

May 14, 2006

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The “Image of God” is neither male nor female. . . . Paul says that in Christ there is neither male nor female. The positive way of knowing, on the other hand, affirms that there is in God both the masculine and the feminine. There is a mother’s heart at the heart of God, as well as a father’s. The prophet Isaiah compares God’s love to a mother’s when he asks: “Can a woman forget her nursing child?” . . . In essence, God is neither male nor female but in his theophanies God is both. And so it is to both that we may look in our search to know more of the Unknowable.

J. Philip Newell
The Book of Creation

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 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.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

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 Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, June 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, June 17 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) Prelude and Fugue in G Major *Felix Mendelssohn*

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00) Air *Gerre Hancock*
Andante from *Symphonie Gothique* *Charles-Marie Widor*
Prelude and Fugue in G Major *Felix Mendelssohn*

INTROIT
(8:00 and 9:30) “Rejoice, Hallelu” *Thomas Thangaraj*

INTROIT
(11:00) “Fairest Lord Jesus” *Silesian folk melody*

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 482 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

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 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER

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

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS
(11:00)

ANTHEM "A Vineyard Grows" *English folk song*
arr. K. Lee Scott

Amid the world's bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green, the planting of the Lord himself. His love selected this terrain; his vine with love he planted here to bear the choicest fruit for him. We are his branches, chosen, dear, and though we feel the dresser's knife, we are the objects of his care. From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery with fruit from which true joys derive. Vine, keep what I was meant to be, your branch with your rich life in me.

PSALTER Psalm 22:25-31 (*responsively*) (page 474, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 15:1-8 (page 103, N.T.)
Genesis 1:26-27 (page 1, O.T.)
Isaiah 49:15 (page 639, O.T.)
Hosea 11:1-4 (page 794, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
NO PLACE FOR "WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN"
"Can a woman forget her nursing child?"
Isaiah 49:15 (NRSV)

*HYMN "Lord of All Hopefulness" *Tune: SLANE*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

(Hymn continues on facing page)

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*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

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and
renew a right spirit within me. Amen.

Stephen Sturk

OFFERING

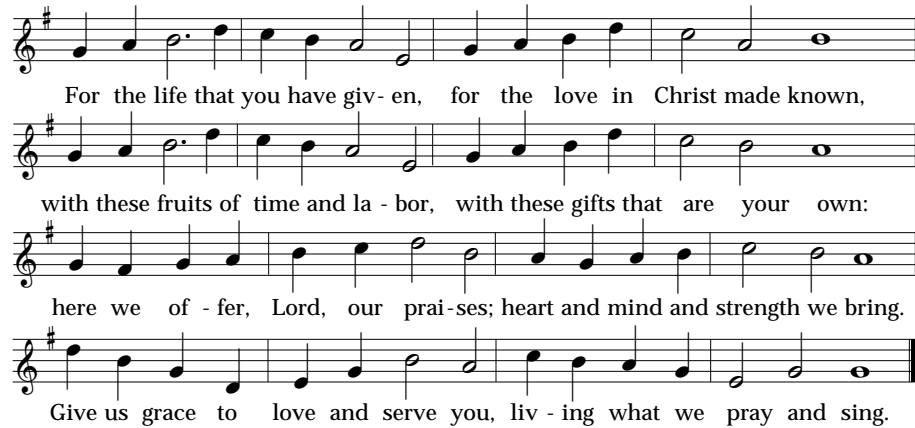
OFFERTORY SOLO "Sanctus"
(8:00)

Hector Berlioz

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Garden Hymn"
(9:30 and 11:00)

Ronald Perera

*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 an Easter church
that we might become your body in the world,
serving, forgiving, and making whole. Amen

*HYMN 473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Tune: DIX

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Grand Chorus from *Joshua*
(8:00)

George Frideric Handel

POSTLUDE Prelude
(9:30 and 11:00)

Prelude

Fanny Mendelssohn

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)*

On the second 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.

The children being baptized at the 8:00 worship service are

Michael Steven Avakian, son of Keg and Amy Avakian.

Madison Sipay Rozwat, daughter of Rob and Anne Rozwat

The children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

Georgia Catherine Alford, daughter of Robert and Amanda Alford

John William Carlson, son of Kevin and Elizabeth Carlson

Katherine Genet Hallinan, daughter of Joseph Hallinan and Pam Taylor

Anne Evans Hallinan, daughter of Joseph Hallinan and Pam Taylor

Erica Irene Sherkin, daughter of Gregg Sherkin and Reva Revis

John Andrew Worth, son of Andy and Michelle Worth

The children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Luke Christopher Benson, son of Mark and Kim Benson

Cloë Price Harwood, daughter of Will and Shirley Harwood

Drew Emory Lingenfelter, son of Carl Lingenfelter and Stacia Smith

Livia Franzen Satre, daughter of Brian and Norah Satre

Jane Hale Taner, daughter of Kerim and Britt Taner

Margaret Belladean Zeiger, daughter of Jeffrey and Elisabeth Zeiger

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Patrick Daymond, Elizabeth B. Andrews, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Elizabeth B. Andrews, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Mark Eldred, tenor soloist
9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Beena David, mezzo-soprano soloist
11:00 a.m. The Cherub Choir; The Morning Choir; Beena David,
mezzo-soprano soloist

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

Worship Notes

Today Fourth Church commissions participants in its 2006 mission trips. This year's trips take travelers to Cuba, the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations in South Dakota, New Orleans, Honduras, China, and Guatemala. For information about upcoming mission trips, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org).

The Chicago Lights Annual Fund Appeal continues today. Because this is the only general appeal for Chicago Lights that will be made this year, those who would like to make gifts in support of the Chicago Lights programs—Partners in Education, Elam Davies Social Service Center, Center for Whole Health, and Center for Older Adults—may want to take advantage of the special offering envelopes available in the pew racks. Gifts can also be made by writing “Chicago Lights Annual Fund” on a check made payable to Chicago Lights.

Fanny Mendelssohn, composer of today's 9:30 and 11:00 postlude, was the oldest of four children and considered more talented than her younger brother, Felix. Her family was opposed to her musical career, but after she was married in 1829, her husband encouraged her to publish her music. Fanny's pursuit of music received Felix's blessing in 1846, the year before she died.

The hymn text “Lord of All Hopefulness” was written by Jan Struther (1901–1953) and is reprinted from *Enlarged Songs of Praise* (Oxford University Press).

The bulletin cover: Since the church building was dedicated in May 1914, more than six million worshipers have passed under this twelve-foot wide tympanum over the Michigan Avenue entrance. The carving depicts Aaron blessing the children of Israel as he was instructed by God (Numbers 6:22–27).

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