

February 10, 2008

First Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m.

The desert always waits,
ready to let us know who we are—
the place of self-discovery.

And whilst we fear, and rightly,
the loneliness and emptiness and harshness,
we forget the angels,
whom we cannot see for our blindness,
but who come when God decides
that we need their help;
when we are ready
for what they can give us.

Ruth Burgess, *Bread of Tomorrow*

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 Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, February 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, March 3 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

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*

INTROIT

"Hide Not Thou Thy Face from Us, O Lord"
Richard Farrant

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not
off thy servant in thy displeasure. For we confess
our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 138

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" *Tune: NICAEA*

LITANY FOR LENT

- Minister: O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you.
- People: **Save us, Lord.**
- Minister: O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities.
- People: **Save us, Lord.**
- Minister: O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:
- People: **Save us, Lord.**
- Minister: O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you, and joy of all the saints:
- People: **Save us, Lord.**
- Minister: Jesus, Lamb of God,
- People: **have mercy on us.**
- Minister: Jesus, bearer of our sins,
- People: **have mercy on us.**
- Minister: Jesus, redeemer of the world,
- People: **grant us peace.**
- Minister: God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

*Stand as you are able.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

“Call to Remembrance, O Lord”

R. Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

PSALTER

Psalm 32 (*responsively*)

(page 479, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1–11

(page 3, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

by Alice M. Trowbridge

SHOW ME THE WAY

***HYMN 81**

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN

***APOSTLES CREED**

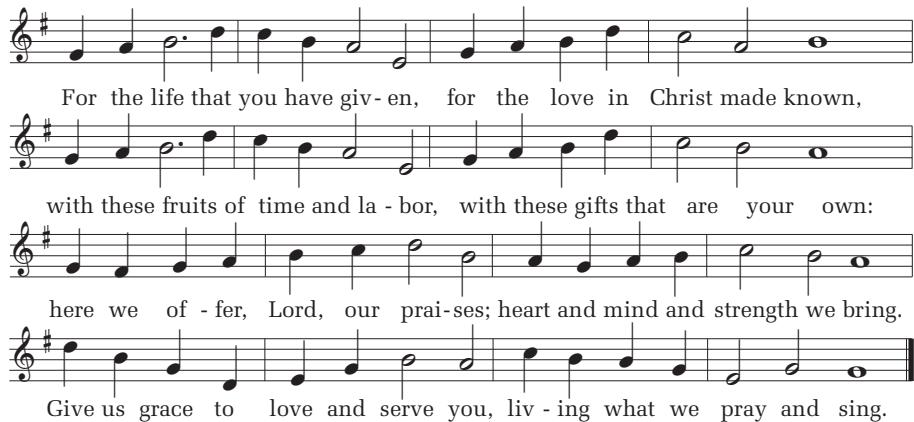
(*unison*)

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

“Go Down in the Lonesome Valley” arr. Harry T. Burleigh
African American spiritual

***OFFERTORY 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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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**INVITATION****GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

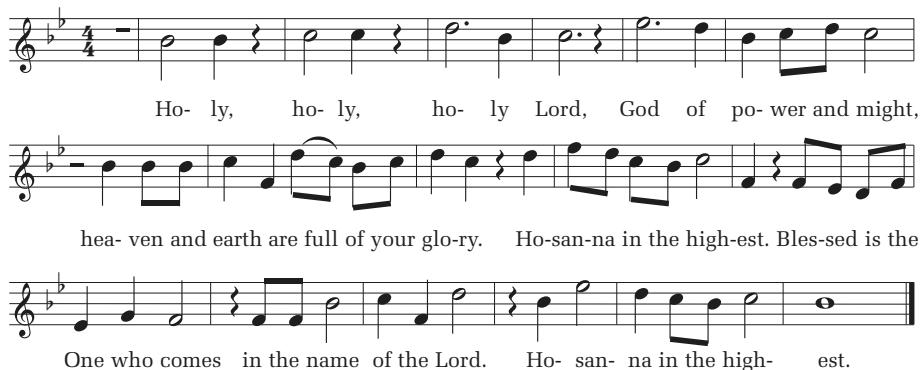
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

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



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
heav- en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty . . .
 . . . dedicated to your service.
Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:
 People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

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)

Loving God, you graciously feed us, who have received
the holy mysteries, with the bread of life and the cup
of eternal salvation. May we who have received
this sacrament be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and
truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love
see you face to face in your kingdom.
For you have made us your own people
by the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord and
by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN 371**

"Lift High The Cross"

Tune: CRUCIFER

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth

J. S. Bach

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH BELOW is excerpted from the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s 1991 *A Brief Statement of Faith*. The Special Committee to Prepare a Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith for the Presbyterian Church (USA) was chaired by Dr. Jack L. Stotts, who died January 24 at the age of 75. In addition to his tireless work for the unity of our denomination, Dr. Stotts served as President of McCormick Theological Seminary and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. As Dr. Stotts's family and friends gather today (February 10, 2008) for his memorial service, we give thanks for his life and witness in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Worship Leaders Hardy Kim, Dana Ferguson, Alice M. Trowbridge

The Music Today The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, alto soloist

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

Worship Notes

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 programs of Chicago Lights. 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.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). The monthly Taizé service is held in Anderson Hall on the fourth Friday of each month and offers an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. Throughout Lent, a midweek service also is held each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

On the cover: The season of Lent points us toward the cross of Christ. This Latin cross, one of many integrated into the architecture of Fourth Church, is carved in the center of the minister’s chair in the upper chancel.

Pastoral Staff

John M. Buchanan, Pastor

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