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 folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available from the ushers outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall, and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary.
- **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 on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the Hancock garage, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available on Sunday mornings only, at the rate of \$6.00 for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.
- Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, March 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, April 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, April 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).

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 Sarah Johnson, a member of the pastoral staff, at 312.981.4034 (sjohnson@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 and Fugue in B Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

When Jesus Wept William Billings

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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 253 "I'll Praise My Maker" Tune: Old 113th

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 **P**ARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 116 (responsively) (page 533, O.T.)

First Lesson John 11:1–27 (page 98, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

^{*}Stand as you are able.

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON John 11:28–44 (page 99, N.T.)

Sermon John Buchanan

Two Angry Sisters and Their Recently Deceased Brother

 $\hbox{``I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me,}\\$

even though they die, will live." John 11:25 (NRSV)

*HYMN 510 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" Tune: QUEBEC

*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.

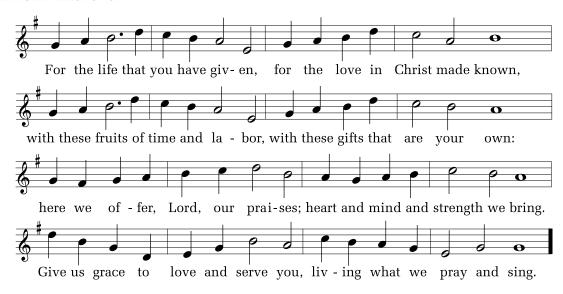
OFFERING

OFFERTORY **A**NTHEM "Sing Me to Heaven"

Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss. Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute. In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices, and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song. If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song. If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem; sing me to heaven. Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure; touch in me grief and comfort.

*Offertory Response



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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:



hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the



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Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty . . .

... dedicated to your service.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional) (The Hymnal, page 16)

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness" Johann Crüger

(Anthem text: Hymn 506)

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

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" Tune: St. Anne

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Te Deum (We Praise Thee, O God) Jean Langlais

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 4:00 p.m. worship and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services six times a year.

"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. Adam Fronczek, Victoria G. Curtiss, John Buchanan 11:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Victoria G. Curtiss, John Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; the Handbell Choir11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; the Handbell Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Beverly Escuder, Children and Youth Music Director

WORSHIP NOTES

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Part of that offering, which supports the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, will be used to help those affected by the recent earthquake in Chile. The offering also supports Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Elam Davies Social Service Center as well as the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program. To make a gift to this offering, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

John Buchanan's current sermon series is based on incidents in the life of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John and inspired by Frances Taylor Gench's book *Encounters with Jesus* (copies of which are available during Coffee Hour). Previous sermons in the series are available in the literature racks (as are Lenten devotions on the Gospel of John) and in both audio and transcript formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

March 14: Extravagant Intimacy with Dearest Friends

March 21: New Commandment

March 28: On Trial: Who Is Your King?

April 4: A New World at First Light

The bulletin cover depicts the pulpit sounding board as viewed from the chancel, with the arched ceiling over the north balcony in the background.

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