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September 14, 2008

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.

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**W**hen other [persons'] sins come to mind, the soul that would remain at rest should flee from the thought, . . . seeking a remedy for, and help against it, from God. For the contemplation of the sins of others creates, as it were, thick mist before the eyes of the soul, and we cannot, during that time, see the fairness of God.

Julian of Norwich

*The Revelation of Divine Love in Sixteen Showings*

## 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** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty  
*Johann Gottfried Walther*

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

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

**\*HYMN 481** “Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show” *Tune: LLANFAIR*

### 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.**

### INTRODUCTION OF NEW PASTORAL RESIDENTS

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**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 103:1–14 (*responsively*) (page 523, O.T.)

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Romans 14:1–12      (page 152, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      by Elizabeth B. Andrews

FACTIONS OR FOCUS

“Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another?  
It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they  
will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.”

Romans 14:4 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 339**      “Be Thou My Vision”      *Tune: SLANE*

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED**

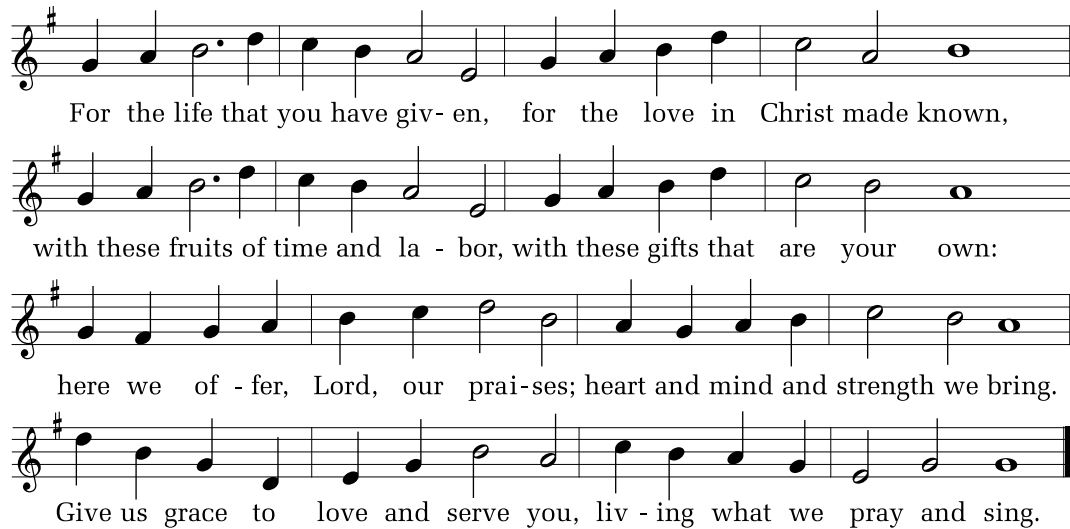
*(unison)*

**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.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY SOLO**      “Ain’t a That Good News!”      *African American spiritual  
arr. Charles Lloyd Jr.*

## 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.**

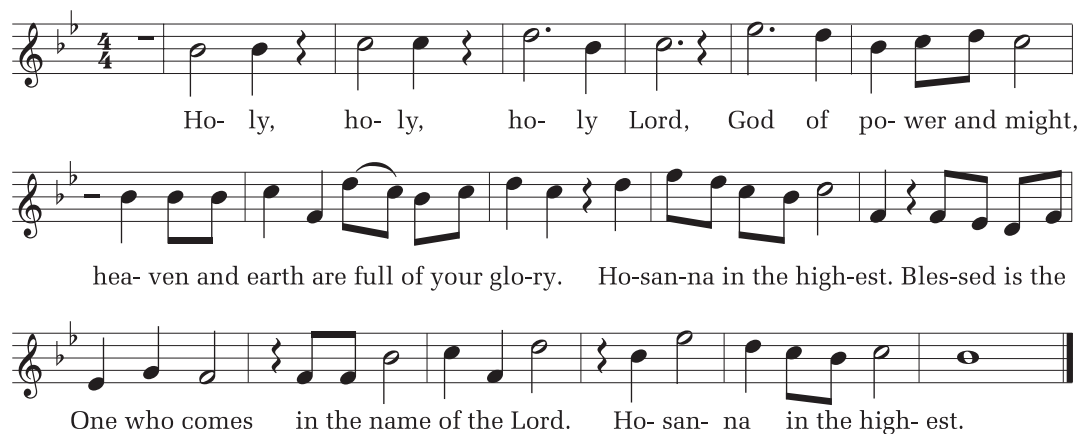
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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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**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.**

**THE COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

“Christ Is In This Place”

*Allen Pote*

We come to eat the bread of life and drink the cup again.  
We come to kneel before the one who brings us peace within.  
We come to greet the living Christ, who feeds our hungry souls.  
O, may we live as ones forgiven; in Christ we are made whole.  
Alleluia, sing of love and grace; alleluia, Christ is in this place.  
We go refreshed, with hearts renewed, into the world again.  
We go with minds and spirits blessed, which gives us  
strength within. We go to seek the living Christ in everyone  
we meet. O, may we live with love for humankind;  
in Christ we are complete.

**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.**

**\*HYMN 285**

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

*Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Rondeau from *Abdelazer*

*Henry Purcell*

# The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

*"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 (NRSV)*

**T**HE LORD'S SUPPER IS THE SIGN AND SEAL of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

*"I am the bread of life."  
John 6:35 (NRSV)*

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

**WORSHIP LEADERS** Thomas C. Rook, Jocelyn Cadwallader, Elizabeth B. Andrews

**THE MUSIC TODAY** The Chancel Choir; Cole Seaton, tenor soloist  
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 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  
**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