

August 27, 2006

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The cross is a reminder of Jesus' willingness to risk everything for the love of God's little ones. The cross he died on reminds me that his Way is not the way of violence against his enemies or victory over those who do not believe in him, but the way of self-annihilating love for God and neighbor. I cannot make any more sense out of "triumphant Christians" than I can out of "conquering servants" or "warrior babies."

Barbara Brown Taylor
Leaving Church

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 today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, September 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, September 16 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)

Symphony VI
Adagio

Charles Marie Widor

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Symphony VI
Allegro
Adagio

Charles Marie Widor

INTROIT

“Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes to the mountains whence cometh help;
thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of
heaven and earth. He hath said thy foot shall not
be moved. Thy keeper will never slumber.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**

(The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 288**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Tune: ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have
sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANTHEM	<p>“Deep Peace”</p> <p>Deep peace of the running wave to you; deep peace of the flowing air to you; deep peace of the quiet earth to you; deep peace of the shining stars to you; deep peace of the Son of peace to you.</p>	<i>Andrew Carter</i>
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PSALTER	Psalm 84 (<i>responsively</i>)	(page 513, O.T.)
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*GLORIA PATRI		(The Hymnal, 579)
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SCRIPTURE LESSON	<p>Ephesians 6:10–20</p> <p>Minister: The Word of the Lord.</p> <p>People: Thanks be to God.</p>	(page 184, N.T.)
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SERMON	<p>by John M. Buchanan</p> <p>FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH</p> <p>“Be strong in the Lord. . . .</p> <p>Put on the whole armor of God.”</p> <p>Ephesians 6:10, 11 (NRSV)</p>
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*HYMN 387	“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”	<i>Tune:</i> BRADBURY
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*APOSTLES CREED	<p>(<i>unison</i>)</p> <p>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.</p>
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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"

*Morgan Simmons***OFFERING****OFFERTORY DUET**

(8:00)

"Anah Dodi"

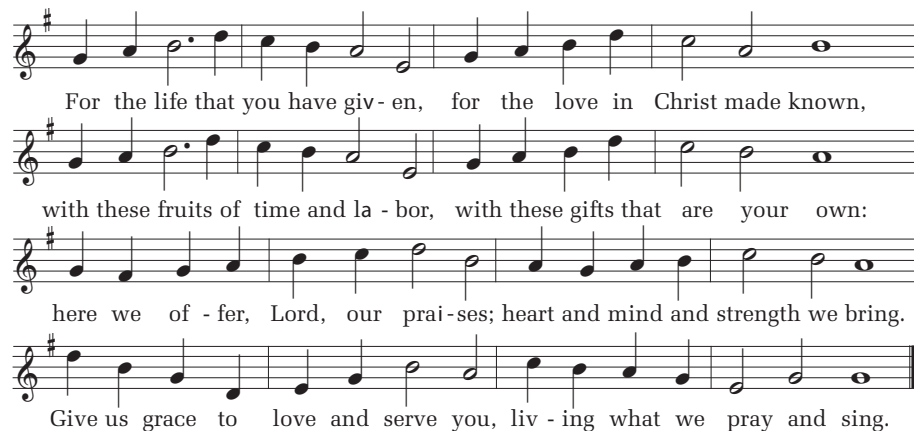
*Rachelle Nelson***OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

(9:30 and 11:00)

"King of Glory, King of Peace"

William H. Harris

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may
never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast
spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the
cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against
me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou
didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise
thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Thou
grewest soft and moist with tears, thou relentedst, and when
justice called for fears thou dissentedst. Small it is in this poor
sort to enroll thee; even eternity's too short to extol thee.

