

[Certain experiences] leave us wondering whether Christ can be more than Christianity. Or even other than Christianity. Can it be that the teachings of the gospel are embedded and can be found in reality itself rather than being exclusively isolated in sacred texts and our interpretations of these texts? If the answer is yes, can it be that they are embedded in other stories, other peoples' histories, and even other religions?

Samir Selmanovic
in *An Emergent Manifesto of Hope*

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 today, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, May 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, May 17 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 O God, Our Faithful God *Johannes Brahms*

INTROIT “If Ye Love Me” *Thomas Tallis*
If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray
the Father, and he shall give you another comforter
that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

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

***HYMN 554** “Let All Things Now Living” *Tune: ASH GROVE*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(unison)

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 “Let All the World” *Robert Baker*
Let all the world in every corner sing, “My God and King!”
The heavens are not too high: his praise may thither fly!
The earth is not too low: his praises there may grow.
The church with psalms must shout; no door can keep them out,
but above all the heart must bear the longest part.

**Stand as you are able.*

PSALTER Psalm 29 (*responsively*) (page 477, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 17:16–34 (page 129, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by John W. Vest
GOD BY ANY OTHER NAME

*HYMN 324 “Open My Eyes That I May See” *Tune: OPEN MY EYES*

*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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO “Domine Deus” from *Gloria* *Antonio Vivaldi*

Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you.

*OFFERTORY 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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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho- san- na in the high- est. Bles- sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty . . .

. . . dedicated to your service.

Minister: . . . that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Do this in remembrance of me.” Luke 22:19 (NRSV)

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the

Lord's Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

*“I am the bread of life.”
John 6:35 (NRSV)*

Portions of the text adapted from
The Book of Order

Worship Leaders Elizabeth B. Andrews, Thomas C. Rook, John W. Vest

The Music Today The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, Andrea Pokrefke, and Cole Seaton, soloists

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

Worship Notes

This morning's Minute for Mission is presented by Mark Bereyso on behalf of Chicago Lights, a nonprofit community service organization at Fourth Presbyterian Church. Chicago Lights kicks off its Annual Fund campaign today with a fund-raising goal of \$320,000 to support its work in the areas of education and literacy, health and wellness, and homelessness and hunger. Its programs together serve more than 7,000 individuals and families. A mailing about this campaign is being sent to all Fourth Church households in the coming week. For more information, contact Katy Frey at 312.274.3816 (kfrey@fourthchurch.org).

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). A monthly Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. 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.

The detail on the bulletin cover is taken from one of Fourth Presbyterian Church's aisle windows. Designed by Charles J. Connick of Boston and original to the church's construction in 1914, these stained glass windows on the north and south sides of the sanctuary were made in the thirteenth-century style known as grisaille.

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