

**\*HYMN 87** “The Glory of These Forty Days”

*Tune:* ERHALT UNS, HERR

**BENEDICTION**

**THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*Those who wish are invited to come to either the front or back of the Sanctuary to receive ashes either on the back of the hand or on the forehead. Ashes serve as a sign of human mortality and penitence and as a reminder that only by God’s grace in Jesus Christ are we given eternal life. Ashes are imposed with the words “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19).*

*—Depart in silence—*

---

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Hardy H. Kim** Associate Pastor  
**Victoria G. Curtiss** Associate Pastor  
**John W. W. Sherer** Organist and Director of Music  
**Ryan Loeckel** Violinist  
**Beena David** Soloist

---

**The season of Lent** calls Christians to embrace the faith journey by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. Although often considered a time for giving up something as a way of symbolizing Jesus’ sacrifice and his struggle in the wilderness, the forty days of Lent also offer an opportunity for taking up. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross.

**Daily Lenten devotions** are available via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)), Twitter (@FourthChicago), email (send addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), and in printed booklets in the literature racks.

**The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago**

Church office: 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014; [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)  
312.787.4570; Staff extensions: 312.787.2729; Fax: 312.787.4584



**February 13, 2013**  
**12:10 p.m.**

**Ash Wednesday**

---

**PRELUDE**

Behold, I Stand at the Threshold *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
All People Are Mortal *Johann Ludwig Krebs*  
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*  
Earth Prayers *Augusta Read Thomas*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

People: **God’s love endures forever.**

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: **God’s love endures forever.**

**\*HYMN 81** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

*Tune:* ST. FLAVIAN

---

*\*Stand as you are able.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.  
We have not listened to your call  
to serve as Christ served us.  
We confess to you, O God,  
our self-indulgent appetites and ways  
and our exploitation of other people,  
our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,  
our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
our negligence in prayer and worship,  
and our failure to commend the faith  
that you have put in us.  
Accept our repentance, O God,  
for the wrongs that we have done.  
For the sake of the Christ who suffered to be with us,  
by that same suffering restore us, O God,  
and let your anger depart from us.  
In your great mercy hear us, we pray. Amen.

**WELCOME**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Isaiah 58:1–12 (page 647, O.T.)  
Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21 (page 5, N.T.)

**A MEDITATION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY** by Hardy H. Kim

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY SOLO** “The Bird’s Song” from *The Pilgrim’s Progress*  
*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**INVITATION**

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.**

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**THE COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SOLO** “Watchful’s Song” from *The Pilgrim’s Progress*  
*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(unison)*

**God of compassion,  
we give you thanks for the gifts of bread and wine  
through which we are united with your Son, Jesus;  
and that, in him, you chose to reconcile  
your people to yourself.  
Following his example of prayer and fasting,  
may we obey you with willing hearts  
and serve one another in holy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**