

September 9, 2007

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

"Praying" from *Thirst: Poems by Mary Oliver*

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

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

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 Saturday, September 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, September 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, October 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 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 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)

A Petite Suite *Gabriel Pierné*
Pastorale—Petite Gavotte—Gaurdian Angels

PRELUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Dance in F Major *José Ximénez*
Toccat and Fugue in F Major *Dieterich Buxtehude*
A Petite Suite *Gabriel Pierné*
Pastorale—Petite Gavotte—Gaurdian Angels

INTROIT

“God Be in My Head” *John Rutter*
God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and in my dying.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**

(The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 138**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” *Tune: NICAEA*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

**Almighty 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

(9:30 and 11:00)

UNISON PRAYER

(9:30 and 11:00)

**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

- ANTHEM** "Awake, My Heart" *Jane M. Marshall*
(8:00) 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.
- ANTHEM** "Cantate Domino" *Claudio Monteverdi*
(9:30 and 11:00) Sing unto the Lord a new song, and bless God's name, for
he has done wonderful things. Sing unto God and praise God
with the psaltery and harp and with the voice of melody.
- FIRST LESSON** Jeremiah 18:1–6 (page 677, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
- *GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)
- SECOND LESSON** Psalm 139:1–18, 23–24 (page 545, O.T.)
- SERMON** by Alice M. Trowbridge
KNOWN
"O Lord, you have searched me and known me."
Psalm 139:1 (NRSV)
- *HYMN 248** "You Are Before Me, Lord" *Tune: SURSUM CORDA*
- *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

“Amen”

Milton Dieterich

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

“En Prière”

Gabriel Fauré

If the voice of a child can reach you, O my Father, listen to the prayer of Jesus on his knees before you. If you have chosen me to teach your laws on the earth, I will know how to serve you, holy King of kings, O light! Place on my lips, O Lord, the sole truth, so that whoever doubts should with humility revere you. Do not abandon me; give me the gentleness so necessary to relieve the suffering, the pains, the misery. Reveal yourself to me, Lord, in whom I have faith and hope. I give you thanks for your suffering and dying on the cross at Calvary.

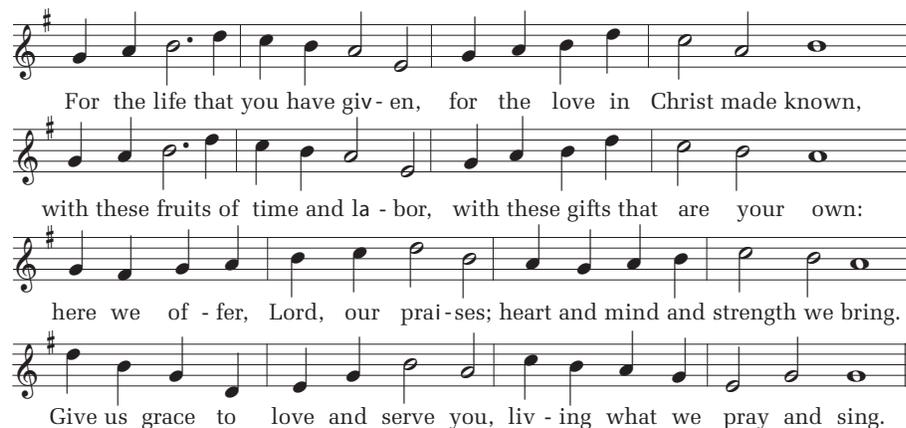
OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:00)

“Jubilate Deo”

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God, it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name, for the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***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,
and lead us in your everlasting way,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 470**

“O Day of Radiant Gladness”

Tune: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Prelude in G Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

A Trumpet Minuet

Alfred Hollins

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 children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

*Charlotte Katherine Lancelot Crawford,
daughter of Richard and Allison Crawford
Ian William Karas, son of John and Lisa Karas
Julia Martine Kindig, daughter of Mark and Sheila Kindig
Ashley Clare Neill, daughter of Carl and Alice Neill
Damon Nicholas Rosania, son of David and Stephanie Rosania
Noel Alexandra Rosania, daughter of David and Stephanie Rosania
Rocco Silvano Salvi, son of Emilio and Julie Salvi*

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

*Evan William Behee, son of Mark Behee and Karen Oliver-Behee
Hampton Walker Crago, son of Josh and Katie Crago
Zachary Huang Findler, son of Robert Findler and Hsing-Huei Huang
Jane Elizabeth Luedtke, daughter of John and Kim Luedtke
Evan William Meints, son of Gregory and Jennifer Meints
Marvin Austin Thomason IV, son of Mat and Kim Thomason*

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m. Martha Langford, Calum I. MacLeod, Alice M. Trowbridge
9:30 a.m. John H. Boyle, Dana Ferguson, Alice M. Trowbridge
11:00 a.m. Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod, Alice M. Trowbridge

The Music Today

8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Sandra Lin, soprano 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 are asked to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

The steeple of Fourth Presbyterian Church, shown on the bulletin cover, was one of the tallest structures on Michigan Avenue when the church was built in 1913. The tower was renovated and reinforced in the 1980s.

Pastoral Staff

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