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September 7, 2008

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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Lord, can this really be?  
Is this your church, the people that I see,  
who gather here and worship you with me?

Is this the very place,  
the school of love, where we would see your face,  
and through your Spirit gain enabling grace?

from the hymn by William Rutherford

## 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

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

**PRELUDE**                      Prelude and Fugue in E Major                      *Vincent Lübeck*  
   Festive Flutes    *Everett Titcomb*  
   Choral    *Joseph Jongen*

**INTROIT**                      “Jesus, Tawa Pano”                                      *Patrick Matsikenyiri*  
   Jesus, we are here for you.

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

**\*HYMN 425**                      “Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining”  
   *Tune: ABBOT’S LEIGH*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of mercy and grace, you know the secrets of our hearts: how blind we are to our own faults, yet harsh in judging others; how swift we are to take for gain, yet slow to give to others; how proud we are of our success, yet grudging in praise of others. In your tender care and unfailing love, forgive our conformity to the world’s ways. By your transforming grace, make us open to your wisdom and your ways. Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

### COMMISSIONING OF THE CHOIR

(11:00)

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

**PSALTER**                      Psalm 149 (*responsively*)                                      (page 550, O.T.)

**ANTHEM**                      “Hear My Prayer, O Lord”                                      *Henry Purcell*  
   Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee.

**FIRST LESSON** Romans 13:8–10 (page 152, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SECOND LESSON** Matthew 18:15–20 (page 19, N.T.)

**SERMON**

by Calum I. MacLeod

THE SCHOOL OF LOVE

“Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there among them.”

Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN** “Will You Come and Follow Me” *Tune: KELVINGROVE*

*(first stanza sung by the choir)*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name  
be known, will you let my life be grown in you  
and you in me?

*(remaining stanzas sung by the congregation)*

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract  
or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the  
world around through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call  
my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and  
footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**\* 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**

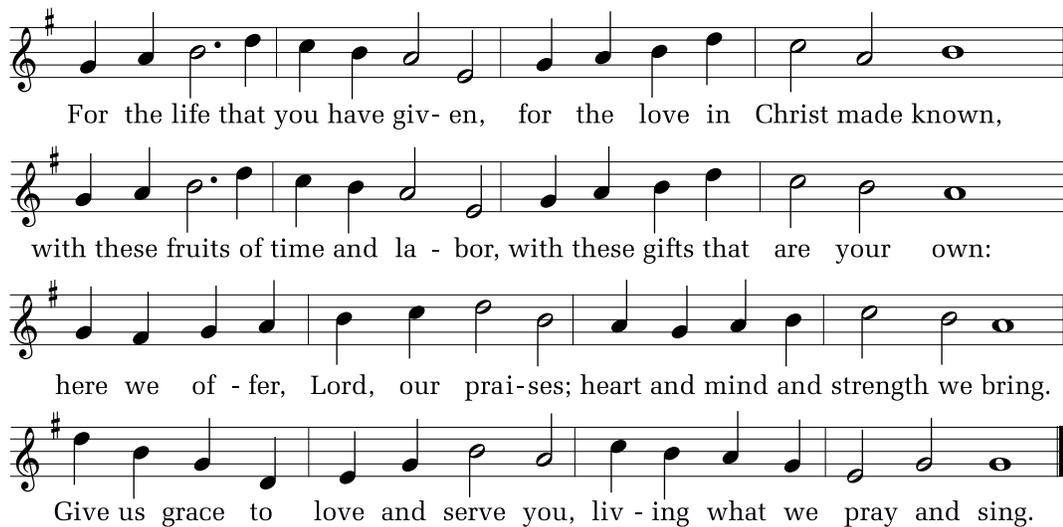
"Te Deum"

*Charles Villiers Stanford*

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee  
all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.  
To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry, "Holy, holy,

holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory." The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee, the Father of an infinite majesty; thine honorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge; we therefore pray thee, help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day, we magnify thee and we worship thy name, ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

**\*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, O God, for the wonder of your works and the riches of your grace: for the living Word, in Scripture and in the risen presence of Jesus Christ, our savior. In our weakness and fear you have loved us and wanted us, called us and sent us. Thanks be to God for the gospel of grace. And now we dedicate ourselves, our time, our labor, our talents and money, to work for your kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 418**

“God, Bless Your Church with Strength!”

*Tune: ICH HALTE TRUELICH STILL*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Toccata in G Major

*Théodore Dubois*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Alice M. Trowbridge, Calum I. MacLeod  
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## THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir  
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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Fourth Church welcomes the full Morning Choirs** this morning as they return to Fourth Church providing musical leadership in our worship of God. Anyone interested in joining a choir is encouraged to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org)

**This morning's Minute for Mission** is presented by Allison Pay Crawford on behalf of the Adult Education Committee.

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**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).

**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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