

THE SEASON OF LENT, structured as it is to remember the journey of Jesus to the cross, is also the perfect time for articulating the call of Jesus to discipleship. In these forty days we may contemplate not only the wonderful power of the cross of Christ, but the power inherent in taking up our own crosses too. Opportunities are daily before us, times when we may give our lives sacrificially to acts of love, compassion, justice, and peace. In this season we are wise to ponder not only the cross in our sanctuaries, but the picture of Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, calling all his disciples to take up our own crosses and to walk with him in paths of love and service.

Paul C. Shupe, *Feasting on the Word*

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.

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, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, March 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, April 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399.

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	Elegy	<i>George T. Thalben-Ball</i>
	Prayer for Peace	<i>Richard Purvis</i>
	Litany	<i>Joel Martinson</i>
	Where Charity and Love Prevail	<i>Catherine McMichael</i>

INTROIT “Even Now, Says the Lord, Return to Me” *Richard Proulx*
Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart,
for I am gracious and merciful.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

***HYMN 371** “Lift High the Cross” *Tune: CRUCIFER*

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

**God of mercy, you are full of tenderness
and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to
renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in
every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek
and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed
from you and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure
when we are stained and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored
your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ,
our Savior. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER **Holy God, remind us of the promises given
in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 22:22–31 (*responsively*) (page 474, O.T.)

ANTHEM “I Sought the Lord” *Wilbur Held*
I sought the Lord and afterward I knew he moved my soul
to seek him, seeking me; it was not I that found, O Savior, true;
no, I was found of thee. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine
enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea; ’twas not
so much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.
I find, I walk, I love, but O, the whole of love is but my answer,
Lord, to thee; for thou wert long beforehand with my soul;
always thou lovedst me.

FIRST LESSON Mark 1:16–20 (page 33, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Mark 8:31–38 (page 41, N.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
DECISION TIME

“He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,
‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.’” Mark 8:34 (NRSV)

***HYMN 357** “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” *Tune: MARYTON*

***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"

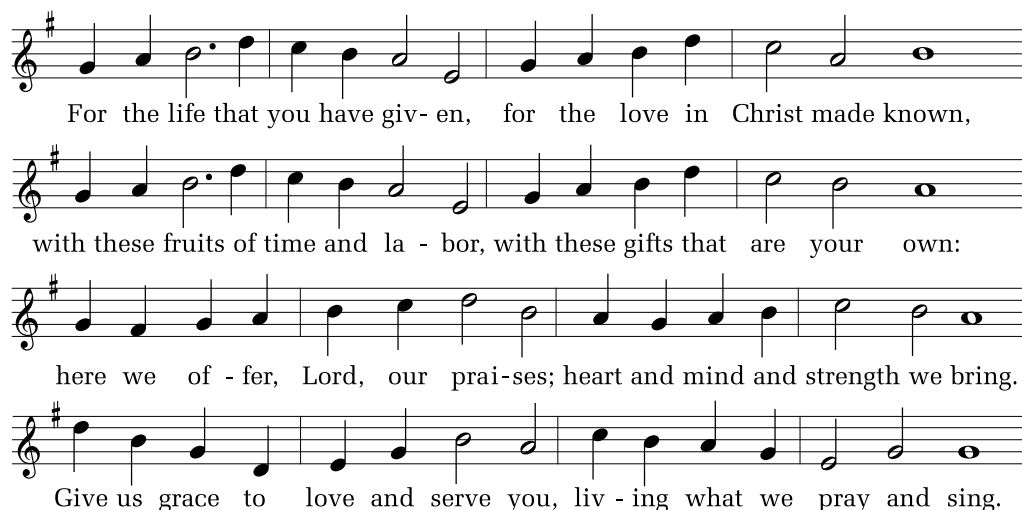
John Stainer

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "I Will Set His Dominion in the Sea" *Bruce Neswick*

I will set his dominion in the sea and his right hand in the floods,
and he shall call me, thou art my Father, thou art my God,
my strong salvation. And I will make him, my firstborn, higher
than the kings of the earth. The Lord hath chosen Zion to be a
habitation for himself. I will bless her victuals with increase
and will satisfy her poor with bread. I will deck her priests with
health, and her saints shall rejoice and sing. Praised be the Lord
forevermore. 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: **God of compassion, we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ. We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 434

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” *Tune: KINGSFOLD*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A Major

W. Clarence Eddy

BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

*Casey Jane McClellan, daughter of Andrew and Holly McClellan
Colin Michael Ross, son of Don Ross and Elizabeth Amatangelo*

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

*Margaret Maclay Baker, daughter of Jeff Baker and Nancy Tegethoff Baker
Margaret Sinclair Clifford, daughter of Walter and Angela Clifford
Caroline Elizabeth Kaspar, daughter of Scott and Beth Kaspar
Sebastian Richard Meier, son of Christoph and Claire Meier
Flynn James Ogden, son of John and Amanda Ogden
Brielle Lauren Smith, daughter of Brett Schechterman and Beth Smith
Felix James Vujasin, son of Srecko and Jamie Vujasin*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Linda C. Loving, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Linda C. Loving, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Handbell Choir; the Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. The Handbell Choir; the Morning Choir
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
Beverly Escuder, Director of Children and Youth Music

WORSHIP NOTES

The composer of this morning's Offertory Anthem, Bruce Neswick, has recently been appointed Organist and Director of Music at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. Born in 1956 in Kennewick, Washington, he studied at Pacific Lutheran University and Yale University.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, as well as the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program and Elam Davies Social Service Center. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The unfolding flower growing out of a crown of thorns, shown on this week's bulletin cover, provides an apt metaphor for the new life arising from Christ's death and resurrection. It is carved into the underside of the octagonal sounding board over the Fourth Church pulpit.

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