
August 24, 2008

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

THAT GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL DOES NOT MEAN that everything that happens is the will of God. It means that God's loving and just will *will* be done. Many things happen that God does not will and cause. I believe, for instance, that God does not will or "send" floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, cancer, or birth defects. And I am *sure* that God does not will any form of sin, evil, and injustice, or any of the personal or collective suffering that result from them. Sickness, sin, suffering, injustice, and death are by definition what God does not *will* and what God is *against* and is at work to *overcome* and *destroy*.

Shirley C. Guthrie Jr.

Always Being Reformed: Faith for a Fragmented World

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 Monday, September 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. 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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MORNING WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

Concerto in A Minor (after Vivaldi)

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT

“Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee”

*Geistreiches Gesangbuch
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel*

Jehovah, let me now adore thee, for where is there a God such,
Lord, as thou? With sings I fain would come before thee;
O, let thy Holy Spirit teach me now to praise thee in
his name through whom alone our songs can please thee,
through thy blessed Son.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 478

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” *Tune: LAUDA ANIMA*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive
what we have been, help us amend what we are, and
direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your
will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy
name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 121

(page 539, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“Built on the Rock”

*Ludvig Lindeman
arr. T. Hoelty-Nickel*

Built on the rock the church doth stand, even when steeples
are falling; crumbled have spires in every land; bells still
are chiming and calling the young and old to rest, but above all
the soul distressed, longing for rest everlasting. Surely in temples

**Stand as you are able.*

made with hands, God, the most high, is not dwelling; high above earth his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling. Yet he whom heavens cannot contain chose to abide on earth with us, built in our bodies his temple. We are God's house of living stones, builded for his habitation; he, through baptismal grace, us owns, heirs of his salvation. Were we but two, his name to tell, yet he would deign with us to dwell with all his grace and his favor.

FIRST LESSON Matthew 16:13–20 (page 17, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Exodus 1:8–2:10 (page 47, O.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
FIVE REMARKABLE WOMEN, THE BABY WHO SURVIVED,
AND THE WILL OF GOD
“When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket . . . ; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.”
Exodus 2:3 (NRSV)

***HYMN 172** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” *Tune:* RESIGNATION

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**(*traditional*) (The Hymnal, page 14)

For the remainder of the 8:00 service, please turn to page 6.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*traditional*) (The Hymnal, page 16)

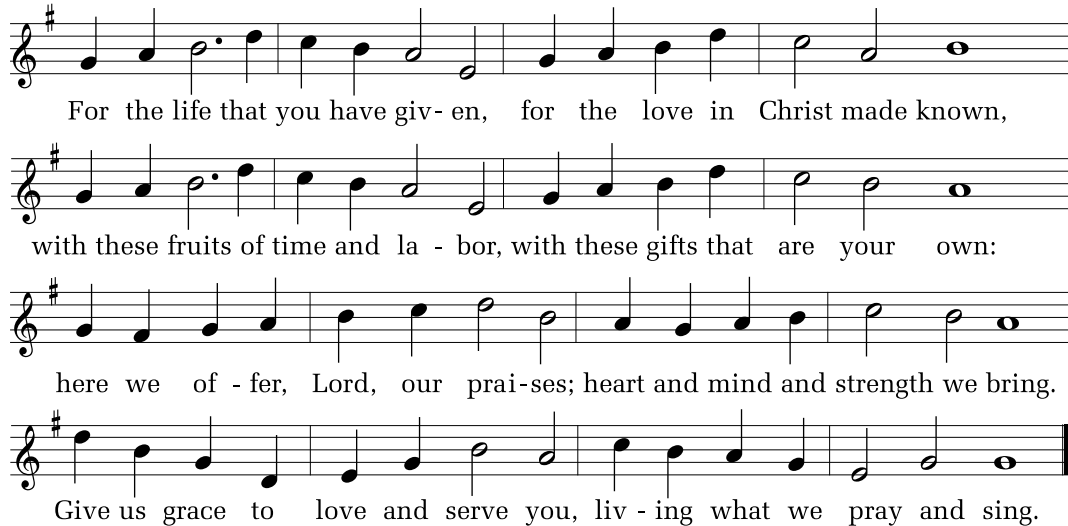
PRAYER RESPONSE “Amen” *Anonymous*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Non Nobis, Domine” *Roger Quilter*
Non nobis, Domine! Not unto us, O Lord, the praise and glory be of any deed or word. For in thy judgment lies to crown or bring to nought all knowledge and device that man has reached or

wrought. And we confess our claim, how all too high we hold that noise which men call fame, that dross which men call gold. For these we undergo our hot and godless days, but in our souls we know, O Lord, not unto us the praise. O power, by whom we live, creator, judge and friend, upholdingly forgive, nor leave us at the end. But grant us yet to see, in all our piteous ways, O Lord, not unto us the praise. *Non nobis, Domine!*

***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: **Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever. Gracious God, who called us from death to life, we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 261**

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Prelude to a Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO “Come, Ye Blessed” (from *The Holy City*) *Alfred Gaul*

Then shall the King say: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Yea, it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom prepared for 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: 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 (*traditional*) (The Hymnal, page 16)

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

Alexander R. Reinagle
arr. T. Hoelty-Nickel

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
 It soothes his sorrows, heals the wounds, and drives away his fear.
 It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast;
 'tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest. Dear name,
 the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
 my never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us, who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

- 8:00 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Elizabeth B. Andrews, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Hardy Kim, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

- 8:00 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, tenor soloist
9:30 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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

- John M. Buchanan**, Pastor
Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor
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