

WORSHIP LEADERS

John H. Boyle Parish Associate
Allyson Rich Liturgist
Thomas Gouwens Associate Organist
The Vespers Choir

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, June 22.

Daily devotions written by Fourth Church staff are available in the literature racks and by e-mail (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, June 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, July 9 from 9:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, July 14 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).

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).

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.

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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Fourth Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 17, 2007

6:30 p.m.

vespers

PRELUDE Kyrie! O God, Holy Ghost *Johann Sebastian Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come into God's presence to worship God with gratitude and praise.

All: **For the Lord is good, and God's steadfast love endures forever.**

INVOCATION

***HYMN 457** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" *Tune: TOULON*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison) **Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you were wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. We confess that we are wounded, yet we are often quick to wound one another by abuse and neglect. We wage war more readily than we make peace. In your mercy, forgive us, and by your Spirit's power help us to work for reconciliation rather than seek revenge upon those who hurt us. For the sake of your love made known in Christ, we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 103:1–14 *(responsively)* (page 523, O.T.)

ANTHEM "Bless Ye the Lord" *M. Ippolitof Ivanof*

**Stand as you are able.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:9–21

(page 151, N.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION

by John H. Boyle

REVENGE AND REDEMPTION

***HYMN 516** “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

(unison)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God, who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church:

To celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

(United Church of Canada)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Harold H. Friedell

***DOXOLOGY**

(The Hymnal, 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison)

Gracious God, you have met us at this table
and with these reminders of your sacrificial love
have fed our hungry spirits.

We thank you for showing us the more excellent way
of redemption rather than revenge.

By your Spirit, strengthen us to love rather than hate,
and to heal rather than hurt

in our dealings with one another. Amen.

***HYMN 447** “Lead On, O King Eternal”

Tune: LANCASHIRE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue in D Major

Johann Pachelbel