
January 18, 2009

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.

HOW SHALL WE COME TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER deeply, compassionately, fulfilling, unless we learn more of how the mind and senses work? Our several senses, which feel so personal and impromptu and seem at times to divorce us from other people, reach far beyond us. They're an extension of the genetic chain that connects us to everyone who has ever lived; they bind us to other people and to animals, across time and country and happenstance. They bridge the personal and the impersonal, the one private soul with its many relatives, the individual with the universe, all of life on earth.

Diane Ackerman

A Natural History of the Senses

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 Sunday, January 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025.

Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns and anxieties, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; 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 The Lord Will Make a Way *Thomas Dorsey
arr. Raymond Henry*

INTROIT “Siyahamba” *South African freedom song*
We are marching in the light of God. We are praying in the light
of God. We are singing in the light of God.

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

***HYMN 288** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” *Tune: ELLACOMBE*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**O Lord, you know who we are: people with good consciences
and with bad, persons who are content
and who are discontented, Christians by conviction
and Christians by convention. And you know from where
we have come: from privilege and from disadvantage,
from well-ordered and from disordered families,
from the inner circle of community and from its outer edge.
But now we all stand before you, alike in our need to confess
that we have wronged you and one another and that without
your grace we would be lost. Forgive us our sins, Lord,
so that nothing stands between you and us. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANTHEM “Let the Bright Seraphim” *Deodatus Dutton*
Let the bright seraphim in burning row their loud angel trumpets
blow, and the cherubic host in thousand choirs strike their immortal
harps of golden wires.

PSALTER Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 (*responsively*) (page 545, O.T.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

(page 158, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

by Joyce Shin

THE PALACE OF OUR PERCEPTIONS

*HYMN 267

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Tune: ROYAL OAK

*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.

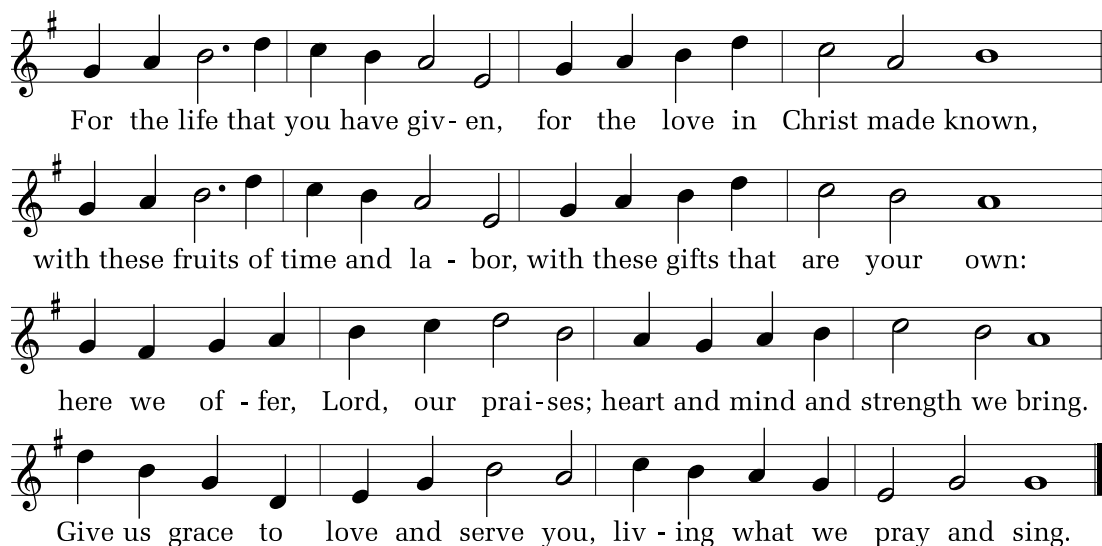
OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

“Méditation”

