

March 14, 2004

Third Sunday in Lent

They crucified him with the criminals. Which is more amazing, to find Jesus in such bad company, or to find the criminals in such good company? . . . Jesus died precisely for these two criminals who were crucified on his right and left and went to their death with him. He did not die for the sake of a good world; he died for the sake of an evil world.

Karl Barth
Deliverance to the Captives

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 Saturday, March 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, March 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, April 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

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) Two Preludes on Irish Melodies *Charles Villiers Stanford*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Prelude on "St. Patrick" *Leo Sowerby*
Be Thou My Vision *Irish ballad*
arr. Paul Manz
Brother James's Air *Searle Wright*
Two Preludes on Irish Melodies *Charles Villiers Stanford*

INTROIT "Call to Remembrance" *Richard Farrant*
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *Tune: AZMON*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Be patient with us, we pray, O God, as we seek to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Forgive our haste to judgment, our instincts for revenge, and our inclinations to harbor grudges. Pardon our silence before injustice and our own timidity to speak out for mercy. Teach us, O God, to love as you have loved us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(9:30 and 11:00)

UNISON PRAYER (9:30 and 11:00) Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

(8:00) Isaiah 55:9–12 (page 686, O.T.)
(9:30 and 11:00) Isaiah 53:1–6 (page 683, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Turn Thy Face from My Sins” *Thomas Attwood*
Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

(8:00) 1 Corinthians 10:1–13 (page 172, N.T.)
(9:30 and 11:00) 2 Corinthians 5:14–21 (page 181, N.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.*

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

(8:00) Luke 13:1–9 (page 76, N.T.)
(9:30 and 11:00) Luke 13:31–35 (page 77, N.T.)

SERMON

(8:00) SAVE THE DATE by Donna Gray

SERMON

(9:30 and 11:00) OK, MEL, BUT WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?
by Fleming Rutledge

*HYMN 78 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” *Tune: MARTYRDOM*

*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"

Thomas Tallis

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "For He That Is Mighty"
(8:00)

Johann Sebastian Bach

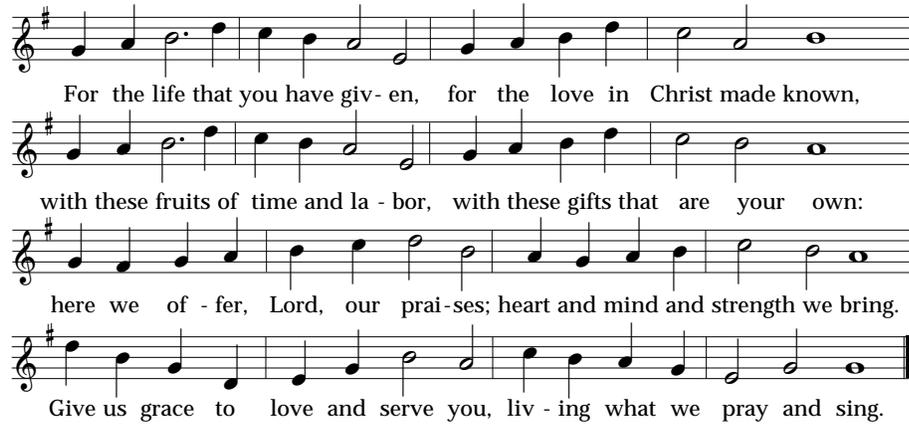
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Remember Not, Lord, Our Offenses"
(9:30 and 11:00)

Henry Purcell

Remember not, Lord, our offenses, nor the offenses of our
forefathers. Neither take thou vengeance of our sins, good Lord,
but spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast
redeemed with thy precious blood, and be not angry with us
forever; spare us, good Lord.

*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 compassion, we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding and that you desire for us new life in Jesus Christ. We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 376

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Tune: HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Aria Pastorella

Valentin Rathgeber

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Marcia Celtica

Eric Thiman

BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

Gavin William Snyder, son of Darren and Anne Snyder

Richard Parker Stroud, son of Taylor and Sara Stroud

Etta Stokes Towler Weese, daughter of Daniel and Cheryl Towler Weese

Cole Woods Towler Weese, son of Daniel and Cheryl Towler Weese

Micah Rogers Towler Weese, son of Daniel and Cheryl Towler Weese

Children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

Isabella Nicola DeSerto, daughter of Joe and Suzanne DeSerto

Maximiliano Silvio Vincent DeSerto, son of Joe and Suzanne DeSerto

Sara Jayne Gray, daughter of Jim and Amy Gray

Michael Brooks Hainen, son of Mike and Ellen Hainen

Samuela Mawume Kasipa, daughter of Samuel Kasipa and Judeth Apawu

Ryan Danhen Tran, son of Canh Tran and Beth Wilson

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
David Aja-Sigmon, Pastoral Resident
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families
- 9:30 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
Fleming Rutledge
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor
John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
Fleming Rutledge

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Lindsay Peters, alto soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Children's Choir;
Elizabeth Hedgcock, soprano soloist
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Elizabeth Hedgcock, soprano soloist

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

Worship Notes

Fourth Church welcomes Fleming Rutledge to the pulpit at this morning's 9:30 and 11:00 services. Mrs. Rutledge, widely recognized as one of America's finest preachers, served as an Episcopalian priest for more than twenty years in the New York City area and is the author of the sermon collections *The Bible and the New York Times*, *Help My Unbelief*, and *The Undoing of Death*.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering supports Fourth Church's Partners in Education Scholarship Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program. To make a gift to this offering, use one of the envelopes in the pew racks or write "One Great Hour" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

John Buchanan is preaching and lecturing this morning at the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette, where he is the Wallace B. Moore lecturer.

The Maryville College Concert Choir will sing at today's 6:30 p.m. Vespers service.

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.

A midweek Lenten service is held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

Daily prayer is held each weekday morning 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.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is Friday, March 26.

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.