

February 15, 2009

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.

“THE LORD USED TO SPEAK TO MOSES FACE TO FACE, as a man speaks to his friend,” the Book of Exodus says. In the book of Isaiah God refers to Abraham as “my friend.” It is a staggering thought. Jesus said to his disciples, “You are my friends,” and commanded them to love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives for each other. It is a high price to pay . . . but the implication is that it’s worth every cent.

adapted from Frederick Buechner, *Whistling in the Dark*

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, February 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, March 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399.

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 Prelude on an Introit *Maurice Duruflé*

INTROIT “The Lord Is My Strength” *Stephen Sturk*
The Lord is my strength and my shield; and with my song
will I praise God.

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

***HYMN 466** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” *Tune: AZMON*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from
neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come
to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive
forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 107:1–9 (*responsively*) (page 528, O.T.)

ANTHEM “In Thee Is Gladness” *Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi*
In thee is gladness, gone is all sadness! Jesus, sunshine of my heart,
by thee are given the joys of heaven; thou our savior art. To serve
thee ever, forsake thee never, we bow before thee, love and adore
thee, alleluia! Our voices soaring, our hearts adoring, honor we
bring thee, praises we sing thee, alleluia!

FIRST LESSON John 15:1–11 (page 103, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

John 15:12–17

(page 103, N.T.)

SERMON

by John H. Boyle
A NEW STATUS

***HYMN 516**

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA

***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

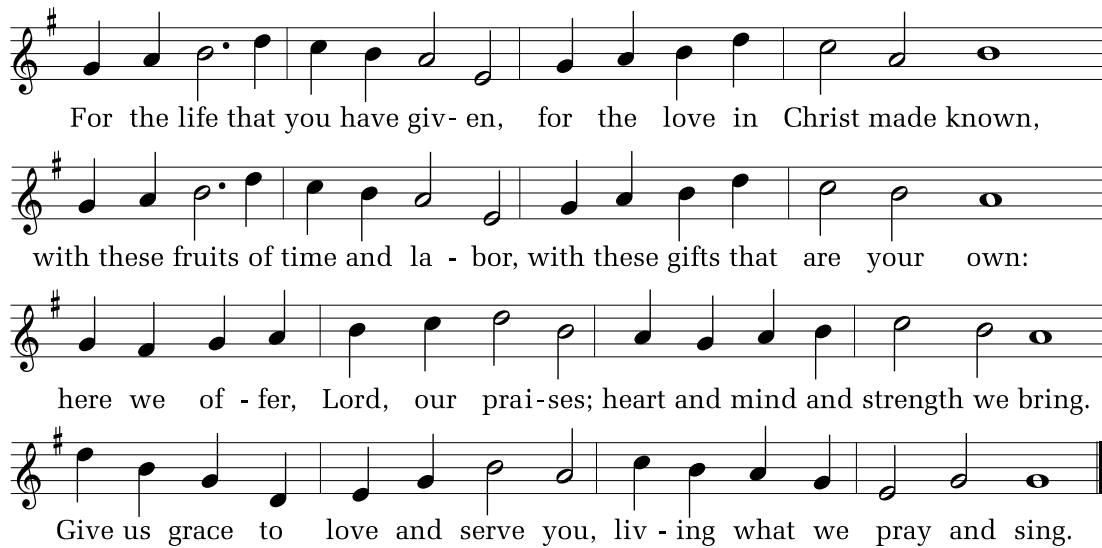
OFFERTORY SOLO

“Ich Freue Mich” from *Cantata No. 82*

Johann Sebastian Bach

With gladness, I look forward to my death, whenever the time
will come. Then shall I escape all despair that still enslaves me
now on earth.

*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.**

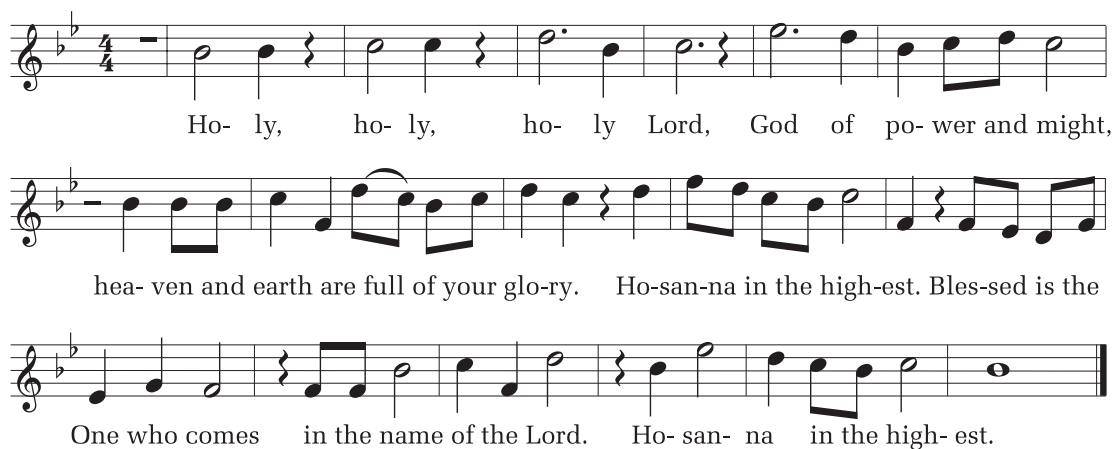
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 "Jesu, Tawa Pano"
Jesus, we are here for you.

Patrick Matsikenyiri

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 343**

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Tune: BEECHER

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Aria Pastorella

Valentin Rathgeber

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 Joann H. Lee, Thomas C. Rook, John H. Boyle

THE MUSIC TODAY The Chancel Choir; David Hoffman, tenor soloist
Thomas E. Gowens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The music for the Doxology, sung by generations of Christians every Sunday, is attributed to Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510 – c. 1561). Bourgeois, a follower of John Calvin in Geneva, was particularly interested in singing the psalms. In 1545, he was paid to perform the psalms, and the following year he and the city pastors developed a list of psalms to be sung at worship. Bourgeois set to work improving psalm tunes but ended up in prison for having changed the tunes of some printed psalms without a license, a disturbing action to those who had learned and were attached to the already-printed “old” tunes. Calvin intervened to have Bourgeois released from prison after one day. Eventually Bourgeois’ alterations to the tunes were accepted and published in Geneva, including the Doxology tune, which is widely known as Old Hundredth.

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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