***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: **Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good,
we thank you for the earth, our home,
and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love
in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world,
who died rejected on the cross,
and rose triumphant from the dead.
Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever.
Gracious God, who called us from death to life,
we give ourselves to you; and with the church
through all ages we thank you for your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 361**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Tune: FOUNDATION

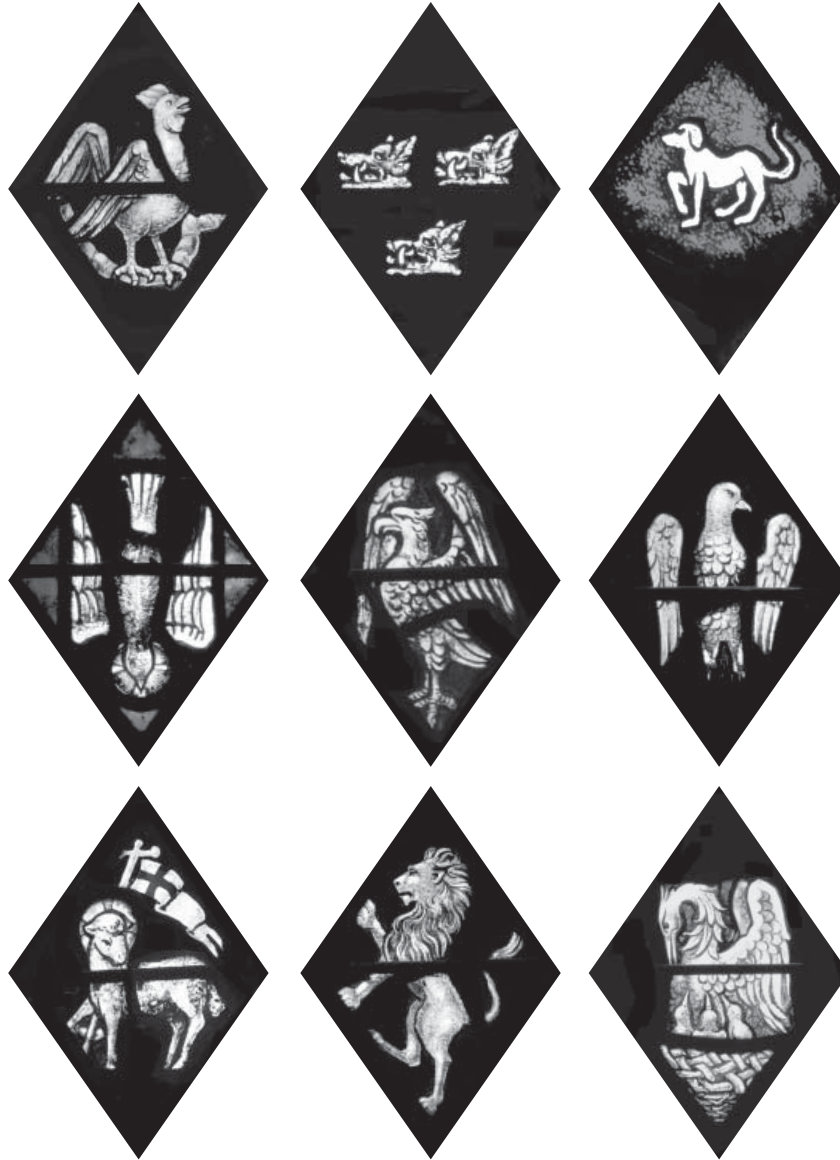
BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Symphony VI
Intermezzo

C. M. Widor

IN THE DETAILS



All Creatures Great and Small

In between every pair of ovals in the *grisaille* stained glass windows (on the north and south walls of the sanctuary) there are small diamonds with various Christian symbols; pictured here are those featuring animals. (The boars' heads and dogs in the upper right two diamonds above were family crests of the church's architects; both diamonds are above the "Ministers' Plaque" in the north aisle.)

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Adam Fronczek, Donna Gray, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m.	Calum I. MacLeod, Donna Gray, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m.	Adam Fronczek, Elizabeth B. Andrews, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Women of the Morning Choir; Jeanne Bishop and Marnie Pomeroy, soprano soloists
9:30 a.m.	The Women of the Morning Choir; Marnie Pomeroy, soprano soloist
11:00 a.m.	The Women of the Morning Choir; Marnie Pomeroy, soprano soloist

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

Worship Notes

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Ken Ohr on behalf of the Adult Education Committee.

Fourth Church extends its thanks to the women of the Morning Choir, who assisted in morning worship services 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.

Pastoral Staff

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