

April 25, 2004

Third Sunday of Easter

Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all. . . .
As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude;
it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength.

G. K. Chesterton
Signs of the Times

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, May 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, May 15 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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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) Grand plein jeu – Duo – Trio *Louis-Nicolas Clérambault*
from *Suite on the First Tone*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Suite on the First Tone *Louis-Nicolas Clérambault*

INTROIT (8:00) “The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth”
George Thalben-Ball

The Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us rejoice and be glad and give honor unto him. Alleluia.

INTROIT (9:30 and 11:00) “I Know the Lord Has Laid His Hands on Me”
Ruth Altman

O, I know the Lord has laid his hands on me. Did ever you see the likes before? I believe! King Jesus preaching to the poor! Hallelujah! O, wasn't that a happy day when Jesus washed my sins away. I know the Lord is with me. He watches over all so tenderly. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 473 “For the Beauty of the Earth” *Tune: DIX*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

While the beautiful signs of spring's renewal are revealed by you, O God, we too are called by you to reveal our failures to bring fresh beauty to many parts of our lives. Like farmers who struggle during the lean months of the year preparing for a new crop, so we in our life of faith often experience leanness, struggle, and emptiness. We fail to grow because we do not give ourselves over to the acceptance and nurture possible in Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to accept responsibility for difficulties in our corporate and personal lives. May we, Christ, take the risks to open ourselves to you and to one another and so reap a harvest of justice, love, and peace. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM
(8:00)

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Alleluia”

Joseph Roff

Rejoice, in thanks unite. Alleluia. The Lord has risen in his might. Alleluia. He laid in the tomb, for three days he laid in the tomb then broke the bonds of death for us. Alleluia. Rejoice, in Christ our hope now lies. Alleluia. For from our graves we too shall rise. Alleluia.

ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

“Alleluia”

Ralph Manuel

PSALTER

Psalm 30 *(responsively)*

(page 505, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

(9:30 and 11:00) Children are dismissed to Sunday School classes.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1–17

(page 115, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

by Keith C. Harris

FAILING FORWARD

“Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” Luke 21:6 (NRSV)

*HYMN 359

“More Love to Thee, O Christ” *Tune: MORE LOVE TO THEE*

*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 "Alleluia, Amen"

Parke Barnard

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

"Esurientes implevit bonis"
from *Magnificat*

Johann Sebastian Bach

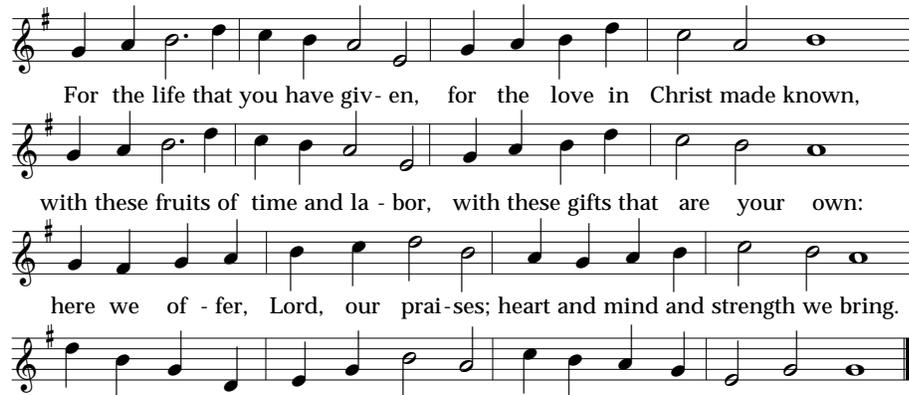
He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has
sent away empty.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Lord of the Dance" (9:30 and 11:00)

Shaker song
arr. David Willcocks

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced
in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from
heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.
"Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the dance,"
said he, "and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead
you all in the dance," said he. I danced for the scribe and the
Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John, they came with
me and the dance went on. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured
the lame; the holy people said it was a shame. They buried my
body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go
on. I danced when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with
the devil on your back. They whipped and they stripped and they
hung me on high and they left me there on a cross to die. They
cut me down and I leapt on high; "I am the life that'll never,
never die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me. I am the Lord of the
dance," said he.

*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: O Source of all living things, we praise you for the power
of recurring re-creation of life we see around us,
and for the timeless resur rection of Jesus our Christ.
May these signs inspire us to manifest your presence in
our relationships and actions, that those cries of joy
first heard on Easter morning may echo through
the centuries to our time and place. Amen.

*HYMN 525

“Here I Am, Lord”

Tune: HERE I AM

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Eugène Gigout

IN THE DETAILS

The Great West Window (right portion)

WINDOWS BY CHARLES J. CONNICK



In the top right panel, angels look down toward the Christ figure in the center window with the words, “And honor and power and might be unto our God forever” (Revelation 7:12).

The central panel contains depictions of various social classes—a worker, soldier, king, and beggar—and the inscription “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20).

The bottom panel depicts the prophet Isaiah, with his words, “Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows” (Isaiah 53:4).

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate
Wendy Mathewson, Pastoral Resident
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life
Wendy Mathewson, Pastoral Resident
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor
Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, alto 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

The composer of this morning's prelude, Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676–1749) lived in Paris and was organist of St. Sulpice. Clérambault's influence upon French Baroque musical development has been likened to the impact Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750) had upon German Baroque music.

The wooden ceiling of the sanctuary, shown on the bulletin cover, is characteristic of English churches and reflects the Viking influences of the British Isles. It was designed by renowned Chicago artist Frederick C. Bartlett.

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.

Daily prayer is held each weekday morning at 11:45 a.m. in Blair Chapel.

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, May 28.

Daily 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.

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