

I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Letter from a Birmingham Jail

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. 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 Sunday, January 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For membership information, contact Linda C. 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, Minister for Congregational Care, 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

Sonata Pian'e Forte	<i>Giovanni Gabrieli</i> <i>arr. Robert King</i>
My Lord, What a Morning	<i>African American spiritual</i> <i>arr. Richard Billingham</i>
A Rose Tree Blossoms	<i>Alan Hovhaness</i> <i>arr. Christine Worthing</i>
Oh, Freedom	<i>African American spiritual</i> <i>arr. Adolphus Hailstork</i>
There Is a Balm in Gilead	<i>African American spiritual</i> <i>arr. Bob Walters</i>

INTROIT

“Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”
African American spiritual
arr. Richard Proulx

Somebody’s knocking at your door; O sinner, why don’t you answer?
Knocks like Jesus, somebody’s knocking at your door.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 563

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**God of all mercy, give us grace to make a fresh start today.
We know we have not loved you with our whole heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
As we hope to be forgiven, teach us also to forgive,
and lead us forward in a new life where neither grudges
nor resentment have a part; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- PSALTER** Psalm 40:1–11 (*responsively*) (page 486, O.T.)
- ANTHEM** “Hush, Hush, Somebody’s Calling My Name”
African American spiritual
arr. Eric Budzynski
Hush, hush, somebody’s calling my name. O my Lord, what shall I do? Sounds like Jesus. I’m so glad I got my religion in time.
- FIRST LESSON** 1 Corinthians 1:1–9 (page 155, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
- *GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)
- SECOND LESSON** John 1:29–36 (page 86, N.T.)
- SERMON** The Radiant Stars CALUM I. MACLEOD
- *HYMN 437** “Our Cities Cry to You, O God” *Tune: SALVATION*
- *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 "Alleluia, Amen"

Carl Wiltse

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel"

*African American spiritual
arr. William L. Dawson*

Ezekiel saw the wheel, way up in the middle of the air. The big wheel run by faith and the little wheel run by the grace of God; a wheel in a wheel, way in the middle of the air. Better mind, my brother, how you walk on the cross; your foot might slip and your soul get lost. Old Satan wears a clubfoot shoe. If you don't mind, he'll slip it on you. Some go to church for to sing and shout hallelujah. Before six months they are all turned out.

***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 our hearts and minds,
we give you thanks and praise
for your goodness to us
and dedicate to you our thoughts,
our words, our gifts, our deeds,
the working of our hands,
the thinking of our minds,
the loving of our hearts.
Shield us this day,
keep us from offense,
and surround us with your love,
now and for evermore.
Amen.**

***HYMN 307**

“Fight the Good Fight”

Tune: DUKE STREET

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*American folk tune
arr. Don Gillis*

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Eighty-two years ago, on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta. Only thirty-five years later, this pastor and civil rights leader became the youngest individual to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. On this weekend when we join churches and communities across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., we read here again the words he wrote from the Birmingham Jail in April 1963, excerpted from his letter, which was first printed in the Christian Century.

“We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be coworkers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. . . .

“If today’s church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. . . . Is organized religion too inextricably bound to the status quo to save our nation and the world? Perhaps I must turn my faith to the inner spiritual church, the church within the church, as the true *ekklesia* and the hope of the world. But again I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom. . . . They have acted in the faith that right defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment.”

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Sarah A. Johnson, Adam H. Fronczek, Calum I. MacLeod

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

WORSHIP NOTES

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, participates in worship leadership this morning, as it does during 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month during the academic year.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. sermons in text and various audio formats. Also posted on the website is the text of all worship bulletins and "News and Opportunities" as well as information about upcoming worship services.

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.

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