
September 21, 2008

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WHAT MAKES SOMETHING BREAD FROM HEAVEN? Is it the thing itself or the one who sends it? How you answer those questions has a lot to do with how you sense God's presence in your life. . . . If you are willing to look at everything that comes to you as coming to you from God, then there will be no end to the manna in your life. Nothing will be too ordinary or too transitory to remind you of God. The miracle is that God is always sending us something to eat. . . . God gives the true bread from heaven, the bread that gives life to the world.

Barbara Brown Taylor, *Bread of Angels*

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 Sunday, September 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, October 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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 Processional Fanfare No. 2 *Elgar Howarth*
 Cloister-Garth *A. Herbert Brewer*
 Molto Sostenuto *Hans Leo Hassler*
 arr. Bernard Fitzgerald

 Canon in B Minor *Robert Schumann*
 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken *Franz Joseph Haydn*
 arr. Richard Webster

INTROIT “May the Words of My Mouth” *Stephen Sturk*
 May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
 be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.
 Amen.

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

***HYMN 138** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” *Tune: NICAEA*

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.**

***HYMN 304** “Jesus Loves Me” *Tune: JESUS LOVES ME*
(9:30)

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH LEADERS
(9:30)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

“Prayer to Jesus”

George Oldroyd

Jesu, since thou me made and bought, be thou my love
and all my thought; and help that I may to thee be brought;
withouten thee I may do naught. Jesu, since thou must do thy will,
and nothing is that thee may let, with thy grace my heart fulfill;
my love and my liking in thee is set. Jesu, at thy will I pray that
I might be, all my heart fulfill, with perfect love to thee.
That I have done ill, Jesu, forgive thou me, and suffer me
never to spill, Jesu, for pity. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 (*responsively*)

(page 525, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 16:2–15

(page 60, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

by Alice M. Trowbridge

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

“When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another,
‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was.”

Exodus 16:15 (NRSV)

*HYMN 276

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Tune: FAITHFULNESS

*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”

Eric DeLamarter

OFFERING

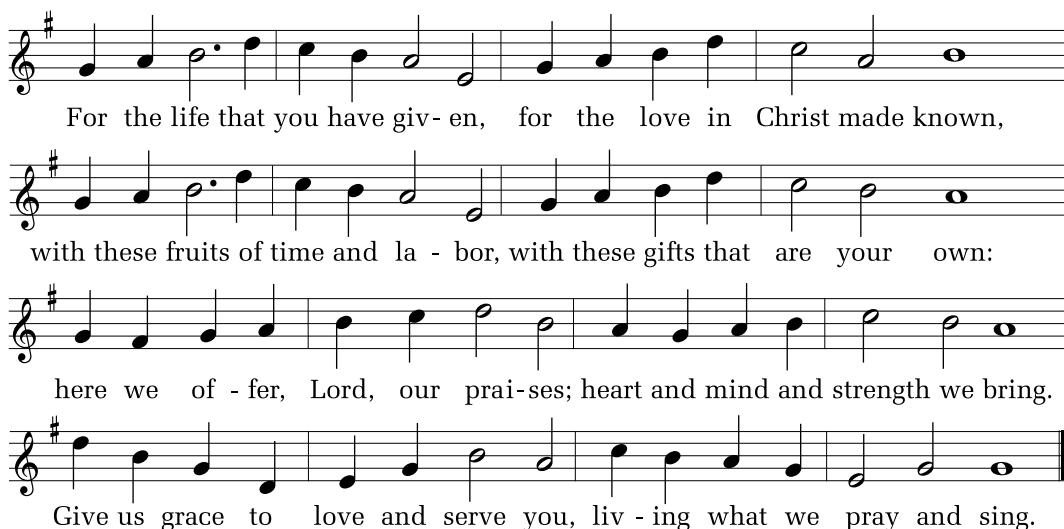
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Venite Exultemus Domino”

Orlando Gibbons

With singing let us come before the Lord our God rejoicing,
who is our salvation. Let us ever with thanksgiving praise God.
Hallelujah. Amen.

*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 merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts, and lead us in your everlasting way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 281**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *Tune: CWM RHONDDA*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Battaglia

*Andrea Gabrieli
arr. Charles Schuchat*

Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders

*Today's commissioning of Sunday School teachers, staff,
and youth leaders is an affirmation of their
dedicated service to our church, its members,
and those who are among us as visitors*

Sunday School Teachers

Dala Aavik	Lies Garner	Don Nelson
Liz Adams	Carol Gates	Sheila North
Katie Arnold	Charlie Gonzalez	William Ohlhaber
Agnes Boateng	Ann Grissom	JoAnn Pepper
Marta Bonner	Marci Hanzlik	Jeff Radtke
Irene Bumpus	Kristin Hayes	Hilary Richardson
Steve Bumpus	Anne Hsu	Blasko Ristic
Anne Marie Canfield	Julie James	Brian Satre
Dennis Canfield	Suzanne Kickhaefer	Norah Satre
Rhonda Carlson	Erica Kuhlmann	Jill Schiltz
Wydetta Carter	Ji Inn Lee	Stacey Shonkwiler
Chrissy Cerasale	Missy MacLeod	Wilson Sinclair
Carol Collins	Lisa McClung	Michelle Stromberg
Karen Force	Heather Major	Debbie Whitmore
Jim Garner	Mark Meyer	

Sunday School Staff and Office Assistants

Katy Sinclair, *Sunday School Superintendent*
Sharon Mistele, *Pianist for Children's Chapel*
Jean Ausman, Rita Bennett, Gayle Engberg,
Jennifer McCrea, Linda Thornton

Youth Teachers and Leaders

Rae Ann Alvarez	Jason Hacker	Jacob Sefton
Nichollette Andrews	Marisa Joseph	Katy Sinclair
Ashley Bennett	Karen Kath	Rob Sinclair
Ben Carlisle	Melanie Morgan	Gretchen Wahl
Kerry Grady	Mark Nelson	Debbie Whitmore
Amber Hacker	Kathi Rodak	

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 9:30 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Adam Fronczek, Alice M. Trowbridge
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THE MUSIC TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass
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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

WORSHIP NOTES

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning. Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month during the academic year.

Fourth Church will be participating in a nationwide worship survey next Sunday, September 28. This survey of many different worshiping congregations in the country will help Fourth Church learn more about itself and other congregations. Worshipers will be asked to complete the paper survey immediately following 11:00 worship; it should only take fifteen minutes to complete.

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.

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