

You are—strange though it may seem, almost as hard to believe as the resurrection itself—accomplishing something that will become in due course part of God’s new world. Every act of love, gratitude, and kindness; every work of art or music inspired by the love of God and delight in the beauty of his creation; every minute teaching a severely handicapped child to read or walk; every act of care and nurture, of comfort and support, for one’s fellow human beings, and, of course, every prayer, every deed that spreads the gospel and builds up the church . . . all of this will find its way, through the resurrecting power of God, into the new creation that God will one day make.

N.T. Wright, Bishop of Durham
Surprised by 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 worshippers 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

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

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.

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, May 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, June 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 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 Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

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MORNING WORSHIP

9:30 and 11:00

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

PRELUDE

Ascension Day

Olivier Messiaen

I. Majesty of Christ praying that his Father should glorify him

II. Serene Alleluias from a soul longing for heaven

IV. Prayer from Christ ascending towards his Father

INTROIT

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

Plainsong

A hymn of glory let us sing; new hymns throughout the world shall ring; by a new way none ever trod Christ takes his place, the throne of God. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord, who are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit, one.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 142

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Tune: CORONATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;**

**we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;**

**we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.**

**Help us to trust your power to change our lives
and make us new,**

**that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

LITANY

Minister: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Minister: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: **To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Minister: Together we are the body of Christ

People: **and individually members of it.**

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF OFFICERS AND QUESTIONS

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism as your own and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, courage, and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

“Coelos ascendit hodie” *Charles Villiers Stanford*
Today Jesus Christ, the King of glory, has ascended into the heavens, alleluia! He sits at the Father's right hand, ruling heaven and earth, alleluia! Now are David's songs fulfilled; now is the Lord with his Lord, alleluia! He sits upon the royal throne of God, in this his greatest triumph, alleluia! Let us bless the Lord; let the holy Trinity be praised; let us give thanks to the Lord, alleluia! Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 68:4–10 (*responsively*)

(page 501, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS John 17:6–10 (page 105, N.T.)
 Jeremiah 1:4–10 (page 656, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
 HAPPINESS IS DOING WHAT
 YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO DO
 “Before you were born I consecrated you;
 I appointed you a prophet to the nations”
 Jeremiah 1:5 (NRSV)

***HYMN 419** “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord” *Tune:* REPTON

***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”

John Rutter

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “God Is Gone Up”

Gerald Finzi

***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: **We give you thanks, great God,
for the hope we have in Jesus,
who died but is risen and rules over all.
We praise you for his presence with us.
Because he lives, we look for eternal life,
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come
can separate us from your great love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 429**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Tune: ABBOT’S LEIGH

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ascension Day

O. Messiaen

III. Outburst of joy from a soul before the glory of Christ
which is its own glory

OFFICERS OF FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Following the action of the congregation and the Session of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, the following persons will be ordained and installed to church office this morning. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this important ministry.

Session (*the church's governing body, which meets monthly to conduct the business of the church*) — LaDonna Black, Don Coe, Debbie Frisch, Lisa Garay, Jerry Johnson, Carl Leigh, Gregory Lewis, Jeremy Lewis, Ross Lober, Llani O'Connor, Alison Thomas, Paul Vogel, Stephanette Walker

Board of Trustees (*those elected by the congregation to manage Fourth Church's financial and physical resources*) — John Berghoff, David Crawford, Melanie Ehrhart, Doug Grissom, Roger Nelson, Liz Patterson, Sara Pfaff

Board of Deacons (*often described as "the heart of the church," those involved in the care of the congregation and various outreach ministries*) — Mark Agerton, Lisa Armstrong, Barbara Anderson, Mary Bartholomaeus, Annette Bacon, Rick Bogaard, Judi Braskamp, Chelsea Bumpus, Eloise Foster, Louise Gram, Michael Hires, Judah Howard, Kurt Kossen, Heather Major, Jeff McGuire, Zoa Norman, Brad Pierce, George Smith, Jean Sweer, Douglas Trapasso, Doris Yancey

Please also keep in your prayers those officers who are continuing their terms of service.

Session: Mark Bereyso, C. Andrew Brickman, Fred Chisolm, Linda Crane, Allison Pay Crawford, Lisa Doak, Sam Evans, Arlene Faulk, Kim Grady, Ann Kingstrom, Elizabeth Kurman, Lars Lofgren, David Miller, Francis Ntowe-Fankam, Doug Pond, Janet Reed, Kathleen Rodak, Tony Ruger, Mary Schaaafsa, John Shorney, Rob Sinclair, Evadney Stephens, Len Tomaka, Claudia Winkler

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Fourth Church extends a heartfelt thank-you and its sincere appreciation to those who this May complete their three-year term of service as officers.

Session: Bill Becker, Betty Bergstrom, Allison Cochrane, Beth Davis, Jay Frey, Carl Lingenfelter, Carol Lobbes, Larry McCracken, Ann Mellott, Ed Miller, Sue Schemper, Bob Unglaub, Allison Youngblood

Board of Trustees: Nancy Brown, Juli Crabtree, Lloyd Culbertson, Joan M. Hall, Elinor Hite, Andrew McGaan, S. L. Van Der Zanden

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Worship Leaders

9:30 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

Today's prelude and postlude were written by French composer and organist Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992) in 1933. This early work of his demonstrates Messiaen's deep faith and spirituality, his exotic harmonies and thick textures. The second movement of L'Ascension (Ascension Day) incorporates the sound of birdsongs, which Messiaen loved throughout his life.

Offering gifts to the Chicago Lights Annual Fund campaign can be made using the special envelopes in the pew racks or by making a check payable to Chicago Lights. Chicago Lights is a nonprofit community service organization at Fourth Presbyterian Church, serving more than 7,000 individuals and families annually. Its campaign seeks to raise \$320,000 to support Chicago Lights' work in the areas of education and literacy, health and wellness, and homelessness and hunger. For information, contact Katy Frey at 312.274.3816 (kfrey@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church welcomes to 11:00 worship the youth group of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who are in Chicago to work on a variety of service projects this weekend, and a group from Elmhurst College, who are accompanying Fourth Church members Jeanette and Bryant Cureton, who is the retiring president of the college.

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.

Pastoral Staff

John M. Buchanan, Pastor
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Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship
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Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Young Adults
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