September 24, 2006

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, he came to those who knew him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me!" and he sets before us the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, he will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings, which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and, as an effable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who he is.

> Albert Schweitzer The Quest for the Historical Jesus

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, October 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, October 14 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)	Adagio in E Major	Frank Bridge
Prelude (9:30 and 11:00)	Prelude and Fugue on a Theme of Vit Siciliano Adagio in E Major	ttoria Benjamin Britten Herbert Howells Frank Bridge
Introit	"The Preces" Bruce Neswick O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise. O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Praise ye the Lord; the Lord's name be praised.	
*Doxology and Invoca	TION	(The Hymnal, 592)
*Нумл 371	"Lift High the Cross"	<i>Tune:</i> Crucifer
Prayer of Confession (unison)	Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.	
	N Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.	
Concerns of the Church		
MINUTE FOR MISSION		

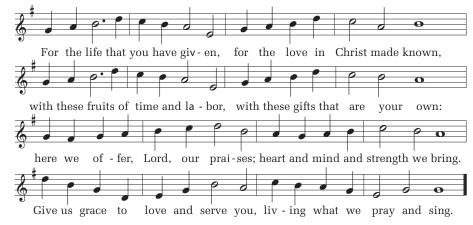
PSALTER	Psalm 1 (responsively)	(page 463, O.T.)
Anthem	"Sing to the Lord" Sing to the Lord, ye heavenly hosts, and Let death and hell throughout their coa power. His sounding chariot shakes the his throne. There all the stores of lighte darts them down. His nostrils breather of his awful tongue a sovereign voice divit thunder roars along. Think, O my soul, this incensed God shall rend the sky and his wrath abroad. Let all that dwell abo and seas conspire to lift thy glories high praise. The whole creation join in one to of him that sits upon the throne and to	sts stand trembling at his e sky; he makes the clouds ming lie, 'til vengeance out fiery streams and from des the flames, and the dreadful day, when ad burn the sea and fling we the sky and air and earth in and speak thine endless to bless the sacred name
First Lesson	James 3:13–18	(page 216, N.T.)
Minister:	The Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
*Gloria Patri		(The Hymnal, 579)
Second Lesson	Mark 8:27–33	(page 41, N.T.)
Sermon	by John M. Buchanan THE WAY OF THE HEART "But who do you say that I am?" Mark 8:29 (NRSV)	
*Нумл 306	"Fairest Lord Jesus"	<i>Tune:</i> Crusaders' Hymn
*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	"Amen"	Thomas Tallis
OFFERING		
Offertory Solo (8:00)	"Laudate Dominum" from <i>Solemn Vespers</i> <i>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</i> O praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise him all ye peoples; for his loving-kindness has been bestowed upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.	
OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30 and 11:00)	"Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion" Malcolm Boyle Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Blessed is the one whom thou choosest and receivest unto thee. They shall dwell in thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace, whose minds are stayed on thee. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace because they trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Let the people praise thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God shall give us his blessing.	

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE

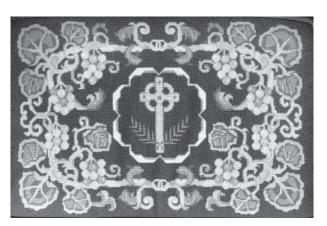


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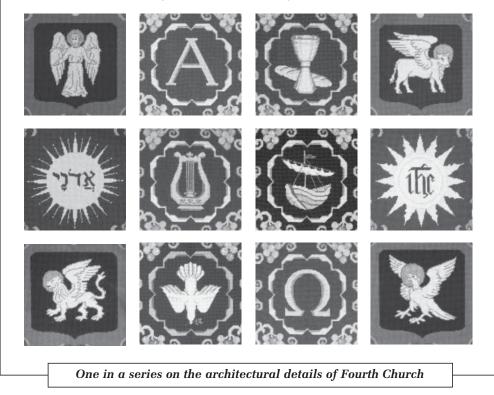
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Minister	: Lift up your hearts.	
People	: We lift them to the Lord.	
Minister	: Let us give thanks to the Lord our G	od.
People	: It is right to give our thanks and pr	aise.
All	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	
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*Нумп 389	through all ages we thank you for y in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
*Нумл 389	through all ages we thank you for y	our saving love
*Hymn 389 Benediction and Resi	through all ages we thank you for y in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. "O Jesus, I Have Promised"	our saving love
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IN THE DETAILS



The needlepoint in the chancel, including thirteen cushions, faux carving, panels of wheat and grapes, and the gold cross, are the handiwork of Morgan Simmons, a member of this congregation and, from 1968 to 1996, organist and choirmaster of Fourth Church. The combined number of stitches for these works approaches 2 million, 169 per square inch. Central to each of the upper and lower chancel cushions is a religious symbol (shown here), surrounded by clusters of grapes, which echo the motif found in many of the chancel and pulpit carvings and in the stained glass windows.



Worship Leaders

reaction processes	
8:00 a.m.	Adam Fronczek, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m.	Calum I. MacLeod, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m.	Calum I. MacLeod, Elizabeth B. Andrews, John M. Buchanan
The Music Today	
8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir; Natalie Mann, soprano soloist; Bruce Varner, violinist
9:30 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Michael Swenson, baritone soloist
11:00 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Michael Swenson, baritone soloist
	John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Kristi Walker on behalf of the CROP Walk.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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