

January 25, 2009

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD ISN'T ANNOUNCED with handshakes (however momentous), political flourishes, or speeches that move the heart. As in this place, it will be known in thorough healing work: painstaking attention to particular bodies, committed lives, strategic action; the binding and silencing . . . of hatred and injustice that will not want to leave or lose their grip—the mighty works, in daily life, of flourishing community.

Janet Morley
Companions of God

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 today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 14 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

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 Mass in the Second Tone *André Raison*
 Christ Have Mercy

INTROIT “Teach My Thy Way, O Lord” *Giovanni Croce*
 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth;
 O knit my heart unto thee that I may love thy name.

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

***HYMN 482** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” *Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves as
we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste
the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies
that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation
against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination
and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned
them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANTHEM “From the Rising of the Sun” *F. A. Gore Ouseley*
 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same
 my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place
 incense shall be offered up unto my name: for my name shall
 be great among the heathen, thus saith the Lord.

PSALTER Psalm 62:5–12 (*responsively*) (page 498, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 1:14–20 (page 33, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by Alice M. Trowbridge
THE KINGDOM REVEALED

***HYMN 408** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” *Tune: GERMANY*

***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

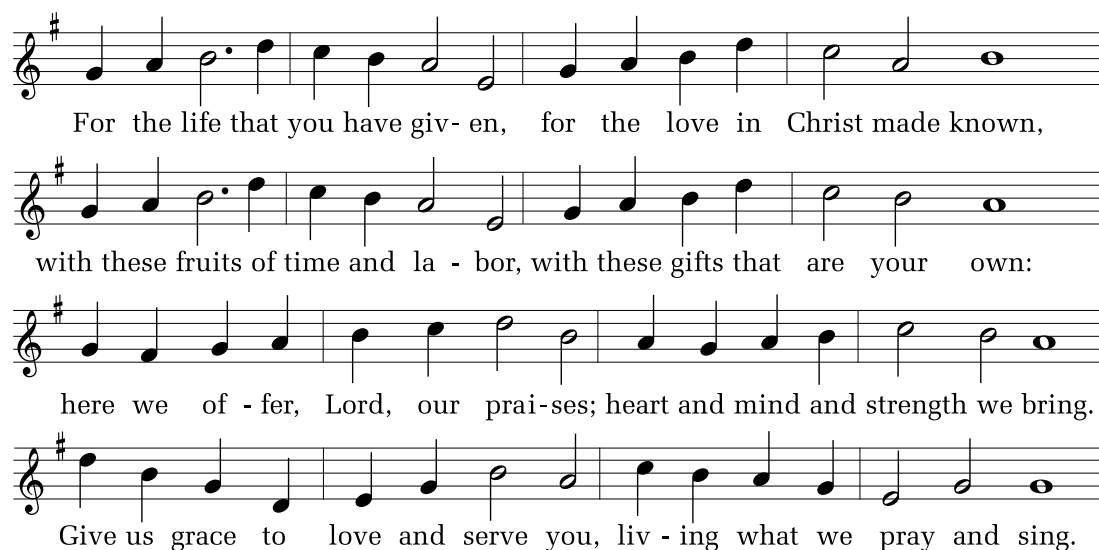
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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 “The Prayer Perfect” *Oley Speaks*

Dear Lord, king Lord, gracious Lord, I pray thou wilt look on all
I love tenderly today! Weed their hearts of weariness, scatter every
care, down a wake of angel wings winnowing the air. Bring unto
the sorrowing all release from pain; let the lips of laughter overflow
again. And with all the needy, O divide, I pray, this vast treasure
of content, which is mine today!

*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.**

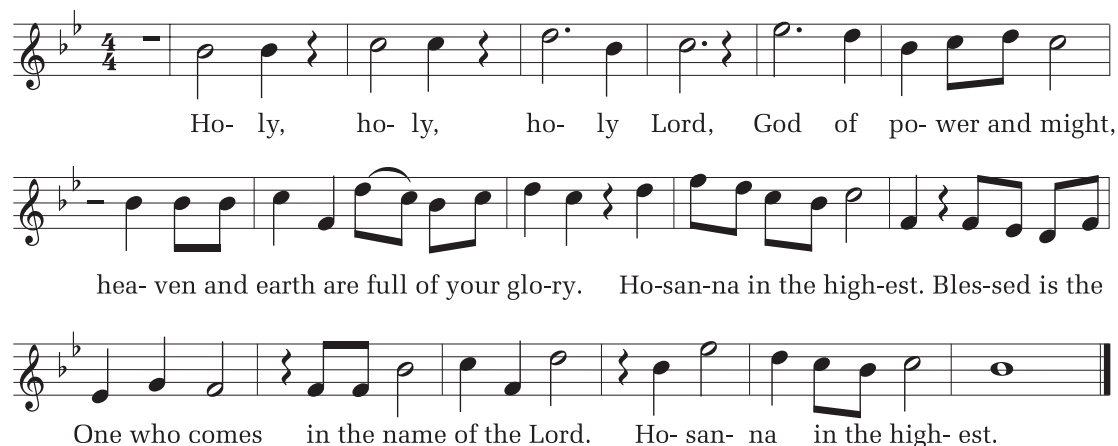
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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- ner 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 "Almighty God, Who Hast Me Brought" *Thomas Ford*
Almighty God, who hast me brought in safety to the present day,
keep me from sin in heart and thought and teach me what to do
and say.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,
our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 339** "Be Thou My Vision" *Tune: SLANE*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Scherzo *Alan Ridout*

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 Calum I. MacLeod, Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, Alice M. Trowbridge

THE MUSIC TODAY The Chancel Choir; Cole Seaton, tenor soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by James Sinclair on behalf of the youth and next Sunday's Souper Bowl of Caring.

This morning's prelude, Mass in the Second Tone, was written by André Raison in the late seventeenth century. Johann Sebastian Bach borrowed the theme of the prelude's "Christ Have Mercy" section in the early eighteenth century to compose his monumental Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor. Such borrowing was not considered copyright infringement at the time but simply a gesture of praise. From this simple seed came a mighty masterpiece.

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.

Bulletin cover: 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.'"

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