

September 21, 2008

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.

**W**E DO NOT PRESUME TO COME TO YOUR TABLE, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your all-embracing love and mercy. We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy. So welcome us to your table, Lord, and feed us abundantly. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

## 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** Cloister-Garth *A. Herbert Brewer*

**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 461** “God Is Here!” *Tune: ABBOT’S LEIGH*

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

**O Lord, you know who we are: people with good consciences and with bad, persons who are content and who are discontented, Christians by conviction and Christians by convention. And you know from where we have come: from privilege and from disadvantage, from well-ordered and from disordered families, from the inner circle of community and from its outer edge. But now we all stand before you, alike in our need to confess that we have wronged you and one another and that without your grace we would be lost. Forgive us our sins, Lord, so that nothing stands between you and us. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**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 113 (*responsively*) (page 532, O.T.)

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 20:1–16 (page 20, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** by Joyce Shin  
TO BEGRUDGE GOD'S GENEROSITY

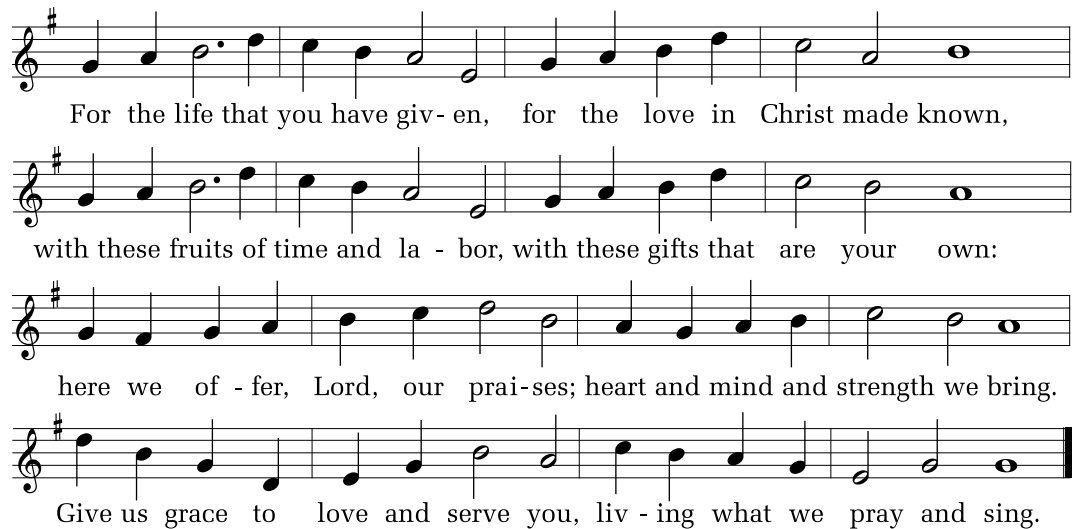
**\*HYMN 429** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"  
*Tune:* AUSTRIAN HYMN  
(The Hymnal, 446)

**\* 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 VOLUNTARY** "Prelude on a Gregorian Theme" *Marcel Dupré*

## \*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**

**"Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord"**

*Thomas Weelkes*

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(unison)*

**Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamor and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 507**

**"I Come with Joy"**

*Tune: DOVE OF PEACE*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in D Major

*William Boyce*

# 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** Sarah Johnson, John H. Boyle, Joyce Shin

**THE MUSIC TODAY** The Chancel Choir  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

**Fourth Church will be participating in a nationwide worship survey** next Sunday, September 28. This survey of many different worshipping 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 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). 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.

**Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities** in addition to Sunday services. Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel on the fourth Friday of each month. The next service will be Friday, September 26.

**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**

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