January 20, 2008

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The dream is the quiet persistence in the heart that enables a person to ride out the storms of churning experiences. It is the exciting whisper moving through the aisles of the spirit. . . . It is the ever-recurring melody in the midst of the broken harmony and harsh discords of human conflict. It is the touch of significance which highlights the ordinary experience, the common event. The dream is no outward thing. It does not take its rise from the environment in which one moves or functions. It lives in the inward parts, it is deep within, where the issues of life and death are ultimately determined. Keep alive the dream; for as long as we have a dream in our hearts, we cannot lose the significance of living.

A Strange Freedom: The Best of Howard Thurman

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 and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

- 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 next Sunday, January 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 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 Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

	Morning Worship	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00
I	The beginning of the prelude i personal preparation for the w	
Prelude (8:00)	Voluntary	Thomas Arne
PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00)	Voluntary	Giovanni Gabrieli arr. Robert King Sebastian Anton Scherer Shaker song ron Copland/Erich Peterson Thomas Arne African American spiritual arr. Bob Walters
Introit	"The Lord Has Shown Forth Hi The Lord has shown forth his glory Glory to the Father, and to the Son as it was in the beginning, is now, a	7; come, let us adore him. , and to the Holy Spirit;
*Doxology and Invoca	TION	(The Hymnal, 592)
*Hymn 423	"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the	e Sun" Tune: Duke Street
Prayer of Confession (unison)	Merciful God, you pardon all who truly reper We humbly confess our sins an We have not loved you with a p nor have we loved our neighbo We have not done justice, loved or walked humbly with you, ou Have mercy on us, O God, in y In your great compassion, clea Create in us a clean heart, O G and renew a right spirit within from your presence or take you Restore us to the joy of your sa sustain us with your bountiful	ad ask your mercy. pure heart, ors as ourselves. d kindness, ur God. our loving-kindness. nse us from our sin. od, us. Do not cast us ur Holy Spirit from us. lvation and
	N Friends, believe the good news In Jesus Christ, we are forgiver	

*Stand as you are able.

Reception of New Members (11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Commissioning of Mission Trip Participants (9:30)

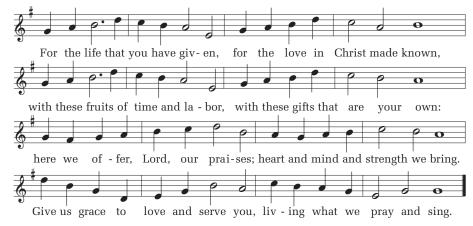
Алтнем (8:00)	"Teach Me, My God and King" Teach me, my God and King, in all thing I do in anything to do it as for thee. For on it may stay the eye, or if it please the then the heaven espy. All may of thee p so mean, which with this tincture, "for grow bright and clean. A servant with th divine; who sweeps a room, as for thy la the action fine. This is the famous stone for that which God doth touch and own	those who look on glass, em, through it pass and artake; nothing can be thy sake," will not his clause makes drudgery aws, makes that and e that turneth all to gold,
ANTHEM	"Dies Sanctificatus"	Giovanni Croce
(9:30 and 11:00)	Day of sanctification, illuminate us. Come, ye people, and let us worship the Lord our God, for upon this day descended a great light on the earth; the Lord has made this day. Let us all be joyful and rejoice in it.	
PSALTER	Psalm 40:1–11 (responsively)	(page 486, O.T.)
*Gloria Patri		(The Hymnal, 579)
	Isaiah 49:1–7 The Word of the Lord. : Thanks be to God.	(page 638, O.T.)
Sermon	by Alice M. Trowbridge THE SERVANTS' SONG	
*Hymn 419	"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"	<i>Tune:</i> Repton
*Apostles' Creed	<i>(unison)</i> I believe in God the Father Almight Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son ou who was conceived by the Holy Gh born of the Virgin Mary, suffered un was crucified, dead, and buried;	r Lord; lost,

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 Our Prayer" Hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.	Milton Swenson
OFFERING		
Offertory Solo (8:00)	How Fair and How Pleasant Is the Lord	Marcel Dupré
OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30 and 11:00)	"Teach Me, O Lord" Stephen Sturk Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. How sweet are your words to my taste; they are sweeter than honey to my mouth. O blest Creator of the light, who makest the day with radiance bright and over the forming world didst call the light from chaos first of all. Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path. They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.	