Maurice Duruflé

*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.**

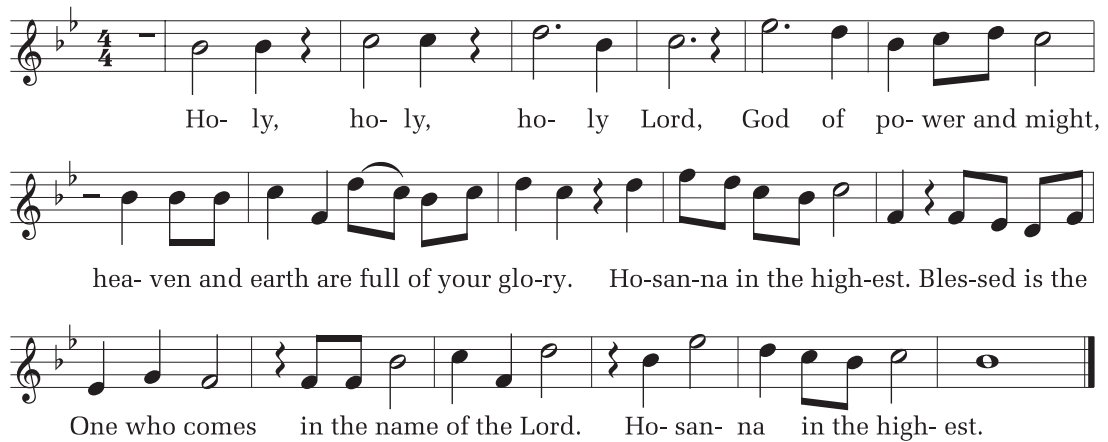
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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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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 “Creator of the Stars of Night” *William Ferris*

Creator of the stars of night, your people’s everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.
In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,
you came, O Savior, to set us free, your own in glorious liberty.
When this old world drew on toward night, you came,
but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the child of Mary,
blameless mother mild. At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees
must bend, all hearts must bow; all things on earth with one accord,
like those in heaven, shall call you Lord! Come in your holy might,
we pray, redeem us for eternal day. Defend us, while we dwell below,
from all assaults of our dread foe. To God Creator, God the Son,
and God the Spirit three in one: praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**We give you thanks, merciful God, for the many ways
in which you have made yourself known to us.
We give you particular thanks for your gifts of bread
and wine and for the gift of your Holy Spirit,
which makes Christ known to us in the meal we have shared.
Having been fed by you at this table,
give us the vision we need to see your presence
in the people and situations around us.
As we recognize you in the world,
let our lives also reflect your glory
so that others might know you as well. Amen.**

***HYMN 515** “Now to Your Table Spread” *Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Festival Voluntary *Flor Peeters*

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

*Eighty years ago, on
January 15, 1929,
Martin Luther King Jr.
was born in Atlanta.
Only thirty-five years
later, this pastor and
civil rights leader
became the youngest
individual to receive
the Nobel Peace Prize.*

*On this weekend when
we join churches and
communities across
the nation in honoring
the life and legacy of
Martin Luther King Jr.,
we read here again the
words he wrote from
the Birmingham Jail in
April 1963, excerpted
from his letter, which
was first printed in the
CHRISTIAN CENTURY.*

“We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be coworkers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. . . .

“If today’s church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. . . . Is organized religion too inextricably bound to the status quo to save our nation and the world? Perhaps I must turn my faith to the inner spiritual church, the church within the church, as the true *ekklesia* and the hope of the world. But again I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom. . . .

They have acted in the faith that right defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment.”

WORSHIP LEADERS Sarah A. Johnson, Adam Fronczek, Joyce Shin

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by June Barnard on behalf of the Mission Benefit Committee.

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. 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. 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.

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.

Bulletin cover: Since Fourth Church was dedicated in May 1914, more than six million worshipers have passed under this twelve-foot-wide tympanum over the Michigan Avenue entrance. The carving depicts Aaron blessing the children of Israel, as he was instructed by God in Numbers 6:23–26: "Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.'"

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