
July 27, 2008

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET THIS BE OUR PRINCIPLE: that the use of God's gifts is not wrongly directed when it is referred to that end to which the Author . . . created and destined them for us, since [God] created them for our good, not for our ruin.

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

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, August 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or Sunday, August 24 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

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE Siciliano for a High Ceremony *Herbert Howells*
(8:00)

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue on a Theme of Vittoria *Benjamin Britten*
(9:30 and 11:00)

Siciliano for a High Ceremony *Herbert Howells*
Adagio in E Major *Frank Bridge*

***INTROIT** “Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah* *Felix Mendelssohn*
Lift thine eyes to the mountains whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said thy foot shall not be moved.
Thy keeper will never slumber.

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

***HYMN 489** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” *Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(unison)

**Merciful 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.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 121 (page 539, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“My Eyes for Beauty Pine”

H. Howells

My eyes for beauty pine; my soul for God’s grace; no other care
nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendor thence is
shed from all the stars above. ’Tis named when God’s name is said;
’tis love, ’tis heavenly love. And every gentle heart that burns with
true desire is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 29:15–28

(page 25, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:10–17, 44–50

(page 13, N.T.)

SERMON

by Adam Fronczek

RIGHT AND WRONG

“For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears
are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes;
so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen
with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn—
and I would heal them.”

Matthew 13:15 (NRSV)

***HYMN 387**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Tune: BRADBURY

THE APOSTLES’ CREED(traditional)*

(The Hymnal, page 14)

For the remainder of the 8:00 service, please turn to page 6.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(traditional)

(The Hymnal, page 16)

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Hear the Prayers of Your Faithful People”

Morgan Simmons

Hear the prayers of your faithful people and
grant the presence of your Holy Spirit.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Song of the Tree of Life” *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Unto him that overcometh shall be given of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. On either side of the river groweth the tree of life; the leaves of the tree are for thy healing. In the midst of that fair city flows a river of water of life clear as crystal. Who so will, let him take of the water of life freely. Who so drinketh of this water shall never thirst. Take thou the leaves of the tree of life. So shalt thou enter in through the gates of the city.

***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 up to the Lord.**

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

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

All: **Gracious God, You have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Take these our humble gifts and redeem them as well, that they might be set to your purposes. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual offering of thanks to you, though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 263**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Tune: ST. DENIO

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**POSTLUDE**

Carillon

William Mathias

8:00 service *(continued from page 4)*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY Blessed Jesus, We Are Here *Johann Sebastian Bach*

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.

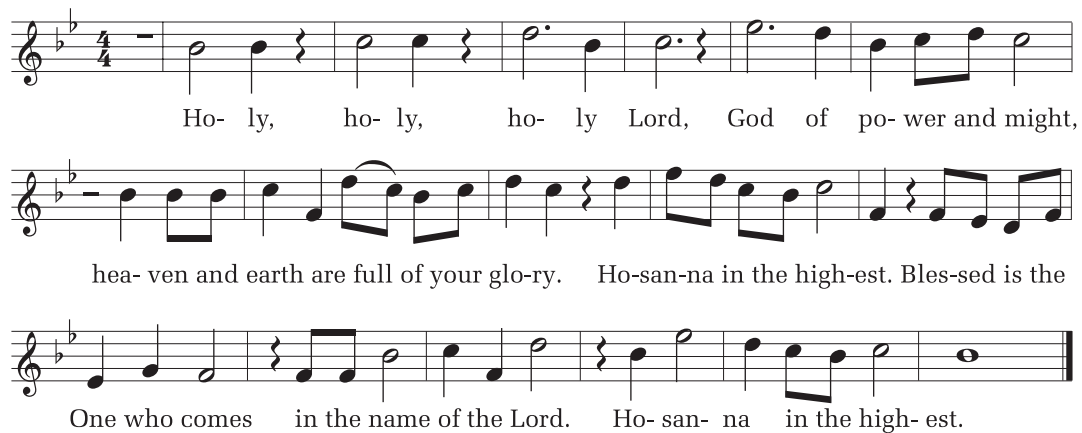
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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,
 hea-ven 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: 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

COMMUNION ANTHEM "All Praise to God for Song God Gives"

Dale Wood

(Anthem text: Hymn 328)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison)

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living
 members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you
 have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his
 body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our
 Lord. Amen.**

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BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Music for the Royal Fireworks
 The Rejoicing

George Frideric Handel

WORSHIP LEADERS

8:00 a.m.	Donna Gray, Thomas C. Rook, Adam Fronczek
9:30 a.m.	Donna Gray, Dana Ferguson, Adam Fronczek
11:00 a.m.	John H. Boyle, Dana Ferguson, Adam Fronczek

THE MUSIC TODAY

8:00 a.m.	Women of the Morning Choir
9:30 and 11:00	Women of the Morning Choir Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

WORSHIP NOTES

Contributions to the Chicago Lights Annual fund allow students from the inner city to participate in Summer Day, a six-week educational camp designed to give children a head start on the fall semester. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, between now and July 31 every dollar raised through an increased or new gift to the Chicago Lights Annual Fund will result in a matching gift, up to \$50,000, to the Chicago Lights education programs. For information about this nonprofit community service organization at Fourth Presbyterian Church, contact Katy Frey at 312.274.3816.

English composer Herbert Howells (1892–1983) wrote *Siciliano* for High Ceremony, from today's Prelude, in 1952, along with the anthem "My Eyes for Beauty Pine," in 1925. As an organist and teacher, he wrote music known for its mystical qualities and lush harmonies.

The women of the Morning Choir will be singing at morning worship services in July. The men of the Morning Choir will sing during August, and the full choir will return in September.

On the cover: The bulletin cover shows an architectural detail from the Fourth Church spire. This angel on the Michigan Avenue facade echoes the text of Psalm 150: "Praise God with trumpet sound. . . . Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!"

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