

September 10, 2006

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

God give me work till my life shall end and life till my work is done.

Epitaph of Winifred Holtby
(1898–1935)

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 are available in the back of the sanctuary.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. 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.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

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, September 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 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 Elizabeth Andrews, Minister for Congregational Care, at 312.274.3818 (eandrews@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) Fugue in E-flat Major *Johann Sebastian Bach*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major *Johann Sebastian Bach*

INTROIT “Halle, Halle, Halle” *Caribbean folk melody
arr. John Bell*
Hallelujah.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 487** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” *Tune: LAUDES DOMINI*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with
our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER 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

PSALTER	Psalm 126 (<i>responsively</i>)	(page 541, O.T.)
ANTHEM (8:00)	“Awake, My Heart” Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, thy maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me. My day, with thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; thy word my nurture, given to bring me on toward heaven.	<i>Jane Marshall</i>
ANTHEM (9:30 and 11:00)	“Lord, We Beseech Thee” Lord, we beseech thee, give ear unto our prayers, and by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our hearts, by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.	<i>Adrian Batten</i>
FIRST LESSON	Mark 7:24–37 Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.	(page 40, N.T.)
*GLORIA PATRI		(The Hymnal, 579)
SECOND LESSON	James 1:22–25, 2:14–17	(page 215, N.T.)
SERMON	by John M. Buchanan DOING WHAT YOU NEED TO DO “Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers.” James 1:22 (NRSV) “They were astounded . . . saying, ‘He has done everything well.’” Mark 7:37 (NRSV)	
*HYMN 372	“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” <i>Tune: I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN</i>	
*APOSTLES CREED	<i>(unison)</i> 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.

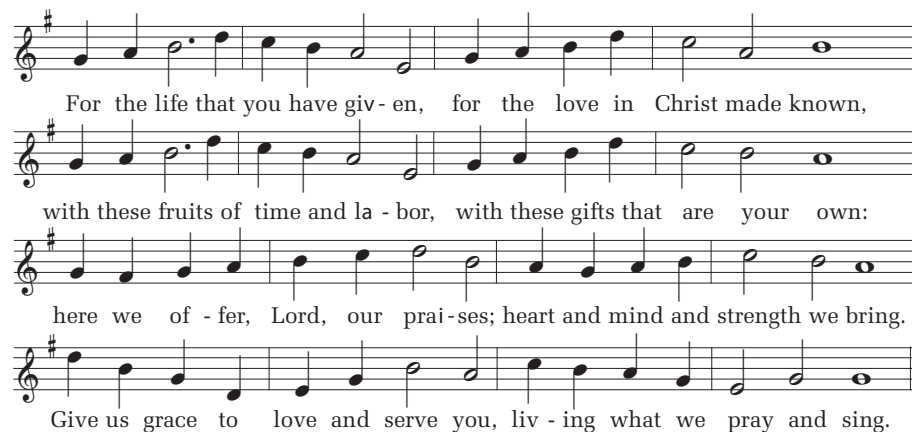
PRAYER RESPONSE "O Lord, Hear Our Prayer" *Eric Thiman*
O Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry come before thee.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "Jesu, Joy of All Desiring" *J. S. Bach*
(8:00)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem" *Herbert Howells*
(9:30 and 11:00)
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall
prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy
walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.

***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: **Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good,
we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift
of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal this broken world,
who died rejected on the cross and rose triumphant
from the dead. Because he lives, we live to praise you,
our God forever. Gracious God, who called us
from death to life, we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through all ages we thank you
for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 419**

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

Tune: REPTON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

William Boyce

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Gottfried Walther

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.

The child being baptized at the 8:00 worship service is

Ava Fay Coghill, daughter of Clint and Meg Coghill

The children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

*Henry Theodore Berg, son of Blake and Sarah Berg
Isadora Love Fuller, daughter of Brian Fuller and Amanda Love
Kendall Grace Malover, daughter of Kevin and Neela Malover
Natalie Kate Malover, daughter of Kevin and Neela Malover
Carly Rose McConnell, daughter of Joseph and Julie McConnell
John Patterson Ullem, son of Scott and Beth Ullem*

The children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

*Sydney Ray Cornell, daughter of Brad and Robyn Cornell
Danielle Elizabeth Free, daughter of David and Stephanie Free
Alexander William McClory, son of Craig and Sarah McClory
Ella Kathleen McClory, daughter of Craig and Sarah McClory
Katelyn Joan Paeth, daughter of Scott Paeth and Amy Roberts-Paeth
Molly Elizabeth Paeth, daughter of Scott Paeth and Amy Roberts-Paeth
Jack Logan Racine, son of Darren and Anne Racine*

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Catherine Knott, John H. Boyle, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m.	Elizabeth B. Andrews, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m.	Elizabeth B. Andrews, Calum I. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir; Beena David, alto soloist
9:30 a.m.	The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m.	The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

The Chancel Choir returns to music leadership this morning, singing during 8:00 worship. Those interested in singing with the volunteer Chancel choir, or any other choir at Fourth Church, can contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

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 bulletin cover: This carved wooden angel can be found at the base of the organ case on the south wall of the choir loft (to the left as you face the front of the church). The Fourth Church organ dates from 1971; an Aeolian/Skinner, it is one of the largest in the Midwest and incorporates pipework from the original instrument of 1914. Most of its 6,603 pipes are in the area south of the choir loft, although two of the seven divisions are located in a separate organ loft at the rear of the church, above the large east window.

Pastoral Staff

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