
October 5, 2008

World Communion Sunday

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WHO IS THE ONE WHOM CHRISTIANS CONFESS to be the way, the truth, and the life? According to the New Testament, he is the expression of God's love not just for Christian believers but for all humanity. . . . He came not to condemn, defeat, or lord it over those who rejected him but to give his life for them. . . . God raised him from the dead and made him to be the crucified and risen Lord over all. . . . not just Lord over the church or Lord in the hearts of believers, but the risen Lord who continues his healing, reconciling, liberating, saving word everywhere in the world. Even where he is not yet known, acknowledged, and served; even before Christians get there to tell about him.

Shirley C. Guthrie Jr., *Always Being Reformed*

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, October 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.; or Sunday, October 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025.

Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns and anxieties; illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; 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

Sicilienne

Gabriel Fauré

Deck Yourself, My Soul, With Gladness

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

“Song at the Seaside” from *Are We There Yet?* Allen Pote

Who is like you, Lord? No one, no God or man.

Who is like you, Lord? Holy, awesome. Who is like you, Lord, the great, “I am”? You buried horse and chariot and the rider in the sea. O holy name, by wind and flame you saved us from the waves and set us free. And you will always be my strength, my God. You will always be the song I sing, my hiding place, my saving grace, my everything.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 289

“O God of Every Nation”

Tune: LLANGLOFFAN

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.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 133 *(sung)*

(The Hymnal, 241)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14:15–24

(page 72, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

by John M. Buchanan

GOD WANTS A FULL HOUSE

“Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.”

Luke 14:23 (NRSV)

*HYMN 508

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” *Tune: KINGDOM*

*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

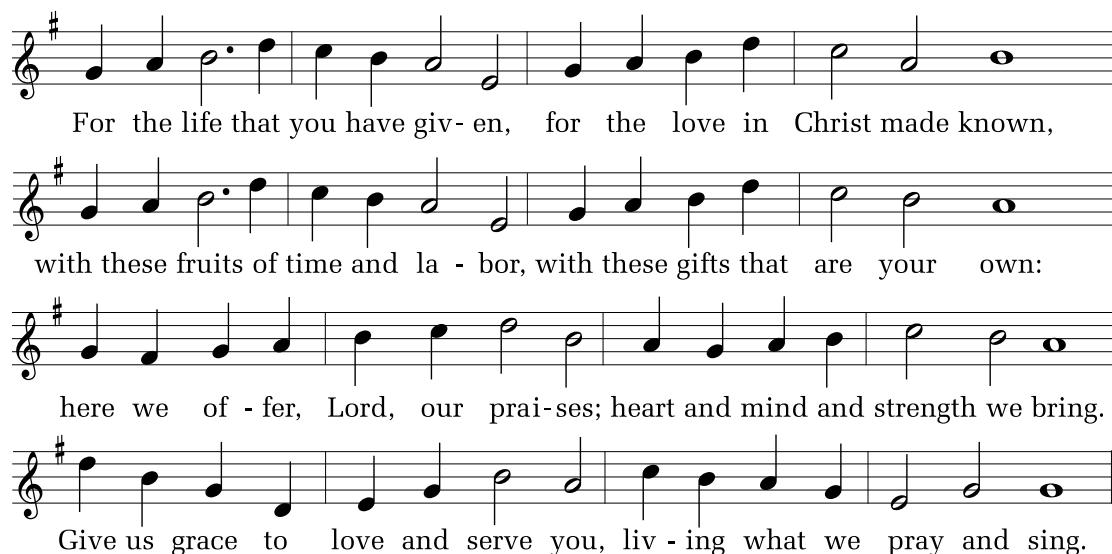
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O Sacrum Convivium”

Peter Mathews

O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is recalled, the spirit is filled with grace, and the promise of future glory is given to us. Alleluia.

*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.**

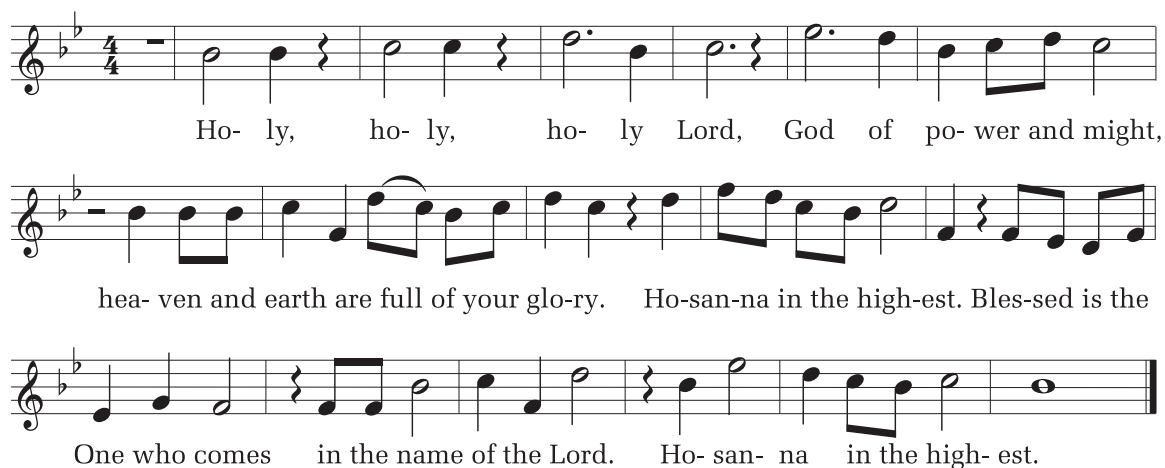
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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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Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty . . .

. . . dedicated to your service.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your holy spirit . . .

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**“O Esca Viatorum”***Iain Quinn*

O food to travelers, angel bread, manna wherewith the blest
are fed. Come nigh and with thy sweetness fill the hungry hearts
that seek thee still. And bring us to that time and place when this
thy dear and veiled face blissful and glorious shall be seen, Jesus,
with no veil between.

PSALM 23*(recited in unison after all have received the cup)*

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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 450*“O Day of Peace”***Tune: JERUSALEM***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE****POSTLUDE****Toccata***Eugène Gigout*

The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

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

THE 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.

This morning the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

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.

"I am the bread of life."

John 6:35 (NRSV)

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Joyce Shin, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Joyce Shin, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Children's Choir; The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, flutist;
Lilian Gray and Molly McGaan, soloists
11:00 a.m. The Children's Choir; The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, flutist;
Lilian Gray and Molly McGaan, soloists
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Beverly Escuder, Children and Youth Music Director

WORSHIP NOTES

World Communion Sunday is a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper, enacting the words of the hymn "Come, Risen Lord": "One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break."

Today's Peacemaking Offering will support the work of the Cameroon America AIDS Alliance. The CAAA was born out of the efforts of several Fourth Church members and provides medical care as well as educational opportunities around HIV/AIDS. All undesignated offerings, as well as those placed in the Peacemaking envelopes available in the pew racks, will support the work of CAAA.

The Introit, sung by the Children's Choir, is an excerpt from Allen Pote's musical *Are We There Yet?*, the story of Moses and the Exodus, which the youth will present Friday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

The bulletin cover depicts seeds of new life, in the form of acorns. This hand-carved stone on the north wall of the chancel dates from 1914, the year of Fourth Church's construction. During this Annual Appeal season, we are mindful that the gifts we offer plant seeds of new life in this congregation and the communities it serves through worship, education and discipleship, and mission and service.

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