

July 20, 2008

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

SINCE OUR HUMAN LIVES CANNOT BE LIVED APART from the rest of creation that sustains us, might it be that “living in Christ” will mean living in communion with that word that permeates the whole creation . . . and that therefore we not find God “in heaven,” but right here in all our earthly reality? Then the whole creation must be viewed with reverence, held in sacred trust not just as God’s gift to us, but as holy in its own right.

Elaine M. Prevallet, *Where Is Your God?*

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 for three hours 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 for 900 parking must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, July 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, August 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. or Saturday, August 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025.

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).

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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All: O Sacred Challenger, in you all struggle is reborn to strength, all pain is remolded to promise, all wounds are re-created to wholeness. Hold us in your love—and help us to be ever-present to your resurrective movement in our midst and your radical mission in our lives. 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

PSALTER Psalm 139:1–12 (*responsively*) (page 545, O.T.)

ANTHEM “A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester” *L. J. White*
O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Matthew 13:1–9 (page 13, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Genesis 28:10–19 (page 24, O.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
EARTH’S CRAMMED WITH HEAVEN
“Surely the Lord was in this place—
and I did not know it!”
Genesis 28:16 (NRSV)

***HYMN 272** “God of the Sparrow” *Tune: ROEDER*

*** 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”

Anonymous

OFFERING

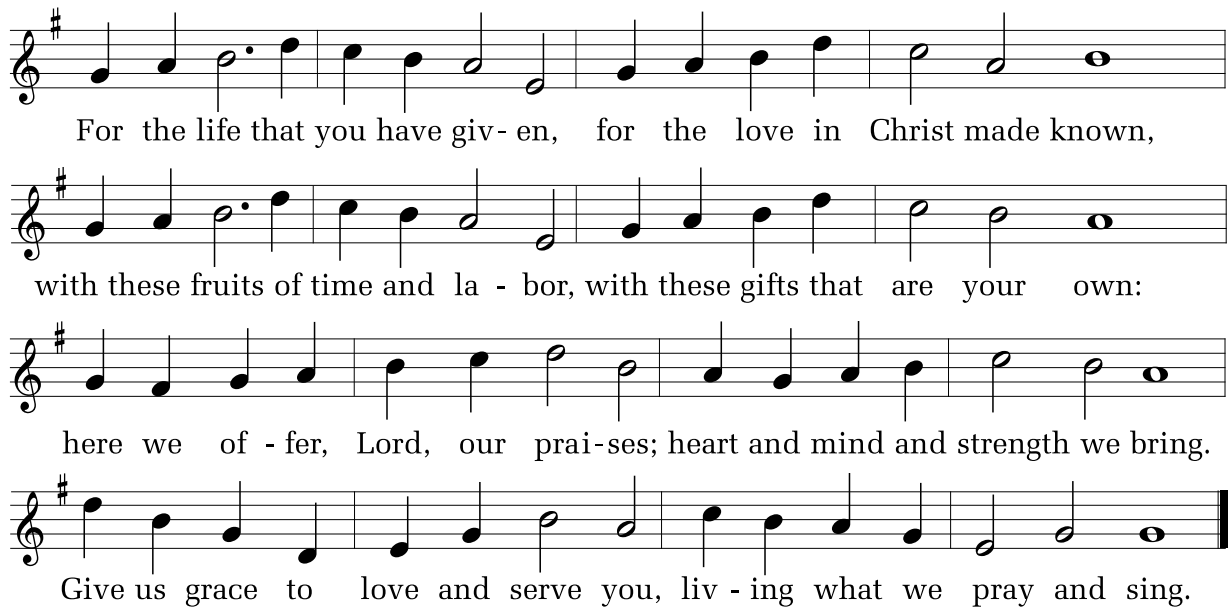
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Laudate Pueri Dominum”

F. Mendelssohn

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name
of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.

*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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*THE CLOSING PRAYER

Minister: For the healing you have given us—

People: **we thank you, O God.**

Minister: For the community that you have restored in us
through the sharing of life—

People: **we praise you, O God!**

Minister: For the courage and strength that you have promised to us,
even when we feel lost and unsure—

People: **we commend you, O God!**

All: **Make of us all, this day, nourishment for these
starved times, food for those around us who are hungry
for justice and hope, that being bread for them
we may also be fed and be full! Amen!**

*HYMN 293

“This Is My Father’s World”

Tune: TERRA BEATA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

6 POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Major

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

IN THE DETAILS



A close-up look at the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels atop the aisle piers reveals their distinctive expressions, patterns, and instruments. Shown above are the pair of angels second from the rear of the church. The south angel (*left*) plays a pair of handbells, while the north angel (*right*) holds a shield with the lettering “IHS,” an abbreviation of “Jesus” in classical Greek characters.

Third in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 9:30 a.m. John H. Boyle, Elizabeth B. Andrews, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. John W. Vest, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. Women of the Morning Choir; Jelena Dirks, oboist
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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's services use the Opening and Closing Prayers from the 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) on June 22, 2008.

Contributions to the Chicago Lights Annual fund allow students from the inner city to participate in Summer Day, a six-week educational camp designed to give children a head start on the fall semester. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, between now and July 31 every dollar raised through an increased or new gift to the Chicago Lights Annual Fund will result in a matching gift, up to \$50,000, to the Chicago Lights education programs. For information about this nonprofit community service organization at Fourth Presbyterian Church, contact Katy Frey at 312.274.3816.

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805–1847), the composer of today's postlude, was considered more talented than her younger brother, Felix Mendelssohn, even by her own family. However, her family discouraged her career in music due to the customs of the time. Her husband, Wilhelm Hensel, encouraged her to publish her compositions and become a concert pianist.

The women of the Morning Choir will be singing at morning worship services in July. The men of the Morning Choir will sing during August, and the full choir will return in September.

On the cover: The bulletin cover shows an architectural detail from the Fourth Church spire. This angel on the Michigan Avenue facade echoes the text of Psalm 150: "Praise God with trumpet sound. . . . Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!"

PASTORAL STAFF

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