

August 6, 2006

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

At the heart of the Christian faith is the memory of suffering. We would prefer not to remember. We would particularly prefer not to know how the memory our faith preserves is shown forth today in hunger and blood across the world in the lives of the poor; in the overt violence of military repression, in the quiet and seemly violence of international debt, and in the seizure and violation of the land on which the poor depend. But salvation for all requires such memory.

Janet Morley

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 Monday, August 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, August 27 from 12:30 p.m. 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) Sonata I in E-flat Major [Allegro Moderato] *Johann Sebastian Bach*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Sonata I in E-flat Major [Allegro Moderato] – Adagio – Allegro *Johann Sebastian Bach*

INTROIT “Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee” *Plainsong*
Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who at this blessed feast
art pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail. Fountain of goodness,
Jesus, Lord, and God, cleanse us, unclean, with thy most
cleansing blood; increase our faith and love, that we may
know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 220** “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(*unison*)

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden,
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name.
We confess that we have sinned by selfishness,
unbelief, and pride. We have not acted justly, loved mercy,
or walked humbly with you. Wash away our sin,
we pray, and help us to forgive others as you forgive us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 34:1–8 (*responsively*) (page 480, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Samuel 11:26–12:15 (page 272, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by Calum I. MacLeod
THE STING IN THE TALE
“Nathan said to David, ‘You are the man!’”
2 Samuel 12:7 (NRSV)

***HYMN 3** “Comfort, Comfort You My People” *Tune: PSALM 42*

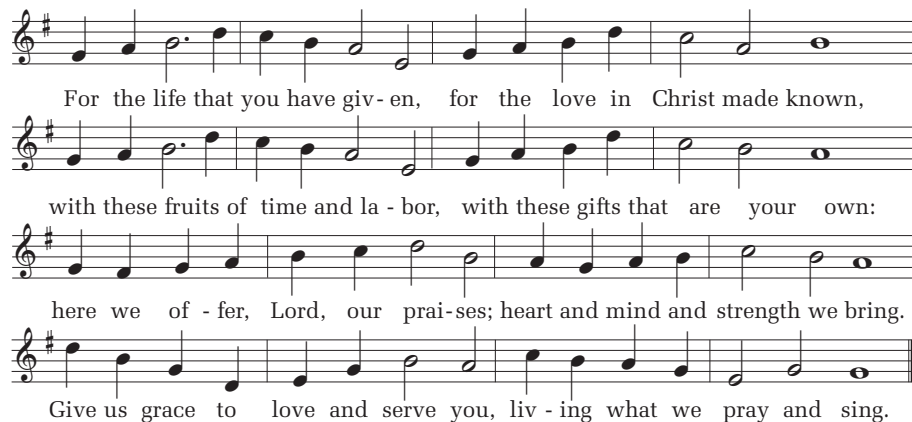
***APOSTLES CREED** (*unison*)
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO “O Rest in the Lord” from *Elijah* *Felix Mendelssohn*
(8:00)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Now the Silence” *Gerald Near*
(9:30 and 11:00)
Now the silence. Now the peace. Now the empty hands uplifted.
Now the kneeling. Now the plea. Now the Father’s arms in
welcome. Now the hearing. Now the power. Now the vessel
brimmed for pouring. Now the body. Now the blood. Now the
joyful celebration. Now the wedding. Now the songs. Now the
heart forgiven leaping. Now the Spirit’s visitation. Now the
Son’s epiphany. Now the Father’s blessing. Now, now, now.
Then the glory. Then the rest. Then the sabbath peace unbroken.
Then the garden. Then the throne. Then the crystal river
flowing. Then the splendor. Then the life. Then the new creation
singing. Then the marriage. Then the love. Then the feast of
joy unending. Then the knowing. Then the light. Then the
ultimate adventure. Then the Spirit’s harvest gathered. Then
the Lamb in majesty. Then the Father’s amen. Then, then, then.

*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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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

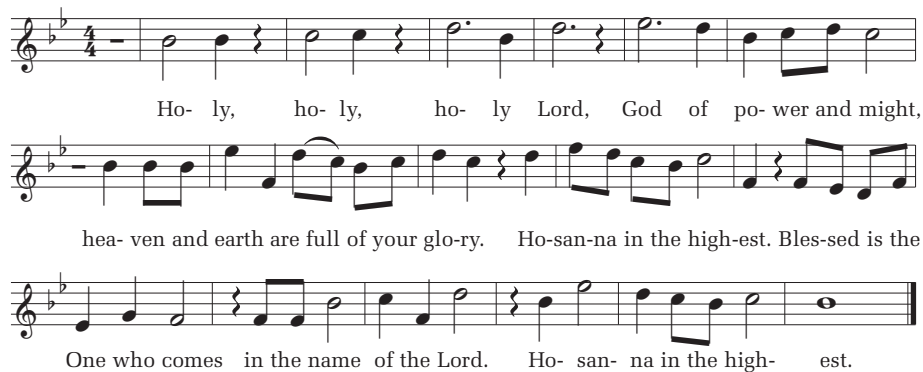
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Minister: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-wei and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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PRAYER AND 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.**

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

*Scottish Psalter
arr. Emma Lou Diemer*

PSALM 23

(recited in unison after all have received the cup)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me
to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the
still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though
I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life in our hands,
now we put our lives in yours.
Take us, shake us, remake us.
No longer is it important what we have been.
It is what, with you, we can be, starting now. Amen.**

***HYMN 515**

“Now to Your Table Spread”

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet

THE LORD'S SUPPER AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 14:19 (NRSV)

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given

to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

At our morning communion services, the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers first take the bread and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at evening worship and at morning worship on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

*"I am the bread of life."
John 6:35 (NRSV)*

Portions of the text adapted from
The Book of Order

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Alice M. Trowbridge, Calum I. MacLeod
9:30 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod
11:00 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Dana Ferguson, Calum I. MacLeod

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Women of the Morning Choir; Laura Kubelka, alto soloist
9:30 a.m. The Women of the Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. The Women of the Morning Choir

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

The women of the Morning Choir are providing musical leadership during the month of August. The full choir will return in September. Anyone interested in participating in an adult or children's choir is encouraged to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, are intended to elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day. More information about these hangings is available in the literature racks.

The bulletin cover: Included in this photograph is a detail of the Loggia's hand-carved finials. The Loggia was added in the 1990s, providing a covered walkway enabling full accessibility to the sanctuary and throughout the church. It also has become a space for fine art exhibitions. The exhibit currently on display there is "Talmud: The Art of Ben Zion and Marc Chagall."

Pastoral Staff

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