

The theology of the cross is nevertheless first of all a statement about God, and what it says about God is not that God thinks humankind so wretched that it deserves death and hell, but that God thinks humankind and the whole creation so good, so beautiful, so precious in its intention and potentiality, that its actualization, its fulfillment, its redemption is worth dying for.

Douglas John Hall
*The Cross in Our Context:
Jesus and the Suffering World*

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, April 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, April 30 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

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

PRELUDE (8:00) When in the Hour of Deepest Need *J. S. Bach*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) When in the Hour of Deepest Need *J. S. Bach*
Fantasy and Fugue in G Minor *J. S. Bach*

INTROIT “When in the Hour of Deepest Need” *Louis Bourgeois*
When in the hour of deepest need we know not where to look
for aid, when days and nights of anxious thought no help
or counsel yet have brought; thus have we come, O God,
today, and all our woes before you lay, for sorely tried,
cast down, we stand, perplexed by fears on every hand.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 148 “At the Name of Jesus” *Tune: KING’S WESTON*

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.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(9:30 and 11:00)

UNISON PRAYER (9:30 and 11:00) Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 51:1–12 (*responsively*) (page 492, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Brother James’s Air” *Gordon Jacob*
The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want; he makes me down to lie in pastures green. He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness, e’en for his own name’s sake. Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill, for thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes, my head with oil thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me and in my Father’s heart always my dwelling place shall be.

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18–25 (page 156, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON John 12:20–32 (page 100, N.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
IF YOU’RE GOING, I’M GOING WITH YOU
“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”
John 12:32 (NRSV)

*HYMN 101 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *Tune: HAMBURG*

*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"

William Munday

OFFERING

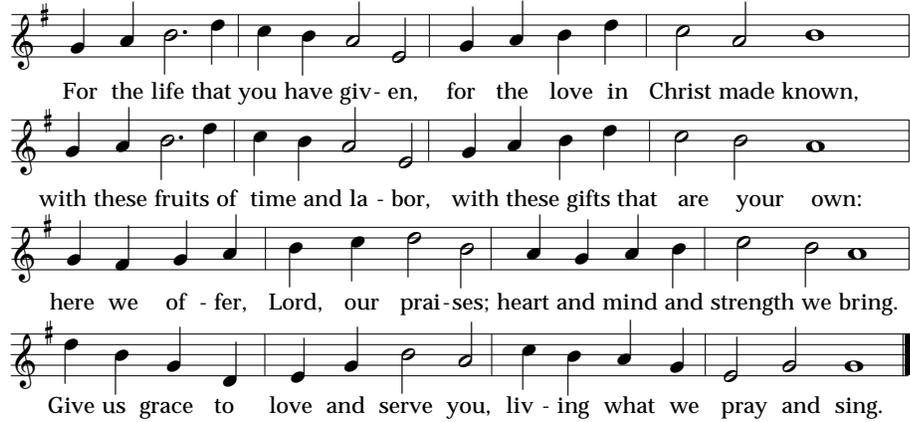
OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

"Bist du bei mir" *J. S. Bach*
Draw near to me! Thee would I follow wherever thou shalt
lead me, Lord, my mind and heart are stayed on thee. Though
storms arise, thou art beside me. No darkness can dispel
thy light, through thee alone mine eyes shall see. In thee I dwell,
my guide and Father. Though raging tempest surge around me,
my joy and shelter thou shalt be. Thy face I see, thy voice
is saying, "When troubled waters would overcome thee,
I am forever at thy side." Then would I die, dying victorious.
In death or life I shall not fear. I know my soul shall rest in thee.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

"Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi" *Ron Nelson*
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where
there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury,
pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is
darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
O, divine Master, grant that I may seek not so much
to be consoled as to console; to be understood as
to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving
that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

*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: 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 92

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in B-flat Minor

Louis Vierne

BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

One Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are
Charles William Cox, son of Tom and Anne Cox
Jackson Hendry Piermont, son of Hunter and Alison Piermont

Children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are
Anabella Helen Cesca, daughter of Gregory and Claudia Cesca
Elizabeth Yuna Choi, daughter of Edward Choi and Mira Lee
Maxwell Morgan Engel, son of Davor and Connie Engel
Lauren Elizabeth Smilie, daughter of Scott and Nanci Smilie
Sadie Loren Strong, daughter of David and Heather Strong
Lucas MacLeod Young, daughter of Keith and Kimberly Young

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Patrick Daymond, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. John H. Boyle, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist
9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

The Interfaith Homes Initiative to house the homeless, a citywide program in which the Social Service Center is taking a leading role, is one of the programs supported by the Lenten "One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering. The offering also supports the Partners in Education Scholarship Program, the work of the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. To make a gift to this offering, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

This morning's prelude, the "Fantasy and Fugue in G Minor," was written by Johann Sebastian Bach in 1720, the year his first wife Maria Barbara died. Bach expressed the grief and anguish of his loss in the dramatic "Fantasy" which is among the most dissonant music he ever wrote.

The season of Lent points us toward the cross of Christ. The Latin cross shown on the bulletin cover is carved in the center of the minister's chair in the upper chancel and is now accented by needlepoint done by Morgan Simmons.

On Palm Sunday and Easter, April 9 and 16, please note that the usual 11:00 worship service will begin at 11:30 a.m.

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