
August 29, 2004

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Spiritual dryness, if that is [God's] will at the moment,
is as much to be loved and obeyed as spiritual fervor. . . .
It takes repeated aridity . . . to bring home to us that our own so
precious feelings contribute nothing to our salvation; that, in fact,
they generally stand in the way of our perfection. Spiritual dryness
can finally lead us, after much pouting, actually to give thanks that
it is not because we see God that we have joy. It is because God sees us.

Gale D. Webbe
The Night and Nothing

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 the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.50 to 4:00 p.m. (validation is for three hours or less) and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, September 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 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 Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578 (jschiltz@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)

Prelude on an Introit

Pierre Camonin

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Prelude on an Introit
Prelude and Fugue in G Major

Pierre Camonin
Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

Plainsong

O splendor of God’s glory bright; O thou that bringest
light from light; O light of light, light’s living spring;
O day, all days illumining. All laud to God the Father be;
all praise, eternal Son to thee; all glory to the Spirit raise
in equal and unending praise.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 403

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Tune: CONVERSE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of everlasting mercy, hear prayer today, as we bring
our lives before you. We come as people who dwell on
the past. We want to face your new day with life and
hope in our hearts, but many times the events of our own
lives weigh us down. We forget to forgive one another.
We dwell on our own past mistakes. We refuse to bury
dead issues and worn-out memories. Forgive us, O God,
we pray. We ask that you would free us from ourselves,
God, so that we might walk your new pathways, alive
with grace, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Mack Wilberg

PSALTER

Psalm 66:13–20 (*responsively*)

(page 528, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 19:1–10

(page 82, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

by Keith C. Harris

OUT ON A LIMB

“So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him,
because Jesus was going to pass that way.”

Luke 19:4 (NRSV)

*HYMN 391

“Take My Life”

Tune: HENDON

*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)

"O My Soul, Where Wilt Thou Find Thy Goal"

from *Passion According to St. John*

J. S. Bach

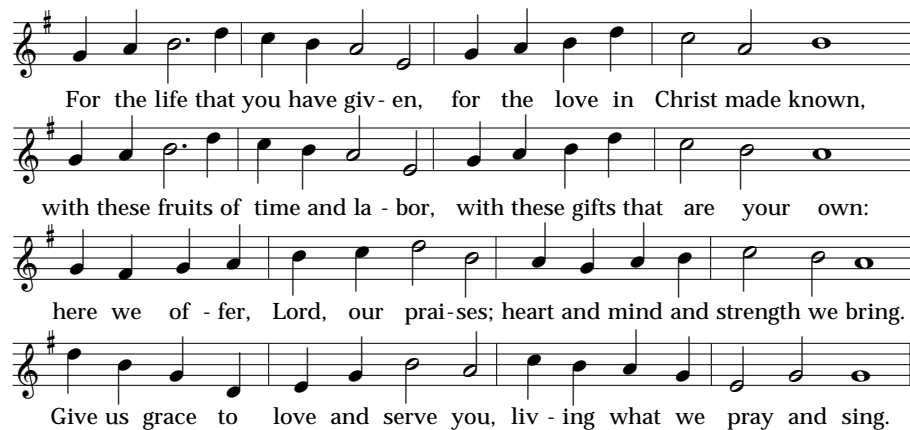
O my soul, where wilt thou find thy goal, and where shall comfort find me? Shall I stay or be gone and leave hills and mountains far behind me? This poor world no peace doth me afford, ever ruing my wrong doing, my misdeed abhorred, for the servant hath denied his Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Non Nobis, Domine"
(9:30 and 11:00)

Roger Quilter

Not unto us, O Lord, the praise and glory be of any deed or word. For in thy judgment lies to crown or bring to nought all knowledge and device that man has reached or wrought. And we confess our blame, how all too high we hold that noise which men call fame, that dross which men call gold. For these we undergo our hot and godless days, but in our souls we know not unto us the praise. O power by whom we live, Creator, Judge, and Friend, upholdingly forgive, nor leave us at the end, but grant us to see, in all our piteous ways.

*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: The God whom we know in Jesus Christ is a God of mercy and love. When we are disillusioned with others and ourselves, God still accepts us as we are and continually moves toward us with forgiveness and comfort. We give thanks that we are freed by God's love to live in the freshness of each new day and to reach out to one another in a community of grace and joy! For these great gifts of love and so many more, we give you praise through Christ our Lord and Savior! Amen.

*HYMN 341

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

Tune: ASSURANCE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso from *Twenty-Four Pieces* *André Fleury*

Facing page

Carvings on the west wall of Stone Chapel depict the four evangelists—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—and their symbols, held by angels (winged man, winged lion, winged ox, and eagle). The bottom row depicts Peter, Stephen, Paul, and Timothy.

The chapel was dedicated in 1931 in honor of Fourth Church's longtime pastor, John Timothy Stone, who served as pastor from 1909 to 1930 and oversaw the church's move to its current location on Michigan Avenue in 1914. The presence of three of the carvings in Stone Chapel is explained in part by the nominating motion for Stone as moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in May, 1915: "[This] candidate has the tenderness of *John*, the evangelistic spirit of *Timothy*, and the strength of *Peter*" (since most of those present knew that "Peter" is Greek for "stone," the nominee's identity was revealed).

IN THE DETAILS

John Timothy Stone Chapel Carvings



(See caption on facing page)

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Tamara Leonard Lara, Pastoral Resident
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor
Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Men of the Morning Choir; Joe Cloonan, tenor soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Men of the Morning Choir
- 11:00 a.m. The Men of the Morning Choir

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

The men of the Morning Choir will be assisting in morning worship services during the month of August.

A special Disaster Relief Offering is being received today to help those in Florida and Cuba affected by Hurricane Charley. Gifts to this offering, which will be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks or by writing "Disaster Assistance" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, are intended to elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day. More information about these hangings is available in the literature racks.

The carving shown on the bulletin cover can be seen atop of the Children's Fountain. Located in the Garth, the fountain was the gift of Howard Van Doren Shaw, the Chicago-based architect who designed the Parish House, Manse, and Cloisters. Included in the carving is the verse "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

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.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Stone 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, September 24.

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

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.