

O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

Albert Lister Peace, 1884

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, April 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399.

Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, 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 Meditation on the First Prelude of J. S. Bach *Charles Gounod*
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Finale from *Sonata in F* *George Frideric Handel*

INTROIT “God So Loved the World” *John Goss*
God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting
life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

***HYMN 83** “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”
Tune: DEO GRACIAS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You
call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors
in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil,
prejudice, warfare, and greed. We have not done justice,
loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.
God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come
to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive
forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER Psalm 107:1–9 *(responsively)* (page 528, O.T.)

FIRST LESSON Numbers 21:4–9 (page 134, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

John 3:14–21

(page 88, N.T.)

SERMON

by John H. Boyle

THIS MUCH!

***HYMN 78**

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Tune: MARTYRDOM

***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.

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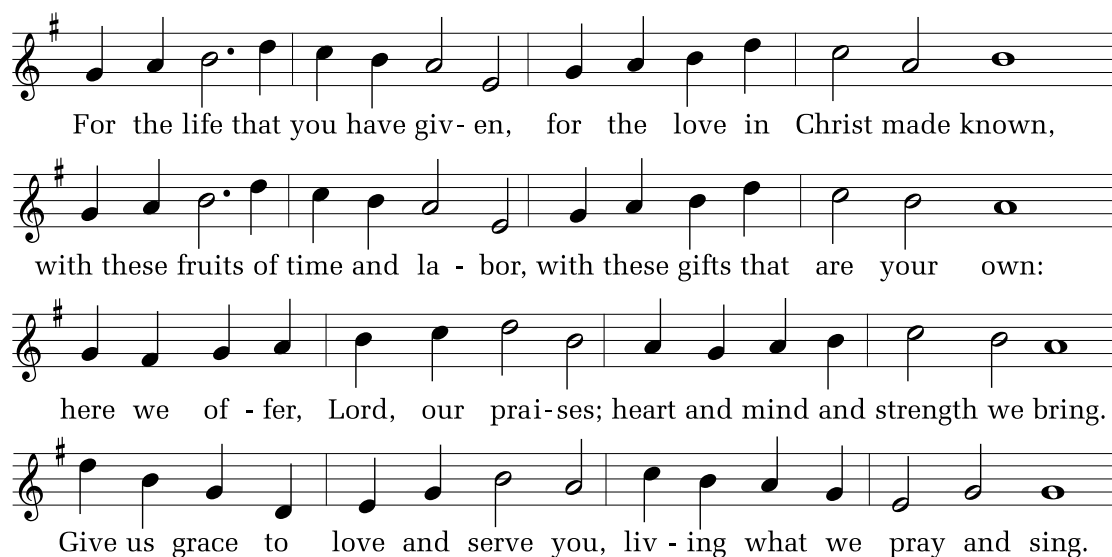
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt”

Heinrich Schütz

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have
everlasting life.

***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.

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.**

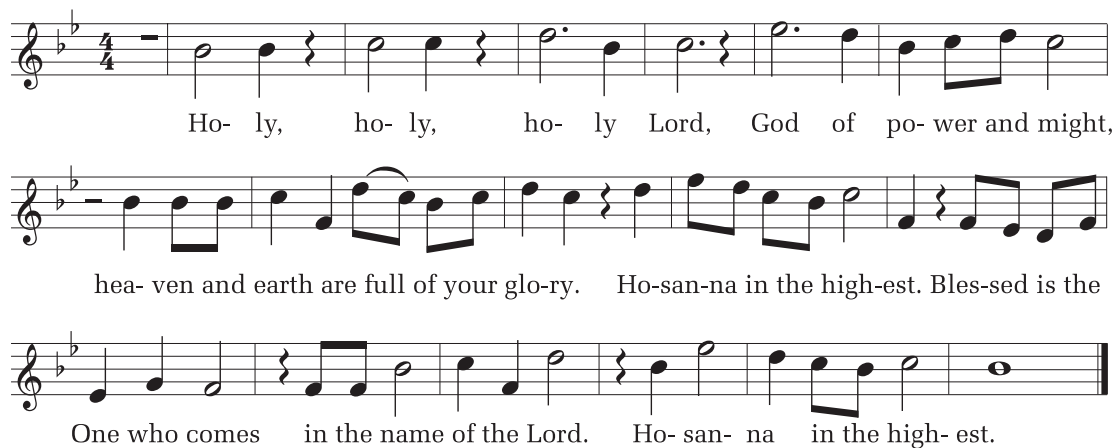
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 “Wondrous Love”

American folk melody

arr. Alice Parker

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord
of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was
sinking down, O my soul, beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, to God and to the Lamb who is the great “I am,”
while millions join the theme, I will sing. And when from death
I’m free, I’ll sing on; I’ll sing and joyful be, and through eternity
I’ll sing on.

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*)

**God of all grace, you have so greatly loved us,
so long sought us, and so mercifully accepted and
redeemed us. At this table we have been reminded
once again of how far your love for the world is willing
to go to bring healing to its brokenness and to ours.
Grant now that we, strengthened in and by your love,
may show forth that love by serving those in need.
In gratitude we commit ourselves to do just that. Amen.**

***HYMN 422**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” *Tune: BEACH SPRING*

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 every two 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. Calum I. MacLeod, Donna Gray, John H. Boyle

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, flutist

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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented on behalf of the Sunday School program.

This Sunday morning Vicky Curtiss is preaching at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in Oak Park, where Wayne Myers is pastor. Adam Fronczek is speaking at Chicago Sinai Congregation as part of an interfaith forum.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program and Elam Davies Social Service Center, the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. 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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