

February 22, 2004

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Glory is what God looks like when for the time being all you have to look at God with is a pair of eyes. . . . To behold God's glory is the closest you can get to God this side of paradise.

Frederick Buechner
Wishful Thinking

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.
- 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. Activity bags for children in worship are available outside the south transept doors.
- 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 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m.
- Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore 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, March 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, March 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 981.4025.

Fourth Church Cares

- For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor, at 640.5398 (callen@fourthchurch.org).
- The Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, a ministry of Fourth Church, offers support groups as well as individual, couples', and premarital counseling. Information about the Center is available in the literature racks or by calling 312.787.8425.
- Births, adoptions, and baptisms: To notify the church of births and adoptions or for information about baptisms, contact Jill Stephens in the Children and Family Ministry office at 640.2578 (jstephens@fourthchurch.org).

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MORNING WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

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

PRELUDE
(8:00)

Memorial
from *Triptyque*

Louis Vierne

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Requiescat in Pace

Leo Sowerby

INTROIT
(8:00)

“Response for Transfiguration Day” *Morgan Simmons*
Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing; let us,
if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia!
This is God’s beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before him,
first and last and only One. All creation shall adore him!

INTROIT
(9:30 and 11:00)

“Sing Hallelu” *Rollo Dilworth*
Sing hallelu. O, what a beautiful city! Twelve gates to the city,
a-hallelu! Three gates in the east, there are three gates in the west,
there are three gates in the north, there are three gates in the
south, making it twelve gates to the city, a-hallelu! My Lord built
that city, and he said it was a-four square, and he said that all of
you sinners have to meet him in the air, ‘cause he built twelve
gates to the city, a-hallelu.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 462

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Tune: RATISBON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy Lord, in Jesus Christ you reveal the full light of your
glory, but we look away from him, distracted by our own
desires and ambitions. We speak too quickly and act
too rashly, intent upon achieving our chosen ends and
ignoring the needs of others. Forgive us for turning away
from you. Grant us the wisdom to seek your truth.
Empower us, by your Holy Spirit, to live in that light,
following in the way of your beloved Son, our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray . Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 99 (*responsively*) (page 552, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Prayer for Transfiguration Day” *John Weaver*
O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son,
you have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the testimony
of the apostles. In the voice that came from the bright cloud,
you proclaimed him to be your Son and told us to heed his
teachings. O God, make us heirs with Christ, in his glory
forevermore. Alleluia. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 34:29–35 (page 81, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)
(9:30 and 11:00) Children are dismissed to Sunday School classes.

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2 (page 180, N.T.)

SERMON by John A. Cairns
LIFTING THE VEIL

*HYMN 474 “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*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.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen"

Anonymous

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

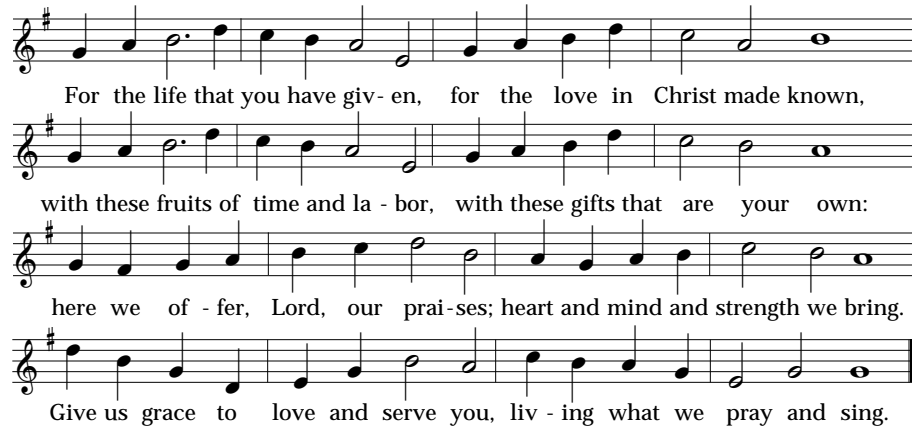
"Laudate Dominum" *Claudio Monteverdi*
Praise the Lord in his sanctuary. Praise the Lord in the stronghold
of his power. Praise him with trumpets; praise him with psalter
and harp; praise him with tympany, with tympany and chorus.
Praise him with cymbals, with euphonious cymbals, with
jubilating cymbals. All living beings shall praise the Lord.
Alleluia.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel" (9:30 and 11:00)

African American spiritual
arr. William 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 little wheel in a wheel, 'way up 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, 'way up in the middle of the air. Some
go to church for to sing and shout "Hallelujah!" Before six
months they's all turned out 'way in the middle of the air. Old
Satan wears a club foot shoe, way up in the middle of the air.
If you don't mind, he'll slip it on you, way up in the middle of
the air.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE



