

September 3, 2006

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we truly encounter Jesus—incarnate and ministering among us, crucified and resurrected—our fireproof hearts catch fire, and in following him we come to know that obedience to God which is perfect freedom, and we begin to find our way home.

William Placher
Jesus the Savior

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, September 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 24 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)

Prelude on the Name of Alain

Maurice Duruflé

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00)

Prelude and Fugue on the Name of Alain *Maurice Duruflé*

INTROIT

“Come All You Weary”

Patrick Matsikenyiri

Come, all you weary! O, come, hear the voice of Jesus.

Take my yoke, for it is easy; take my burden, never heavy.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 485

“To God Be the Glory”

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God,
we confess that we fall short of who you call us to be.
We accept the precepts our world
as if they were divine commands.
Our words give you honor,
but we distance our hearts from you.
We choose flexibility instead of fidelity
in our relationships with others and with our God.
Forgive us, Lord.
Grant us the wisdom to make decisions that are good.
Grant us the courage to take actions that create wholeness.
Grant us release from our sins so that we might
live without guilt. We ask these things
in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

(page 631, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks** be to God.

(The Hymnal, 579)

(page 39, N.T.)

SERMON

by Adam Fronczek

FINDING OUR WAY

“Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders?”

Mark 7:5 (NRSV)

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU

* 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**"Hear My Prayer, O Lord"***Stephen Sturk*

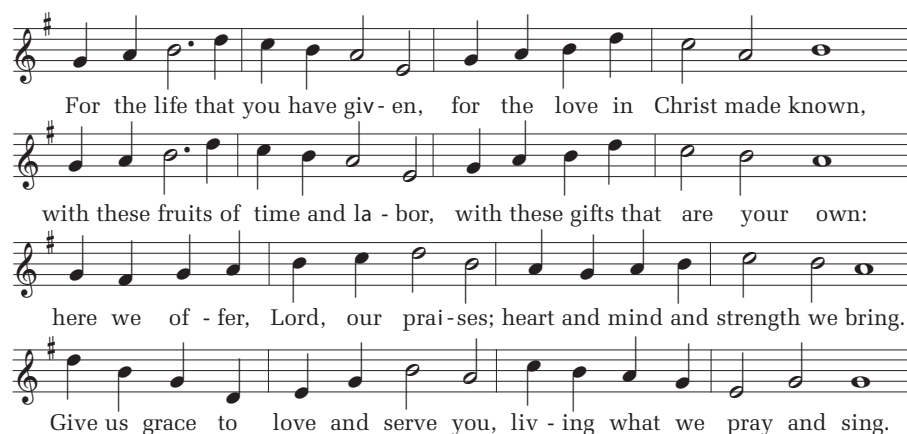
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee. Amen.

OFFERING**OFFERTORY SOLO**
(8:00)**"O for the Wings of a Dove"***Felix Mendelssohn*

O for the wings of a dove! Far away would I rove! In the wilderness build me a nest and remain there forever at rest.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)**"Ain't Got Time to Die"***African American spiritual
arr. Hall Johnson*

Lord, I keep so busy praising my Jesus, ain't got time to die.
'Cause when I'm healing the sick I'm praising my Jesus, ain't got time to die. 'Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus, all of my time to praise my Lord. If I don't praise him the rocks are going to cry out, "Glory and honor!" Lord, I keep so busy working for the kingdom, ain't got time to die. 'Cause when I'm feeding the poor I'm working for the kingdom. Lord, I keep so busy serving my Master, ain't got time to die. 'Cause when I'm giving my all I'm serving my Master. Now, won't you get out of my way, let me praise my Jesus.

***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: **Gracious God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,
our wills and our works, a continual offering
of thanks to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 414**

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

Tune: FOREST GREEN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude

William Mathias

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Carvings on the west wall of Stone Chapel depict the four evangelists—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—and their symbols, held by angels (winged man, winged lion, winged ox, and eagle). The bottom row depicts Peter, Stephen, Paul, and Timothy.

The chapel was dedicated in 1931 in honor of John Timothy Stone, who served as pastor of Fourth Church from 1909 to 1930 and oversaw the church’s move to its current location on Michigan Avenue in 1914. The presence of three of the carvings in Stone Chapel is explained in part by the nominating motion for Stone as moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in May, 1915: “[This] candidate has the tenderness of *John*, the evangelistic spirit of Timothy, and the strength of *Peter*” (since most of those present knew that “Peter” is Greek for “stone,” the nominee’s identity was revealed).

IN THE DETAILS

John Timothy Stone Chapel Carvings



(See caption on facing page)

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Keith C. Harris, Joyce Shin, Adam Fronczek
9:30 a.m.	Thomas C. Rook, Dana Ferguson, Adam Fronczek
11:00 a.m.	Keith C. Harris, Dana Ferguson, Adam Fronczek

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	Members of the Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist
9:30 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, tenor soloist
11:00 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, tenor soloist

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

Today's Minute for Mission is presented on behalf of the Chicago Avenue Community Garden Committee.

The full Morning Choir returns this morning to 9:30 and 11:00 worship. The Chancel Choir will return next Sunday, September 10 to sing during 8:00 worship. Those interested in singing with the volunteer Chancel choir, or any other choir at Fourth Church, can 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: This carved wooden angel can be found at the base of the organ case on the south wall of the choir loft (to the left as you face the front of the church). The Fourth Church organ dates from 1971; an Aeolian/Skinner, it is one of the largest in the Midwest and incorporates pipework from the original instrument of 1914. Most of its 6,603 pipes are in the area south of the choir loft, although two of the seven divisions are located in a separate organ loft at the rear of the church, above the large east window.

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