

February 25, 2007

First Sunday in Lent

Certainly, God remains “the Lord,” sovereign in all ways. Nonetheless, God is also “our Lord,” a divinity we can imagine holding shares in our enterprises, caring what happens to us. Is any thought more consoling? What are human beings that God should care for us? . . . These are deep matters, ultimate mysteries, driving to the roots of what it means to be human. If we derive from the providential will of a God all-powerful and all-good, then our lives may make great sense, despite their apparent chaos. If God holds our hand, then even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of darkness, we may fear no evil.

John Carmody
Psalms for Times of Trouble

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. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

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.

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 today, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, March 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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 Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@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)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" *African American spiritual* arr. Calvin Taylor

PRELUDE

(9:30 and 11:00)

Sung by the Alma College Choir

INTROIT

“The Lord Is Full of Compassion”

Jain Quinn

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come, let us adore him. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 371

“Lift High the Cross”

Tune: CRUCIFER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERN OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER

Psalm 91 (*responsively*)

(page 518, O.T.)

**Stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM (8:00)	“Angels in Shining Order Stand”	<i>American folk hymn arr. Sam Batt Owens</i>
ANTHEM (9:30 and 11:00)	“His Voice as the Sound of the Dulcimer”	<i>American folk hymn arr. Alice Parker</i>
FIRST LESSON	Exodus 14:5–14	(page 58, O.T.)
Minister:	The Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
*GLORIA PATRI		(The Hymnal, 579)
SECOND LESSON	Luke 4:1–13	(page 57, N.T.)
SERMON	by John M. Buchanan YOU WILL NOT FEAR . . . “You will not fear the terror of the night.” Psalm 91:5 (NRSV)	
*HYMN 192	“God, Our Help and Constant Refuge”	<i>Tune: MICHAEL</i>
*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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Kyrie”

Morgan Simmons

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

(8:00)

“Ye Are the Light of the World”

Frank La Forge

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before all that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you; and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

CHURCH HALL

“My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord”

*African American spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan*

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE

A musical score for a hymn tune. It consists of four staves of music in common time, G major, with a key signature of one sharp. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are as follows:

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 in love
you have reached across the abyss of our sin
and brought us into your embrace.**

Thank you for the life and death of your Son, our Lord.

**By your Spirit, give us the grace of repentance,
and guide us in ways of righteousness.**

**Take our humble offerings as tokens of our commitment
to follow Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 361**

"How Firm a Foundation"

Tune: FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Dialogue

François Couperin

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Te Deum (We Praise Thee, O God)

Jean Langlais

Lent

at Fourth Presbyterian Church

Along the way toward Palm Sunday (April 1), Holy Week, and Easter (April 8), Fourth Church offers a variety of opportunities for Lenten reflection.

Lenten Devotions

Written by Fourth Church members and staff, daily Lenten devotions are available by e-mail (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), on the website www.fourthchurch.org, and in a printed booklet available in the church literature racks.

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services

Beginning Wednesday, February 28

Each Wednesday in Lent, members and friends are invited to a time of worship held in Blair Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Taizé

Friday, March 23

7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

Silent Retreat for Holy Week

Friday evening, April 6 through Saturday afternoon, April 7

Cenacle Conference Center (513 W. Fullerton)

Retreat brochures are available in the literature racks.

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Alice M. Trowbridge, Patrick Daymond, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m.	Alice M. Trowbridge, 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; Laura Kubelka, alto soloist
9:30 a.m.	The Alma College Choir; Members of the Morning Choir
11:00 a.m.	The Alma College Choir; Members of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Rebecca Young on behalf of Presbyterian

Disaster Assistance. Dr. Young is an ordained Presbyterian minister and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's Liaison for Tsunami Recovery. She also will be speaking at a brunch hosted by the Mission Committee following 11:00 worship today.

Fourth Church welcomes the Alma College Choir, directed by Will Nichols, to 9:30 and 11:00 worship this morning and the youth group from Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church to 11:00 worship.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Interfaith Homes Initiative as well as the Chicago Lights Partners in Education program and the Elam Davies Social Service Center. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The unfolding flower growing out of a crown of thorns, shown on this week's bulletin cover, provides an apt metaphor for the new life arising from Christ's death and resurrection. It is carved into the underside of the octagonal sounding board over the Fourth Church pulpit.

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