

CHRISTIANS BEAR WITNESS because we cannot do otherwise. What God has done in Jesus Christ, for the world and for our lives, is such a powerful and wonderful story that Christians are compelled to talk about it.

Cynthia M. Campbell
A Multitude of Blessings

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, January 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.; Sunday, January 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, February 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 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 American Folk Hymn Settings *Jean Langlais*
On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

INTROIT "The Lord Has Shown Forth His Glory" *Iain Quinn*
The Lord has shown forth his glory; come let us adore him.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

***HYMN 327** "O Word of God Incarnate" *Tune: MUNICH*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. Yet we acknowledge that we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives in the world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 19 *(responsively)* (page 472, O.T.)

ANTHEM "I'm Going to Sing" *African American spiritual*
arr. Ronald E. Anderson

I'm going to sing when the Spirit says sing, and obey the Spirit of the Lord. I'm going to shout when the Spirit says shout, and obey the Spirit of the Lord. I'm going to pray when the Spirit says pray, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

FIRST LESSON Mark 1:1–4 (page 32, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON John 1:35–42 (page 87, N.T.)

SERMON by Sarah A. Johnson

CAN I GET A WITNESS?

“And as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed,

‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’” John 1:36 (NRSV)

***HYMN 391** “Take My Life” *Tune: HENDON*

***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

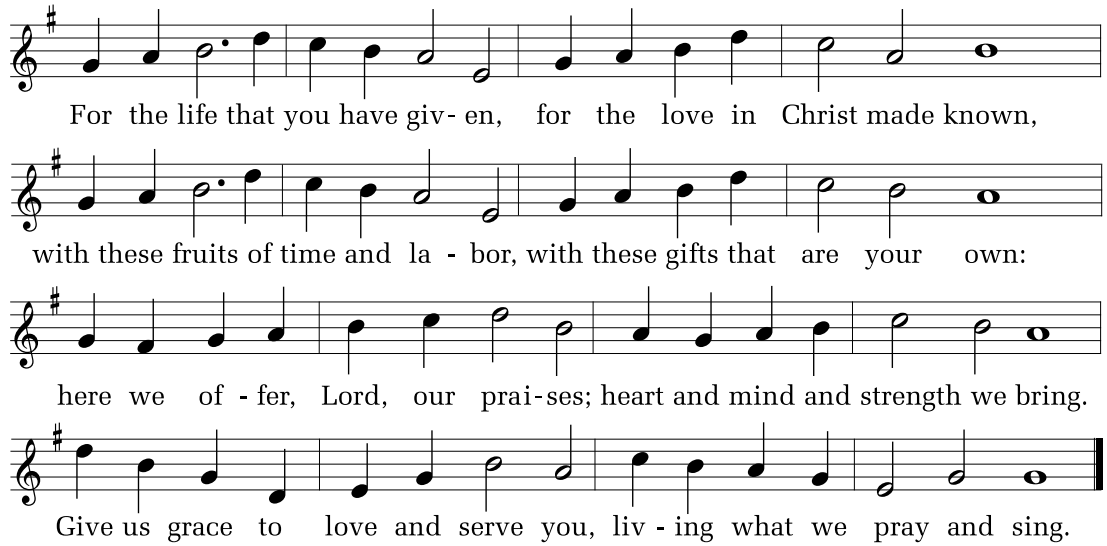
OFFERTORY SOLO “At the River” *Robert Lowry
arr. Aaron Copland*

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful river, gather with
the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we’ll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

***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.**

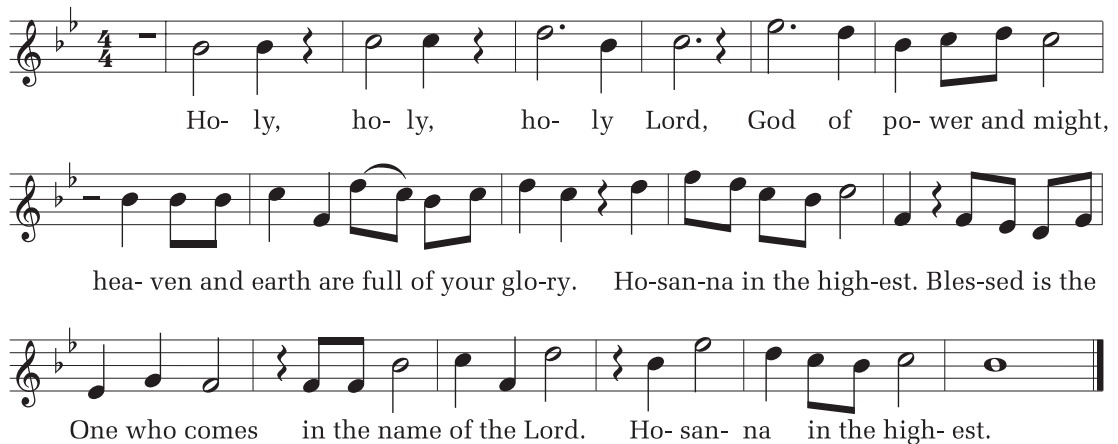
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Minister: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high . . .

. . . 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 "In the Singing" *Carlton R. Young*

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking, in the presence at this table—
Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace; Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.
In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance, in the
heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people—Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace; Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**God of grace,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other;
we ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.
Amen.**

***HYMN 443** "O Christ, the Great Foundation" *Tune: AURELIA*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Dialogue *Jean François Dandrieu*

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.

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 Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod, Sarah A. Johnson

THE MUSIC TODAY The Chancel Choir; Andrea Pokrefke, soprano soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. An evening Vespers service is held at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday. On weekdays, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to pray for members of the congregation and remember those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). On the fourth Friday of each month a Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. This monthly service offers an opportunity for prayer, meditative singing, and reflection. The next service will be Friday, January 23.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio of the previous Sunday morning's 9:30 a.m. worship service, including the sermon. Also posted on the website is the text of all worship bulletins and "News and Opportunities" as well as information about upcoming worship services.

Since Fourth Church was dedicated in May 1914, more than six million worshipers have passed under this twelve-foot-wide tympanum over the Michigan Avenue entrance. The carving depicts Aaron blessing the children of Israel, as he was instructed by God in Numbers 6:23–26: "Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.'"

PASTORAL STAFF

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