies' sake deliver us from all our sins.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

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 1:9-15

SERMON

by John M. Buchanan

HOW ABOUT LOVE?

“Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.”

Psalm 25:6 (NRSV)

*HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Tune: FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed, thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

*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"

Richard Warner

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

"Ach, Mein Sinn" from *The Passion according to St. John*
J. S. Bach

O my soul, where wilt thou find thy goal and
where shall comfort find me? Shall I stay or
be gone and leave hills and mountains far
behind me? This poor world no peace doth me
afford, ever ruing my wrongdoing, my misdeed
abhorred, for the servant hath denied his Lord.

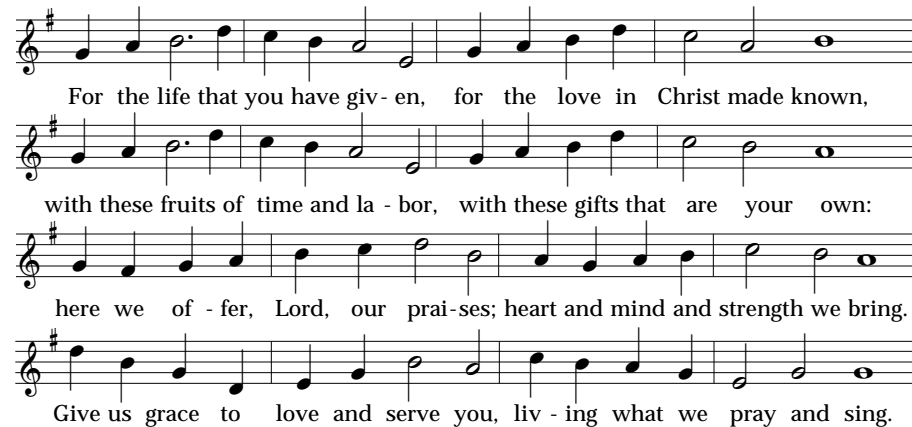
OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

"Call to Remembrance, O Lord"

R. Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies
and thy loving-kindness which hath been ever
of old. O remember not the sins and offenses
of my youth, but according to thy mercy
think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

*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: God of compassion, we praise you
that you look upon our frail lives with love
and understanding and that you
desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ.
We are overwhelmed by your love,
which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave,
and leads us to new life. By your Spirit,
strengthen our souls to be brave and bold
in Christ's service. Take our offerings and use them
and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ,
our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

Christ came from heaven's throne
salvation to bestow,
but people scorned and none
the longed for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the way
Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save
the Prince of life they slay.
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine:
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata from *Suite Gothique*

Leon Boëllmann

Fourth Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Improvements



Crosses made from the original pews

Fourth Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Improvements

The ongoing sanctuary improvement project includes the installation of a new sound system, new flooring under the pews, and new pews, which are exact replicas of the pews from 1914, down to the detailed end carvings. The new pews also provide improved ergonomics as well as greater access for those with disabilities.

In January and February, the new flooring was put in, and during the week of February 19 the new pews were installed. The pew cushions are currently being fabricated and will arrive in June. Hymnals and Bibles will return to the pews next week.

A temporary sound system is still being used while final installation work is done on the new system. Once that system is ready to use, there will be a period during which it will be adjusted to accommodate for the acoustics of a worship space filled with worshipers.

During the construction phase of the project, the pipe organ has been wrapped and sealed to protect it from dust. A temporarily installed electronic organ is being used in its place.

Small wooden crosses, made from the wood from the original pews, can be preordered through March 15. The simple cross is 6.75 inches tall and 4.25 inches wide; the Celtic cross with carving detail is 7 inches tall and 4 inches wide. Order forms are available during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and at www.fourthchurch.org. For more information, contact Christina Wollerman at 312.573.3364 (cwollerman@fourthchurch.org).

Worship Leaders

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

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Mark Eldred, tenor soloist
9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received today and throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the Partners in Education Scholarship Program and the Elam Davies Social Service Center Interfaith Homes Initiative as well as the work of the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Richard Farrant, composer of today's introit and anthem, joined the choir at St. George's Chapel at Windsor in 1550 and became Master of the Choristers in 1564, a post which he held for the rest of his life.

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The season of Lent points us toward the cross of Christ. The Latin cross shown on the bulletin cover is one of many integrated into the architecture of Fourth Church. This particular cross is carved in the center of the minister's chair in the upper chancel and is now accented by needlepoint done by Morgan Simmons.

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