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September 14, 2008

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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I AM RECOVERING THE CLAIM THAT JESUS WAS NOT CRUCIFIED in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; on the town garbage heap; at a crossroad so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in Hebrew and in Latin and in Greek; . . . at the kind of place where cynics talk smut and thieves curse and soldiers gamble; because that is where he died; and that is what he died about; and that is where church people ought to be and what church people should be about.

George MacLeod

## 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 Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, September 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, October 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 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-flat Major *Johann Sebastian Bach*

**INTROIT** “Halle, Halle, Halle” *Caribbean melody*  
Hallelujah! *arr. John Bell*

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

**\*HYMN 495** “We Know That Christ Is Raised” *Tune: ENGELBERG*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
(*unison*)

**Draw us in the Spirit’s tether this day, gracious God,  
that we might feel the warmth of your love,  
cleansing, forgiving, and making us whole.  
For we are imperfect doers of justice;  
we ration our acts of kindness; we rarely know humility.  
Transform us by your love, so that we would more  
fully live the life you call us into,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**UNISON PRAYER**

**Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our  
own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us  
strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW PASTORAL RESIDENTS**  
(8:00 and 9:30)

**COMMISSIONING OF NEW PASTORAL RESIDENTS**  
(11:00)

**ANTHEM**

“How Lovely Are the Messengers” from *St. Paul*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.  
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

**PSALTER**

Psalm 103:8–13 (*responsively*)

(page 524, O.T.)

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 18:21–35

(page 19, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

by Calum I. MacLeod

**RADICAL EMPATHY**

“Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave  
as I had mercy on you?” Matthew 18:33 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 358**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

*Tune: ELLACOMBE*  
(The Hymnal, 288)

**\*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

“Hear My Prayer, O Lord”

*Stephen Sturk*

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to thee. Amen.

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Ain't Got Time to Die”

*African American spiritual*

*arr. Charles Lloyd, Jr.*

Lord, I keep so busy praising my Jesus, ain't got time to die.  
'Cause when I'm healing the sick, I'm praising my Jesus.  
'Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus, all of my time  
to praise my Lord. If I don't praise him, the rocks are going  
to cry out, “Glory and honor!” Lord, I keep so busy working  
for the kingdom, ain't got time to die. 'Cause when I'm feeding  
the poor, I'm working for the kingdom. Lord, I keep so busy  
serving my master, ain't got time to die. 'Cause when I'm giving  
my all, I'm serving my master. Now, won't you get out of my way;  
let me praise my Jesus.

## \*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: **As we bring our gifts before you, O Lord, we give thanks for the richness of life, for the beauty and wonder of the world, for the care of those who love us, for strength and hope in the trials and difficulties of life, and for the good news of the risen Christ in our lives. Strengthen us to be a faithful people, that we might become your body in the world, serving, forgiving, and making whole. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 223**

“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

*Tune: STUTTGART*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Johann Gottfried Walther*

## BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”  
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

**O**N THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

### **The children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are**

*Charlotte Elizabeth Corley, daughter of Scott and Melissa Corley  
Christopher John Cupps, son of Andrew and Danielle Cupps  
Mack Henry DeLarber, son of Brian and Meredith DeLarber  
Francesca Celesia Gustafson, daughter of Paul Gustafson and Laura Celesia  
James Ray McMillan, son of Glenn and Kathryn McMillan  
Matthew John Van Ravenswaay, son of Erich and Kristen Van Ravenswaay  
Thomas Cormac Ullem, son of Scott and Beth Ullem  
Reese Irene Yoo, daughter of Charles and Sandy Yoo*

### **The children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are**

*Mary Sophia Lenore Abendroth, daughter of Josh and Amy Abendroth  
Jackson Lee Hutchison, son of Wells and Christine Hutchison  
Charles Hughes Lewis, son of Edwin and Kim Lewis  
Wyatt Crawford Lopez, son of Derek and Kim Lopez  
Owen Christopher McLaughlin, son of Chris and Dana McLaughlin  
Hayden George Rabe, son of Benjamin and Sarah Rabe  
Luke Duncan Tegel, son of Samuel and Sarah Tegel*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Alice M. Trowbridge, Calum I. MacLeod

11:00 a.m. Hardy Kim, Alice M. Trowbridge, Calum I. MacLeod

## THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, tenor soloist

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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes three new Pastoral Residents** to the pastoral staff this fall. Jocelyn (J.C.) Cadwallader, Sarah Johnson, and Joann Lee, who are being commissioned today, will be with the congregation for the next two years, participating in the Pastoral Residency program, which was begun in 2000. This program provides these recent seminary graduates with the opportunity to work in a congregational setting while being mentored—by congregation and staff—in the skills and disciplines of parish leadership. For the two years that each participates in the program, Fourth Church will be privileged to have them as part of the staff, using their pastoral gifts and skills among us while they each continue in their formation as practicing Presbyterian ministers. As their second year in the program draws to a close, each will then pursue a call to ministry elsewhere, sharing their gifts and leadership with others in the Presbyterian Church.

**The Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major by Johann Sebastian Bach** (1685–1750) was the only prelude and fugue for organ that Bach published during his lifetime. These towering pieces show Bach's breadth of style, incorporating French and Italian elements as well as the hymn tune "St. Anne," which Bach used as the theme for his fugue. When Bach selected "St. Anne," it was a new hymn by the English composer William Croft (1678–1727), first published in 1708.

## PASTORAL STAFF

**John M. Buchanan**, Pastor

**Dana Ferguson**, Executive Associate Pastor

**Victoria G. Curtiss**, Associate Pastor for Mission

**Adam Fronczek**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship

**Donna Gray**, Minister for Children and Families

**Calum I. MacLeod**, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Young Adults

**Joyce Shin**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life

**Alice M. Trowbridge**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

**John W. Vest**, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

**Elizabeth B. Andrews**, Parish Associate

**John H. Boyle**, Parish Associate

**Thomas C. Rook**, Parish Associate

**Jocelyn Cadwallader**, Pastoral Resident

**Sarah Johnson**, Pastoral Resident

**Hardy Kim**, Pastoral Resident

**Joann Lee**, Pastoral Resident

**David A. Donovan**, Associate Pastor Emeritus