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE



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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Minister	r: Lift up your hearts.	
Peopl	e: We lift them to the Lord.	
Ministe	r: Let us give thanks to the Lord our	God.
People	e: It is right to give our thanks and	praise.
Al	l: Gracious God, we thank you for t	the voices of the faithful
	of every time and place, and mos	t of all
	for your love revealed in Jesus Ch	ırist, your Son.
Strengthen us to be his faithful disc		sciples and
	to love Christ with fresh devotion	 I.
	Draw our hearts to you, guide ou	r minds,
	fill our imaginations, and direct of	
	that we may be wholly yours, tot	
	Use us and these gifts to further t	
	always to your glory and the well	
	through Jesus Christ our Lord. A	
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*Нумл 435	"We All Are One in Mission"	
	<i>Tune:</i> Es Flog	Ein Kleins Waldvögelein
BENEDICTION AND RES	PONSE	
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Postlude	Final	André Fleury
(8:00)		
POSTLUDE	Just a Closer Walk with Thee	American folk song
(0.20 and 11.00)	just a Globor Maik Milli 1100	am Don Cillia

arr. Don Gillis

(9:30 and 11:00)

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Seventy-nine years ago, on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta. Only thirty-five years later, this pastor and Civil Rights leader became the youngest individual to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. On this weekend when we join churches and communities across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., we read again the words he wrote from the Birmingham Jail in April 1963, excerpted from his letter, which was first printed in the *Christian Century*:

We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be co-workers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.

... If today's church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century.

Is organized religion too inextricably bound to the status quo to save our nation and the world? Perhaps I must turn my faith to the inner spiritual church, the church within the church, as the true ekklesia and the hope of the world. But again I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom... They have acted in the faith that right defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment.

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Joyce Shin, John H. Boyle, Alice M. Trowbridge
9:30 a.m.	Joyce Shin, John H. Boyle, Alice M. Trowbridge
11:00 a.m.	Elizabeth B. Andrews, Adam Fronczek, Alice M. Trowbridge

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir, Carol Carpenter, alto soloist
9:30 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Tower Brass; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist
11:00 a.m.	The Morning Choir; Tower Brass; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

Today Fourth Church commissions participants in its mission trips to New Orleans (Wade Carney, Deborah Kang, Kathryn Montgomery, Rebecca Nilssen, Doug Pond, Kathi Rodak, Anne Stelle, Anna Vest, and John Vest) and Cameroon (Tracye Campbell, Adam Fronczek, Carol Gates, Marisa Joseph, Ann Mellott, Tom Mellott, Francis Ntowe, Heather O'Brien, Cristina Ohr, Ken Ohr, Jennifer Pierce, Joe Pixler, Adrienne Renwick, and Amy Stiner). Also being commissioned is Dr. Bernard Blaauw, who is returning to Kumba, Cameroon to work in the HIV/AIDS clinic there.

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning. Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month during the academic year.

John Buchanan is preaching at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta this morning as part of their Urban Ministry Conference.

Those who would like to complete a survey about 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. worship opportunities can pick up a copy of the survey during Coffee Hour today. The survey can also be completed online at www.fourthchurch.org.

On the cover: This architectural detail shows the stone and tile ceiling vault sixty feet above the chancel and choir loft. Sculpted by Italian stone cutters during construction of Fourth Church in 1913, the carvings represent various branches of the Reformed family of churches. For Reformed Christians, spirituality, as the practice of faith, finds its roots in scripture and in the historic and contemporary confessions—church-recognized, valid expressions of a reformed, scripture-based faith.

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