
September 7, 2008

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.

Relocate us in your eternal resolve,
that the earth may be fully your realm,
that the world may wreak with your shalom,
that we ourselves may find our true freedom
in your sovereign purpose.

Yours—not ours—is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory . . .
and we are grateful. Amen.”

Walter Brueggemann

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, September 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025.

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 Choral *Joseph Jongen*

INTROIT “Jesu, Tawa Pano” *Patrick Matsikenyiri*
Jesus, we are here for you.

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

***HYMN 474** “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news!

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

COMMISSIONING OF MUSICIANS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER Psalm 149 (*responsively*) (page 550, O.T.)

ANTHEM “With a Voice of Singing” *Martin Shaw*
With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia. O, be joyful in God; all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name; make his praise to be glorious.

**Stand as you are able.*

FIRST LESSON Exodus 12:1–14 (page 56, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Romans 13:8–14 (page 152, N.T.)

SERMON by Adam Fronczek

BEGINNINGS

“It is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.”

Romans 13:11 (NRSV)

***HYMN 521** “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” *Tune: FINEST WHEAT*

***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

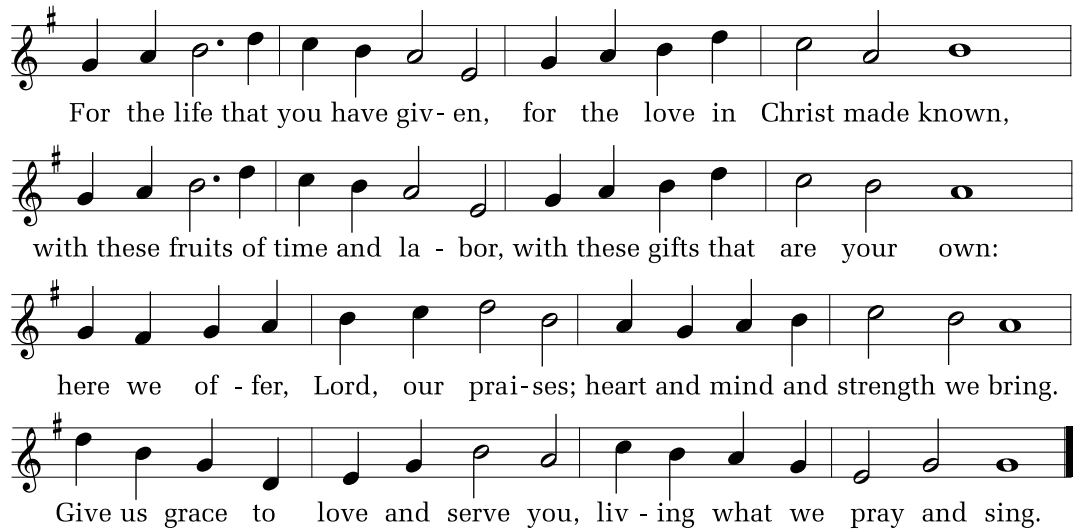
OFFERTORY DUET

“O Lovely Peace” from *Judas Maccabeus*

George Frideric Handel

O lovely peace with plenty crowned. O lovely, lovely peace!
Come spread thy blessings all around; let fleecy flocks the hills
adorn and valleys smile with wavy corn.

*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-wei 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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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

“Now”

Carl Schalk

Now the silence, now the peace, now the empty hands uplifted.
Now the kneeling, now the plea, now the Father's arms in
welcome. Now the power, now the vessel brimmed for pouring.
Now the body, now the blood, now the joyful celebration.
Now the wedding, now the songs, now the heart forgiven leaping.
Now the Spirit's visitation, now the Son's epiphany,
now the Father's blessing; now, now, now.

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 277**

“O God, Our Faithful God”

Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Improvisation in C Major

Marcel Dupré

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.

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.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

"I am the bread of life."

John 6:35 (NRSV)

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

WORSHIP LEADERS Thomas C. Rook, Joyce Shin, Adam Fronczek

THE MUSIC TODAY The Chancel Choir
Carol Carpenter and Emily Sinclair, soloists
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church welcomes the Chancel Choir this morning as they return to Fourth Church providing musical leadership in our worship of God. The Chancel Choir sings during the 8:00 a.m. service throughout the academic year. Anyone interested in joining a choir is encouraged to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

This morning's Minute for Mission is being presented by Allison Pay Crawford on behalf of the Adult Education Committee.

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.

The bulletin cover shows "The Great Teacher," a sculpture by Abbott Pattison that was given to Fourth Presbyterian Church in 1991 by what is now the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning. The sculpture is displayed at the church's Westminster House entrance on Delaware Place.

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