

MORNING WORSHIP

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

PRELUDE

Three Liturgical Improvisations *George Oldroyd*

1. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord.
2. Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
3. Pour light upon us from above and fire our hearts with thy strong love.

INTROIT

“Blessed Are the Pure in Heart” *H. Walford Davies*

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see our God.
The secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ’s abode.
Grant us your presence, Lord; our spirits now renew.
Give each a pure and lowly heart, a dwelling place for you.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 220

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Lord, forgive us our confusions:
for confusing making a living with making a life;
for confusing arrogance with assurance;
for confusing ideas with convictions;
for confusing security with salvation.
Remind us that it is more important
to be held by the truth than to hold it;
to be servants of great ideas
than to entertain them as interesting guests.
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 15 (*responsively*)

(page 469, O.T.)

ANTHEM "Dies Sanctificatus" *Giovanni Croce*
Day of sanctification, pour light upon us this day. O come, let us worship the Lord our God, for upon this day a great light has come upon the earth. Let us all be joyful and rejoice.

FIRST LESSON Job 38:1–7; 42:1–6 (pages 458, 462, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON John 10:14–16; 16:12-15 (pages 97, 104, N.T.)

SERMON J. BARRIE SHEPHERD

Certain Uncertainties

"Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."

Job 42:3 (NRSV)

***HYMN 270** "O God, in a Mysterious Way" *Tune: DUNDEE*

***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"

Dale Wood

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Sermon on the Mount"

Dave Brubeck

from *The Light in the Wilderness*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful for they shall
obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they are the children of God.
Blessed are ye when all manner of evil is said against thee for
his sake. Rejoice, be glad, for great is your reward in heaven.
Ye are the salt of the earth; ye are the light of the world.
A city set on a hill cannot be hid. When he came down from
the mountain, great multitudes followed him shouting his praises.
Then all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth
from him healing them all.

***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 all mercies,
we give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
Give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness
and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory now and forever.
Amen.**

***HYMN 265**

“Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand”

Tune: WAREHAM

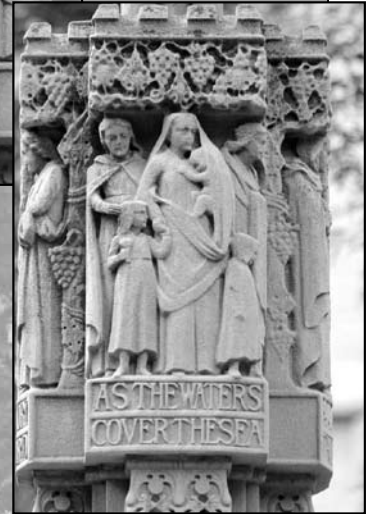
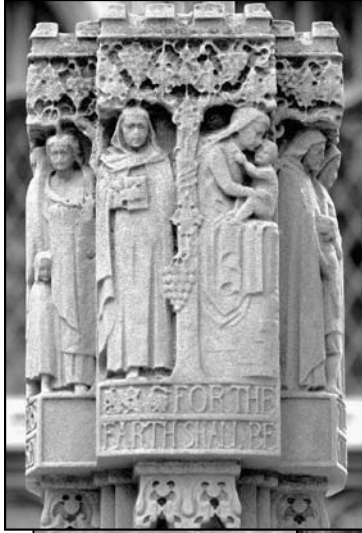
BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher

IN THE DETAILS



Associate architect Howard Van Doren Shaw donated the Garth “Children’s Fountain” in 1913. The base is decorated with various animals; the top includes the text of Habbakuk 2:14. Nearly 100 years later, Fourth Church is again building for the future. To learn about Project Second Century and how you can support it, call 312.981.3380 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

Thirteenth in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss, Calum I. MacLeod, J. Barrie Shepherd

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's sermon hymn, "O God, in a Mysterious Way," was written by William Cowper in 1774 after attempting suicide. He had struggled with periodic depression much of his life, and this was the last hymn text he wrote.

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Erin Bennett on behalf of the Souper Bowl of Caring, which will take place next Sunday, February 6.

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.

The bulletin cover photo depicts the Narthex stairwell.

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