

March 9, 2008

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

I understand that people want to be safe, polite, obedient, comfortable, but that's not being alive. Iranaeus, the great early church father, said that the glory of God is a human being fully alive. Now, if you back off from every little controversy in your life you're not alive, and what's more, you're boring. It's a terrible thing that we settle for so much less.

William Sloane Coffin Jr.
from *In the Life of Meaning*
Bob Abernathy and William Bole

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.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

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 Sunday, March 30 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, April 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, April 19 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).

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MORNING WORSHIP

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

PRELUDE Cantabile *Joseph Clokey*
Fantasy and Fugue in G Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*
When in the Hour of Deepest Need *J. S. Bach*

INTROIT “When in the Hour of Deepest Need” *Louis Bourgeois*
When in the hour of deepest need we know not where to look
for aid; when days and nights of anxious thought no help
or counsel yet have brought; thus have we come, O God,
today, and all our woes before you lay. For sorely tried,
cast down, we stand, perplexed by fears on every hand.

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

***HYMN 87** “The Glory of These Forty Days” *Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(unison)

**God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM "Fragrant the Prayer" *Curt Oliver*
 Fragrant the prayer, breath of the rose in air! Fragrant the prayer
 my child taught me. The Son of Mary bought me; the Son of
 Mary craved me; the Son of Mary saved me. In grey of morn
 Christ was forlorn! In grey of morn the birds call kindly;
 be not my eyes shut blindly! The Son of Mary wept me; the
 Son of Mary kept me. O countenance like the ember, bid me
 remember the Lamb of God; sore taken, the Lamb of God forsaken,
 the Lamb of God under clay three days till resurrection day!

PSALTER Psalm 130 (*unison*) (page 542, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 27:1-2, 11-31 (page 30, N.T.)
 Minister: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
 MOCKED

***HYMN 76** "My Song Is Love Unknown" *Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN*

***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”

William Munday

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Beatitudes”

Vasily Sergeyevich Kalinnikov

O Lord, remember us when thou comest into thy kingdom.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed
are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall
obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall
see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called
the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for
righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
O blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.
Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

***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: **God of compassion,**

**we praise you that you look upon our frail lives
with love and understanding
and that you desire for us all
new life in Jesus Christ.**

**We are overwhelmed by your love,
which goes to the cross for us,
endures the grave,
and leads us to new life.**

**By your Spirit, strengthen our souls
to be brave and bold in Christ's service.**

**Take our offerings,
and use them and us for your purposes,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.
Amen.**

***HYMN 92**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Join the Journey through Lent to Easter

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays, March 12 and 19 | 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

Palm Sunday, March 16

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.

Holy Week Noonday Services

Monday–Friday, March 17–21 at 12:10 p.m.

Lunch will be served immediately following the service each day.

Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Maundy Thursday, March 20

12:10 p.m. Communion Service

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service

Good Friday, March 21

12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service

4:00 p.m. Children's Service in Blair Chapel

5:15 p.m. Silent Retreat (through Saturday)

7:30 p.m. Choral Service

Saturday, March 22

Easter Vigil

10:30 p.m. to midnight in the sanctuary

Easter Sunday, March 23

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Easter Service

Easter Brunch will follow the 11:30 a.m. service. Tickets are available in Coffee Hour and at the reception desk.

9:30 a.m. Children's Service in Westminster House

6:30 p.m. Jazz Vespers Service

Please note that the last morning service on Palm Sunday and Easter begins at 11:30 a.m.

Also please keep in mind that sanctuary seating for all services on Easter morning fills quickly and early and be prepared for possible delays in entering and exiting parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume.

Worship Leaders

9:30 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, John H. Boyle, John M. Buchanan
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The Music Today

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Elizabeth Anderson, alto soloist;
Cole Seaton, tenor soloist
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Cole Seaton, tenor soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

“**Cantabile**,” part of today’s prelude, was composed by Joseph Clokey (1890–1960). Born in New Albany, Indiana, he studied organ and composition at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Clokey wrote two operas and a large amount of sacred organ and choral music and was hailed as one of the most distinguished church musicians of his era.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the programs of Chicago Lights—specifically the Scholarship Program and the Elam Davies Social Service Center—as well as the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Interfaith Homes Initiative. Gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering can be made by using the envelopes in the pew racks or writing “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). The monthly Taizé service is held in Anderson Hall on the fourth Friday of each month and offers an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. Throughout Lent, a midweek service also is held each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

On the cover: The season of Lent points us toward the cross of Christ. This Latin cross, one of many integrated into the architecture of Fourth Church, is carved in the center of the minister’s chair in the upper chancel.

Pastoral Staff

John M. Buchanan, Pastor
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