June 11, 2006 Trinity Sunday

Most people, even though they don't know it, are asleep. They're born asleep, they live asleep, they marry in their sleep, the breed children in their sleep, they die in their sleep without ever waking up. They never understand the loveliness and beauty of this thing we call human existence. You know, all mystics—Christian, non-Christian, no matter what their religion—are unanimous on one thing: that all is well, all is well. Though everything is a mess, all is well. Strange paradox, to be sure. But basically, most people never get to see that all is well because they are asleep.

Anthony de Mello, S. J.

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 car e 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, June 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, June 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, July 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 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).

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

O Trinity of Blessed Light

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

(8:00)

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00)

O Trinity of Blessed Light We All Believe in One True God

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesu, Joy of All Desiring

J. S. Bach

Come, Holy Ghost

Dieterich Buxtehude

Introit

"O Trinity of Blessed Light"

Heinrich Schütz

O Trinity of blessed light, O unity of holy might, the fiery sun now goes his way; shed thou within our hearts thy ray. To thee our morning song of praise, to thee our evening prayer we raise; O grant us with thy saints on high to praise thee through eternity. All laud to God the Father be, all praise, eternal Son, to thee, all glory as is

ever meet, to God the holy Paraclete.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 138 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Tune: NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

God of grace, love, and communion,

we confess that we have failed to love you

with our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments,

stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and

raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully

and give honor to your holy name. 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 Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our

(9:30 and 11:00) 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

ANTHEM "Gloria Patri" Thomas Tallis

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

PSALTER Psalm 29 (responsively) (page 477, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:1–10, 16, 17 (page 88, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON by John M. Buchanan

PAY ATTENTION

"The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes."

John 3:8 (NRSV)

*HYMN 320 "The Lone, Wild Bird" Tune: PROSPECT

*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 Mar y, 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

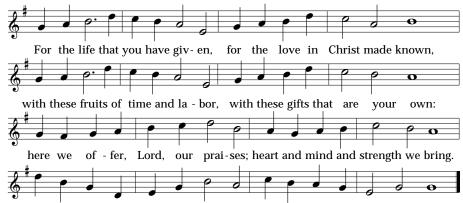
OFFERTORY DUET (8:00)

"Et Misericordia" from *Magnificat Johann Sebastian Bach* And his mercy is on them who fear him from generation to generation.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30 and 11:00)

"Father, All-Holy" Charles Wood Father all-holy, merciful, and tender; Son co-eternal, worthy to be praised; Spirit of comfort, fount of loving kindness; God everlasting, Trinity holy, unity unchanging, goodness unbounded, very God of heaven, light of the angels, refuge of the friendless, hope universal. All thy works hymn thee, all thy saints adore thee, they for thy pleasure are and were created. Now, while we also worship thee devoutly, hear thou our voices. Thine be the glory, deity almighty, one in three persons, monarch in the highest. Glory and honor, song and praise beseem thee now and forever. Amen.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE



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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: Gracious Father, giver of all good things:

For our home on earth and your unfailing mercy,

we give you thanks. Christ, our Redeemer:

For your sacrifice on the cross and rising from the dead that we may live,

we give you thanks and praise.

Holy Spirit, giver of life:

For your abiding presence in our lives and

for comforting and guiding us, we give you thanks and praise.

O triune God:

To you be glory and praise now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 293 "This Is My Father's World" Tune: TERRA BEATA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Toccata in F Major Dieterich Buxtehude (8:00)

POSTLUDE Trinity's Shield from *Windows of Comfort Dan Locklair* (9:30 and 11:00)

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 9:30 worship service ar e

Leigh Elias Curry, son of Gilbert and Pam Curry

Connor James Patrick Dell, son of Christopher Dell and Christine Cleek

Michael David Dutter II, son of Michael and Jennifer Dutter

Henry David Eldersveld, son of David and Jennifer Eldersveld

Audrey Witmer Jeffery, daughter of Joseph and Heidi Jeffery

Gabriella Rose Knapp, daughter of Daniel and Andrea Knapp

Ryan Wilhelm Luedtke, son of John and Kimberly Luedtke

Olivia Mary Raemisch, daughter of Jay and Lynn Raemisch

The children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service ar e

Jackson Tyler Jafri, son of Rafi and Shanna Jafri

Ruth Isabel Gelling, daughter of Scott and Tasha Gelling

Kiley Dare O'Shaughnessy, daughter of Brian and Kristina O'Shaughnessy

Jonathan David Schroeder, son of David and Mary Schroeder

David Charles Shuel, son of David and Shannon Shuel

Kathelyn Anita Wallace, daughter of Joseph and Susan Wallace

Katherine Sara White, daughter of Daniel and Karen White

Worship Leaders

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

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. Members of the Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist;

Cole Seaton, 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

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

Today is Trinity Sunday, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

"Trinity's Shield" by Dan Locklair, today's 9:30 and 11:00 postlude, is based on three notes meant to represent the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The banners in the sanctuar y present Old Testament and Pentecost themes, including creation, Hebrew law, harvest, Passover, and tongues of fire.

The bulletin cover: As they leave the sanctuary, worshipers at Fourth Church have long enjoyed the rich blue east window, with its depiction of the four evangelists and Saints Peter and Paul. Lighting the window after dark, however, reveals the delicate stone traceries, intended to be reminiscent of the Jesse tree. This window, like all of the stained glass in the sanctuary, was designed by Charles J. Connick of Boston. It was given in honor of Nettie Fowler McCormick, widow of Cyrus McCormick, by her children after her death in 1923.

Pastoral Staf f

John M. Buchanan, Pastor

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John H. Boyle, Parish Associate

Patrick Daymond, Pastoral Resident

Adam Fronczek. Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship

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