

June 1, 2008

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The question should not be “WWJD—What would Jesus do?” but “What would Jesus have us do?” The onus is not on Jesus but on us, for Jesus did not come to ask semi-divine human beings to do impossible things. He came to ask human beings to live up to their full humanity. He wants us to live in the full implications of our human gifts, and that is far more demanding. . . . We are meant to live as bravely and fully in our world and time as Jesus lived in his.

Peter Gomes
The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus

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.

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

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours 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 for 900 parking must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, June 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, June 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, 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 and Fugue on the Name of Alain Maurice Duruflé

INTROIT “O Taste and See” *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
blest is the one that trusteth in him.

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

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep. We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we
ought to have done; and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your
promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 46 (*responsively*) (page 489, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

^{*}Stand as you are able.

SERMON

by John M. Buchanan

ASTONISHED

“The crowds were astonished, for he taught them as one having authority.” Matthew 7:28 (rsv)

*HYMN 508

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” *Tune: KINGDOM*

*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 ANTHEM

“Praise the Lord, Ye Servants”

John E. West

Praise the Lord, ye servants; O praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth forevermore.
The Lord's name is praised from the rising up of the sun
unto the going down of the same.

*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.

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: Gratitude and praise, hearts lifted high . . .
 . . . 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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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

COMMUNION ANTHEM “The Call”*Kenneth Jennings*

Come my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.
Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows
a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes
his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can
move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

PSALM 23

(recited in unison after all have received the cup)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*(unison)*

Gracious God,
**you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.**
**You have fed us with the bread of life
and renewed us for your service.**
**Help us who have shared Christ's body
and received his cup**
to be his faithful disciples,
so that our daily living
may be part of the life of your kingdom
and our love be your love
reaching out into the life of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***HYMN 339**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Tune: SLANE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**POSTLUDE**

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 (NRSV)

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS THE SIGN AND SEAL of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. In the last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

This morning the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. worship and at all morning services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

"I am the bread of life."
John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Donna Gray, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Alice M. Trowbridge, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Chancel Choir; the Morning Choir; Natalie Mann, soloist
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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church thanks the Chancel Choir for its musical leadership throughout the past academic year. This group of volunteer singers participates in the 8:00 service as well as other musical opportunities. This morning they also are singing with the Morning Choir at the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services.

Offering gifts to the Chicago Lights Annual Fund campaign can be made using the Chicago Lights envelopes in the pew racks or by making a check payable to Chicago Lights. Gifts to this campaign foster education and literacy, advance health and wellness, and alleviate hunger and homelessness. For information about this nonprofit community service organization at Fourth Presbyterian Church, serving more than 7,000 individuals and families annually, or its Annual Fund campaign, contact Katy Frey at 312.274.3816.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, “Unweavings” created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and image, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the “ordinary” as we make our faith journey day to day.

On the cover: The colorful arched ceiling high above the north balcony depicts angels, doves, grapes, and other biblical images. The large canvases were hand-cleaned by professional art restorers during the sanctuary renovation in 1994.

PASTORAL STAFF

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