
August 17, 2008

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

HOW GOD MUST DESPISE THE SOUNDS of those who pray this day, “Thy kingdom come,” and tomorrow bar its way. How God must despise the spectacle of Christians who climb upon the cross to be seen from afar, thereby trampling on the one who has hung there so long.

William Sloane Coffin

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, August 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, September 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, September 20 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).

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ANTHEM

“King of Glory, King of Peace” *David Charles Walker*

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee; and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst clear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee; e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:5–9

(page 596, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 15:21–28

(page 16, N.T.)

SERMON

by Calum I. MacLeod

THE TRAJECTORY OF SALVATION

“Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

Matthew 15:27 (NRSV)

***HYMN 399**

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Tune: DUNLAP’S CREEK

***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"

Vincent Persichetti

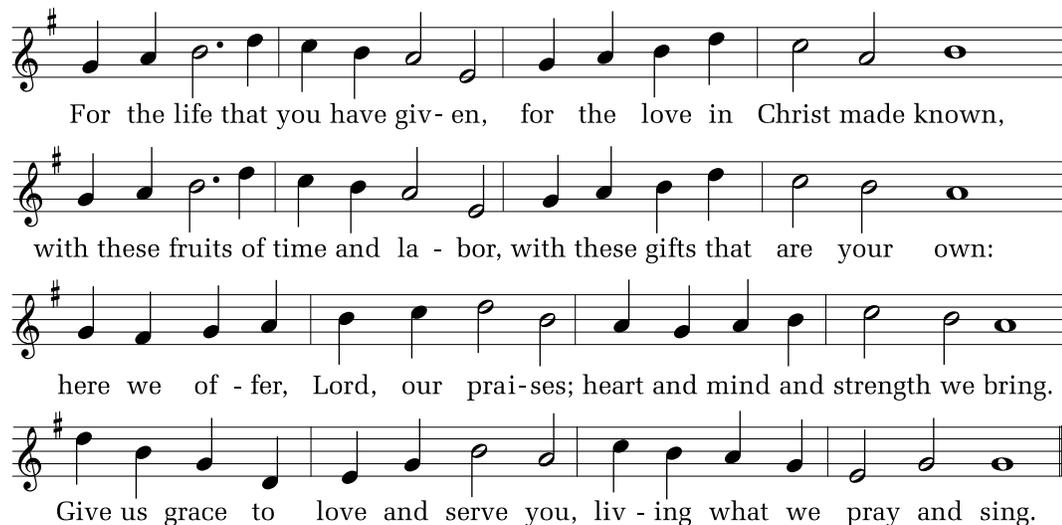
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Ride the Chariot"

*African American spiritual
arr. William Henry Smith*

I'm gonna ride the chariot in the morning, Lord; I'm getting ready for the judgment day, my Lord. Are you ready, my brother? Are you ready for the journey? Do you want to see your Jesus? O, yes, I'm waiting for the chariot because I'm ready to go. Are you ready, my sister? Are you ready for the journey? Do you want to see your Jesus? O, yes, I'm waiting for the chariot because I'm ready to go. I never can forget that day, when all my sins were taken away. My feet were snatched from the miry clay; I'll serve my Lord 'til judgment day.

*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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Minister: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All: **God of our hearts and minds, we give you thanks and praise for your goodness to us and dedicate to you our thoughts, our words, our gifts, our deeds, the working of our hands, the thinking of our minds, and the loving of our hearts. Shield us this day; keep us from offense and surround us with your love, now and forevermore. Amen.**

***HYMN 466**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Tune: AZMON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

IN THE DETAILS



The Great East Window in the Fourth Presbyterian Church sanctuary was designed by Charles J. Connick with the stone tracery intended to be reminiscent of the traditional “Jesse tree.” With the vine, leaves, and grapes providing a background for the large figures, this window, known as the Nettie Fowler McCormick Memorial Window, is similar to Connick’s east window in the Princeton University Chapel.

Shown on this page is the second window panel from the left, in which Peter stands with book and keys. Below him in the window (*upper right*) is a representation of the New Testament parable of the sower (Mark 4:1–20), and below that is a depiction of the Old Testament allegory of the vineyard and tower on a fruitful hill (Isaiah 5).

Eighth in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 9:30 a.m. John H. Boyle, Alice M. Trowbridge, Calum I. MacLeod
11:00 a.m. John W. Vest, Alice M. Trowbridge, Calum I. MacLeod

THE MUSIC TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir; Vacation Bible School Chorus
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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
Beverly Escuder, Children and Youth Music Director

WORSHIP NOTES

The men of the Morning Choir will be singing at morning worship services in August; the full Morning and Chancel choirs will return in September.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday 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 Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall on the fourth Friday of each month.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, “Unweavings” created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and image, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day.

The bulletin cover shows “The Great Teacher,” a sculpture by Abbott Pattison that was given to Fourth Presbyterian Church in 1991 by what is now the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning. The sculpture is displayed at the church’s Westminster House entrance on Delaware Place.

PASTORAL STAFF

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