

March 21, 2004

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Many people live their lives never fully sure that they are loved as they are. The parable of the prodigal son is a story that speaks about a love that existed before any rejection was possible and will still be there after all rejections have taken place. It is the first and everlasting love of a God who is Father as well as Mother. It is the fountain of all true human love, even the most limited. Jesus' whole life and preaching had only one aim: to reveal this inexhaustible motherly and fatherly love of this God and to show the way to let that love guide every part of our daily lives.

Henry J. M. Nouwen
The Return of the Prodigal Son

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 Sunday, March 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, April 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, April 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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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ANTHEM
(8:00) "One Thing I Seek" *Richard Proulx*
One thing I seek before the Lord, this I ask: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Happy all who dwell in your house, O Lord; forevermore they praise you. Happy are those whose strength is found in you, O Lord, whose hearts are set along the pilgrim way, whose strength proclaims the love of God. O Lord of hosts, O Lord our God, how happy are those who place all their hope in you, all their days.

ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00) "I Was Glad" *Henry Purcell*
I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord." For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel and to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALTER Psalm 139:1–12 (*responsively*) (page 577, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15:1–3, 11–32 (page 78, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS
3. HIS MESSAGE

*HYMN 280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"
Tune: AMAZING GRACE

*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"

Edward Margetson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

"Pie Jesu"
from *Requiem*

John Rutter

Blessed Jesus, in thy mercy grant them eternal rest.

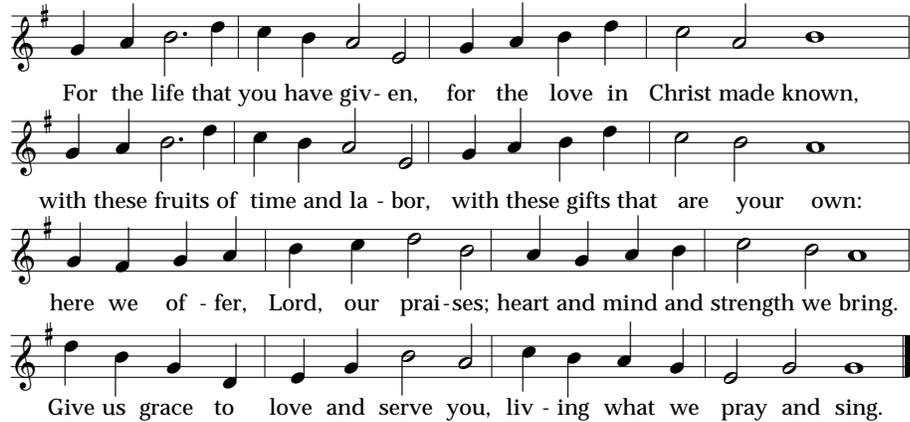
OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

"Wer Will Uns Scheiden"

Heinrich Schütz

Who shall separate us from the love of God then? Anguish or
distress or they who harm us? Or shall hunger or exposure, shall
danger cause me fear, or the sword? For I am convinced that
neither death nor life, neither angels, nor princely powers, nor
kingdoms, nothing in the present time, nor is yet to come, neither
highness nor deepness, neither any other creature may part us
from the love of God then, which is ours in Jesus Christ, our
Lord, our Savior. Amen.

*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 mercy, we praise you that when we are lost you come to find us, and that when we stray from your love, you welcome us back into your embrace. We thank you for your steadfast love revealed in Jesus Christ, in his life of compassion, his humble death, and his resurrection victory. By your Spirit give us the grace of repentance and the love to forgive and accept others as you forgive and accept us. Receive our offerings as tokens of our gratitude and our commitment to follow our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 85

“What Wondrous Love This Is”

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Allegro from *Trio Sonata No. 1*

J. S. Bach

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Amen

John Corigliano
arr. Erich Peterson

IN THE DETAILS

The Great West Window (left portion)

WINDOWS BY CHARLES J. CONNICK



In the top left panel, angels look down toward the Christ figure in the center window with the words, “Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving” (Revelation 7:12).

The central panel contains depictions of different races—a missionary with an open Bible, people from Asia, and a kneeling Ethiopian—with the words, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

The bottom panel depicts Moses holding the two tablets of the law and has the inscription “Consecrate yourselves today unto the Lord even every man” (Exodus 32:29).

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. John H. Boyle, Parish Associate
Julie Kim, Pastoral Resident
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
John M. Buchanan, Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Callie Thompson, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Children's Choir; Tower Brass
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Mary Theresa Reed, Director of Children's Music
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Dennis Thorn on behalf of the Scholarship Program of Partners in Education, which is one of several programs supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

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.

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning. Directed by Matthew Comerford, Tower Brass participates in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month from September through May.

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.