

CLEARLY, THE NAME [OF GOD] is not meant to be a mere identifying label. Such was not the main function of names in the ancient Near East. Rather, the name is intended to connote character and nature, the totality of the intricate, interwoven, manifold forces that make up the whole personality of the bearer of the name. In the present case, therefore, God's reply to Moses means that the Tetragrammaton expresses the quality of Being. However, it is not Being as opposed to nonbeing, not Being as an abstract, philosophical notion, but Being in the sense of the reality of God's active, dynamic Presence.

Nahum M. Sarna, *Exploring Exodus*

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 Chorale III in A Minor *César Franck*

INTROIT “Trisagion” *John W. W. Sherer*
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

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

***HYMN 460** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)*

Minister: Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you;
you call, but we do not follow;
you command, but we do not obey;
you bless us, but we do not thank you.

People: **Please forgive and help us.**

Minister: Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

People: **Please forgive and help us.**

Minister: Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own; you identified yourself
with outcasts, the needy and the poor, but we do not
bother to find out what is happening to them;
you showed us through Christ what humility and
sacrifice mean, but we are unwilling to give up our
comfortable lives.

People: **Please forgive and help us. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- ANTHEM** "My Lord, What a Morning" *African American spiritual*
arr. R. Lee Gilliam
- My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.
My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the sinners mourn to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.
- PSALTER** Psalm 8 (page 466, O.T.)
- *GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)
- SCRIPTURE LESSON** Exodus 3:1–15 (page 48, O.T.)
- Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
- SERMON** by John W. Vest
A GOD NAMED . . .
"This is my name forever, and this my title for all
generations." Exodus 3:15 (NRSV)
- *HYMN 426** "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" *Tune: CANONBURY*
- *THE APOSTLES' CREED**(*traditional*) (The Hymnal, page 14)

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

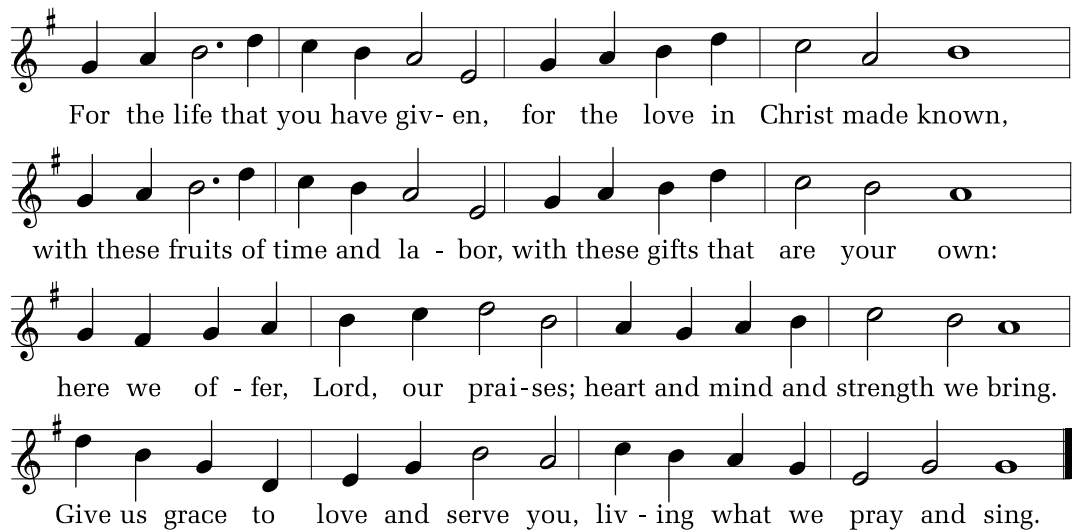
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*traditional*) (The Hymnal, page 16)
- PRAYER RESPONSE** "Amen" *Morgan Simmons*

OFFERING

- OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Come Sing to Me of Heaven" *J. Aaron McDermid*
Come sing to me of heaven, when I am called to die.
Sing songs of holy ecstasy to waft my soul on high.
When the last moment comes, let one sweet song begin.
Let music cheer me last on earth, to greet me first in heaven.

*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: **Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us; your bounty has sustained us; your discipline has chastened us; your patience has borne with us; your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*HYMN 282

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

Tune: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Te Deum

Jean Langlais

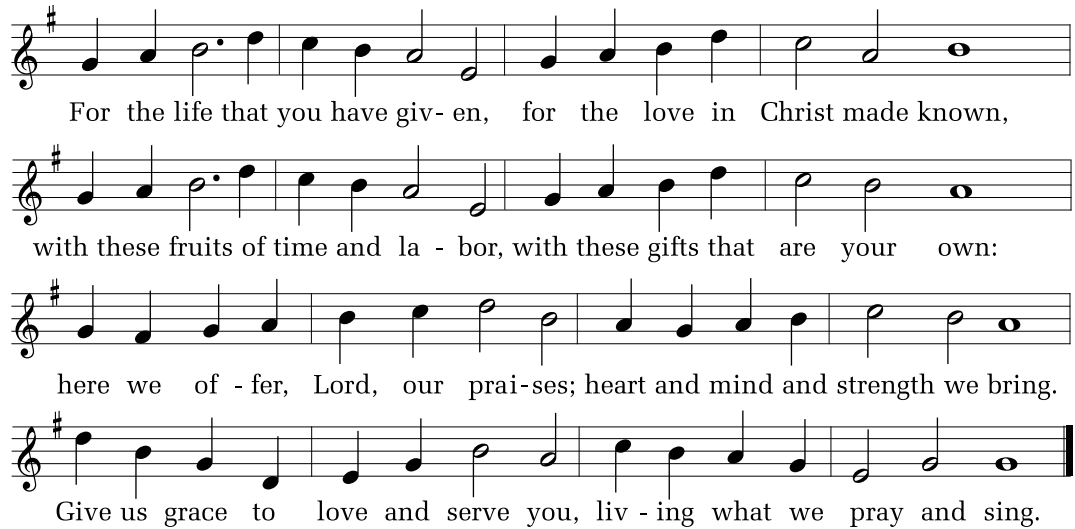
OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

“Prière (Prayer)”

Jean Langlais

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*)

**O amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives
 and set a holy table among us, filling our plates with
 the bread of life and our cups with salvation.
 Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness to
 touch an ordinary everyday world with the promise
 of your holiness. Amen.**

***HYMN 282**

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Tune: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Te Deum

Jean Langlais

WORSHIP LEADERS

8:00 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Thomas C. Rook, John W. Vest
9:30 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Hardy Kim, John W. Vest
11:00 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Thomas C. Rook, John W. Vest

THE MUSIC TODAY

8:00 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir
9:30 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. Men of the Morning Choir
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church thanks the Men of the Morning Choir for singing throughout the month of August. The full Morning Choir will return in September, as will the Chancel Choir. For information about joining one of the choirs, including the Handbell Choirs, see the details in the “News and Opportunities” insert of this worship bulletin.

This morning’s Introit, the Trisagion (a Greek word meaning “thrice holy”), is a common text found in the Eastern Orthodox Churches. This text was first used in 451 at the Council of Chalcedon, and the earliest known musical settings of it date from the twelfth century.

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.

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