

March 22, 2009

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m.

Not only is another world possible, she is on her way.
On a quiet day I can hear her breathing.

Arundhati Roy

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*

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** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 263** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Tune: ST. DENIO*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of mercy, who longs to gather us in the wide embrace
of love, we confess that we have been wayward children.
We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been
deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love.
In thought, word, and in deed, we have hurt others and
dishonored your name. In your great mercy, receive us
yet again as your well-beloved children, not because
we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and
gave himself for us. 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.)

ANTHEM “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” *Paul French*
Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.
Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.
Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

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 Sarah A. Johnson
BOUNDARY-BREAKING LOVE

***HYMN 339** “Be Thou My Vision” *Tune: SLANE*

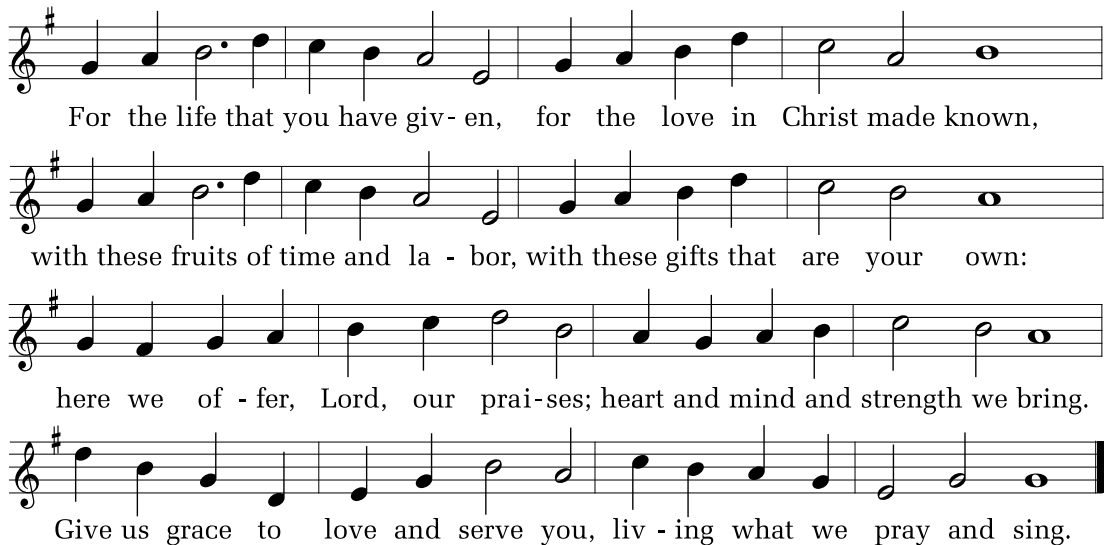
***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

**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 QUARTET “O Come, Every One That Thirsteth” from *Elijah*
Felix Mendelssohn

*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.**

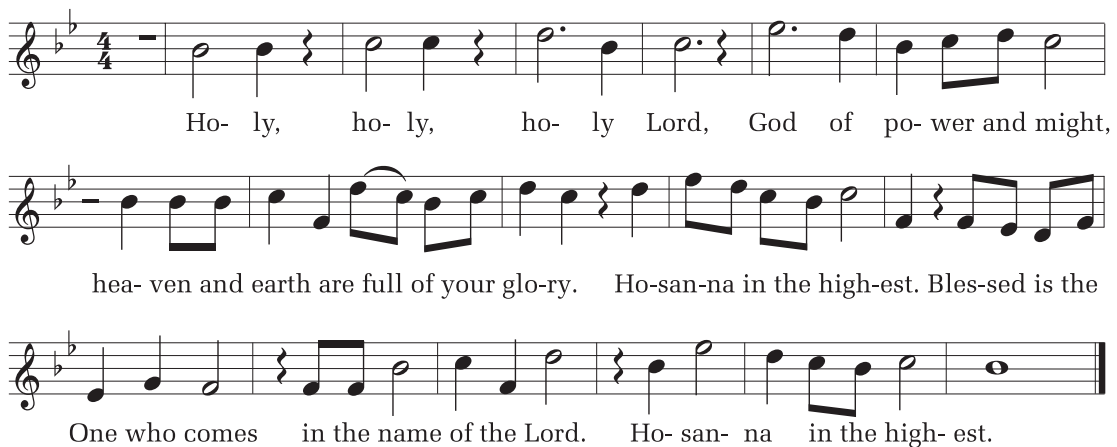
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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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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 “God So Loved the World” *John Stainer*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**O Lord, our God, we give you thanks for uniting us
by baptism in the body of Christ and for filling us with the
joy of the Eucharist. Lead us toward the full visible unity
of your church, and help us to treasure all the signs of
reconciliation that you have granted us. Now that we have
foretasted the banquet you have prepared, may we one day
share together, in the inheritance of the saints, in the life
of the heavenly city. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

***HYMN 358** “Help Us Accept Each Other” *Tune: BARONITA*

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.

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.

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 Adam Fronczek, Joyce Shin, Sarah A. Johnson

THE MUSIC TODAY The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, flutist and alto soloist;
Dan Henry, bass soloist; Natalie Mann, soprano soloist;
Cole Seaton, tenor soloist
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

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

This morning's Prayer of Confession and Prayer after Communion are both taken from *The Worship Sourcebook*.

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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