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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: Almighty God, expand our horizons that we may see
your light shining in all places, in the faces of all people.
Deepen within us a respect for your justice and an
anticipation of your kingdom. May that vision challenge
us as we offer our gifts and shape our lives in your
service. We make our prayer in the name of the one who
is always the Light of the world, even Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 376

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Tune: HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Finale

Franz Liszt

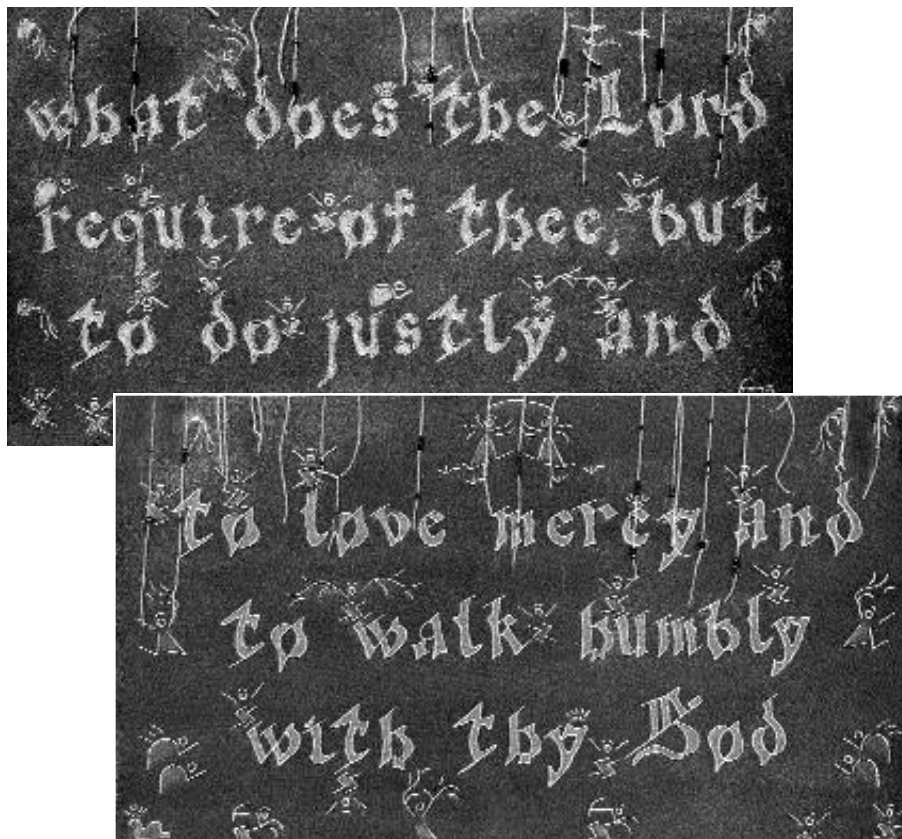
from *Prelude and Fugue on B.A.C.H.*

Sanctuary Banners for Ordinary Time

The sanctuary hangings for Ordinary Time—the two banners and pulpit parament at the front of the sanctuary and the two hangings at the back—celebrate in word and image the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary.”

Created by Jewish fiber artist Laurie Wohl, the five Unweaving hangings use Hebrew and English calligraphy to augment formal and pictographic narratives. The two hangings at the back of the sanctuary were designed to form a gate to prayer. The artist chose to incorporate in them the texts of Psalm 84:4–5, Psalm 91:11–12, and Micah 6:8 (shown here) to give congregants thoughts to take with them upon leaving the sanctuary.

These thoughts touch upon different human needs and aspects of faith: the joy of prayer and commitment, the comfort of God’s protection as we go forth, and the commitment to social justice and the necessity of ethically oriented lives.



Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
- 9:30 a.m. Julie Kim, Pastoral Resident
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
- 11:00 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Ann Marie Boyle, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Children's Choir
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Children's Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Mary Theresa Reed, Director of Children's Music

Worship Notes

A Jazz Vespers service with music leadership by the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble will be held today at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Thanks to artist Nancy Chinn and Evergreen Methodist Church of Fort Bragg, California, whose art installation of stars and doves has adorned the Fourth Church sanctuary since September 28 as part of the Stewardship and Capital Campaign theme, "A Light in the City: Sharing God's Grace." After today, the installation will be taken down as we move into the season of Lent.

The seven-foot hand-carved angels shown on the bulletin cover grace the tops of the piers in the nave. During the 1990s sanctuary renovation, Sunday School children adopted the angel playing the panpipe, raising money for its restoration.

Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Fourth Church

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

This week's daily prayer will be held on Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in Blair Chapel and on Thursday and Friday at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

This Friday, February 27, a prayer service in the style of Taizé will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. This service is held the fourth Friday of each month.

Lenten devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Today's sermon will be available online at www.fourthchurch.org by this Friday. Recent sermons are also available in the literature racks.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.