

July 10, 2005

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The one God, creator of diversity, commands us to honor his creation by respecting diversity. God, the maker of all, has set his image of the person as such, prior to and independently of our varied cultures and civilizations, thus conferring on human life a dignity and sanctity that transcends our differences. . . . It is the moral basis of our shared humanity and thus of universal human rights. . . . The test of faith is whether I can make space for difference. Can I recognize God's image in someone who is not in my image, whose language, faith, and ideals are different from mine? If I cannot, then I have made God in my image instead of allowing him to remake me in his.

Jonathan Sacks, *The Dignity of Difference*

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.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

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 \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs.

This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, July 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, July 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (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 312.640.5398 (callen@fourthchurch.org).

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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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 13 (*responsively*) (page 494, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Eucaristica” *Pablo Casals*
Deep in my heart I bear my Lord. My heart is a sacred host to Jesus, therefore in my heart the light that gives serenity is ever glorious. Deep in my heart I bear my Lord, and my heart leaps joyfully within me. Goodness today makes sorrow light, and I have angels for my companions. Deep in my heart I bear my Lord and ever see the light of heaven that keeps me always from the ways of darkness and of evil doing. Deep in my heart I bear my Lord, and all my life he will be with me. I want my voice to speak of love, as does the seraph that proclaims him. My way shall be a path of lilies, the path on which I walk beside him.

FIRST LESSON Matthew 10:26–31 (page 10, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Genesis 16 and 21, selected verses (page 12, O.T.)

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
UNFORGETTABLE
“God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.
Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with
your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.”
Genesis 21:17–18 (NRSV)

*HYMN 298 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” *Tune: IN BABILONE*

*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"

Vincent Persichetti

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

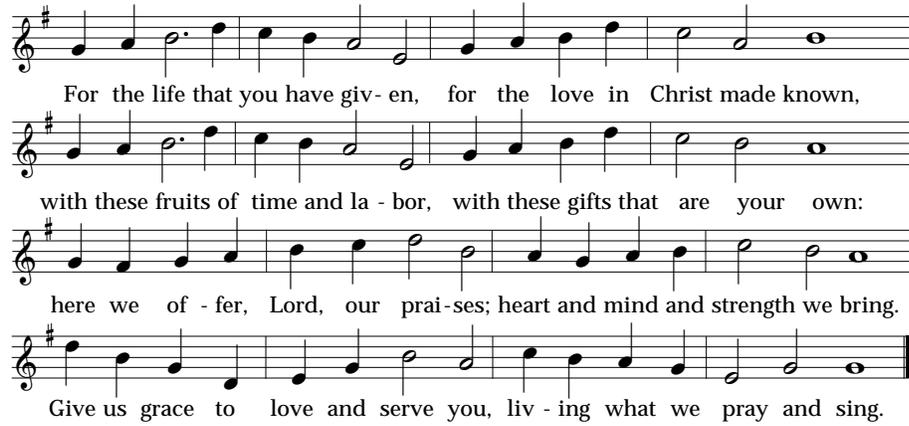
"If God Be for Us" from *Messiah* *George Frideric Handel*
If God be for us, who can be against us?
Who shall lay anything to the charge
of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.
Who is he that condemneth? It is
Christ that dies, yea, rather that is
risen again, who is at the right hand
of God, who makes intercession for us.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30 and 11:00)

"Laudate Pueri Dominum"
O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts,
ye servants of his that do his pleasure;
yea, blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth forevermore.

Felix Mendelssohn

*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: Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes
all that is good, we praise you for your mercies,
for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us,
your discipline that has corrected us,
your patience that has borne with us,
and your love that has redeemed us.
Help us to love you and to be thankful
for all your gifts by serving you and delighting
to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 452

“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

Tune: ST. MICHAEL

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

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 8:00 worship service are
Joan Choi Bahnfleth, daughter of Andrew Bahnfleth and Nuri Choi
Lili Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Christopher and Jill Brown

Children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are
Isabella Christine Duzan, daughter of Jason and Laura Duzan
Miles Julius Few, son of Julius and Jennifer Few
Jack Thomas Haravon, son of Edward and Kara Haravon
Justin Lee Heather II, son of Justin and Kimberly Heather
Kate Elizabeth Jewell, daughter of Caleb and Kerry Jewell
Claudia Rose Landon, daughter of Lief and Kimberly Landon
Madelyn Elizabeth Panveno, daughter of Bret and Erinn Panveno
Eva McKinnon Pinto, daughter of Perry and Jennifer Pinto

Children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are
Samuel Andrew Ginster, son of Andy and Tracy Ginster
Chiara Celesia Gustafson, daughter of Paul Gustafson and Laura Celesia
Elena Grace Henneman, daughter of Mark and Mary Henneman
Kenna Grace Hewitt, daughter of Noah and Kendall Hewitt
Alexandra Elizabeth Kerr, daughter of Jeff and Michelle Kerr
Sydney Capri Ludwick, daughter of Lance and Chris Ludwick
Adeline Baldwin Marshall, daughter of Adrian and Lydia Marshall

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m. Keith C. Harris, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Dana Ferguson, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. Women of the Morning Choir; Ann Marie Boyle, soprano soloist
9:30 a.m. Women of the Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. Women of the Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

The women of the Morning Choir will be assisting in morning worship services during the month of July. The men of the Morning Choir will sing in August. Today's anthem, "Eucaristica," was written by Pablo Casals. Casals was born in Spain but in 1939 went into voluntary exile in protest against the Franco regime, vowing never to return while Spain was under totalitarian rule. He eventually settled in Puerto Rico and became known as a brilliant cellist.

Each gift of \$100 to the Summer Day offering provides a scholarship enabling one student from Cabrini-Green or from another economically disadvantaged neighborhood to participate in the full-day academic and fine arts Summer Day program. Twenty-eight of the more than 100 children registered for this July 11–August 5 program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church are still in need of scholarships. Special Summer Day offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

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, which include two banners that are new this year, can be found in the literature racks.

The bulletin cover shows an architectural detail from the Fourth Presbyterian Church spire. This angel on the Michigan Avenue facade echoes the text of Psalm 150: "Praise God with trumpet sound. . . . Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!"

Pastoral Staff

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