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March 1, 2009

*First Sunday in Lent*

8:00 a.m.

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**I**T IS IMPORTANT TO NOTICE that in each [biblical covenant] tradition, the initiative in establishing the basic covenant relationship lies with God. It is the gift of God's grace.

Robert Davidson

## 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, March 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.; or Sunday, March 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. 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** I Want Jesus to walk With Me *African American spiritual*  
*arr. Calvin Taylor*

**INTROIT** “For Forty Days and Forty Nights” *John Bell*  
For forty days and forty nights, the desert place was Jesus’ home.  
Baptized and blessed, God let him stay where thoughts of fame  
and fortune roam. And we, who follow Christ today, are prone to  
hear the tempter’s voice. And whether we say yes or no is our,  
not God’s, peculiar choice.

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

**\*HYMN 491** “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” *Tune: CARLISLE*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**Draw us in the Spirit’s tether this day,  
gracious God, on this first Sunday in Lent,  
that we might feel the warmth of your love,  
cleansing, forgiving, and making us whole.  
For we are imperfect doers of justice;  
we ration our acts of kindness;  
we rarely know humility.  
Transform us by your love,  
so that we would more fully live the life you call us into,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

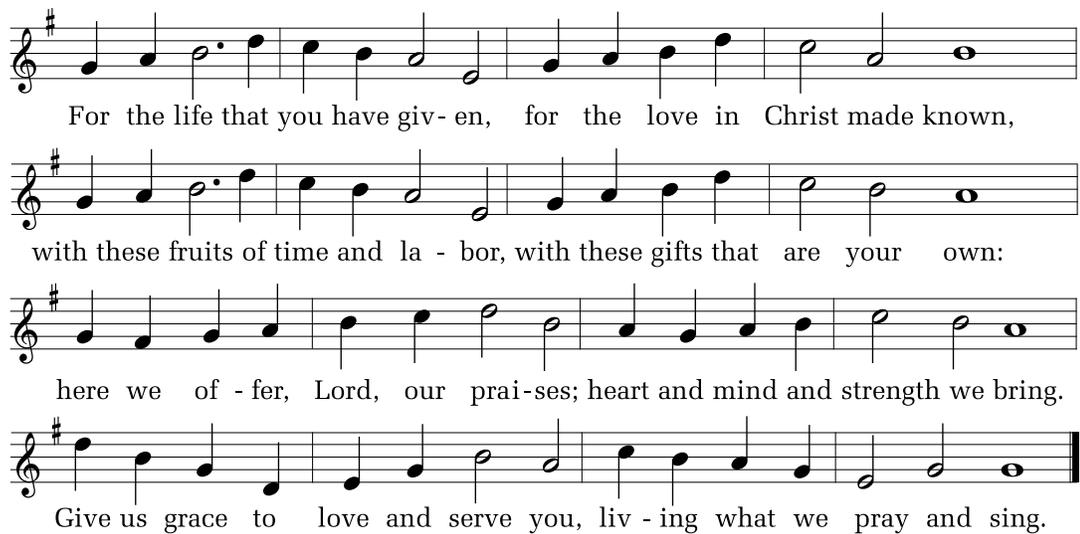
**PSALTER** Psalm 25 (*sung*) (Hymn 178)

**ANTHEM** “Hide Not Thou Thy Face from Us, O Lord”  
*Richard Farrant*

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant  
in thy displeasure. For we confess our sins unto thee and hide not  
our unrighteousness. For thy mercy sake deliver us from all our sins.



## \*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.**

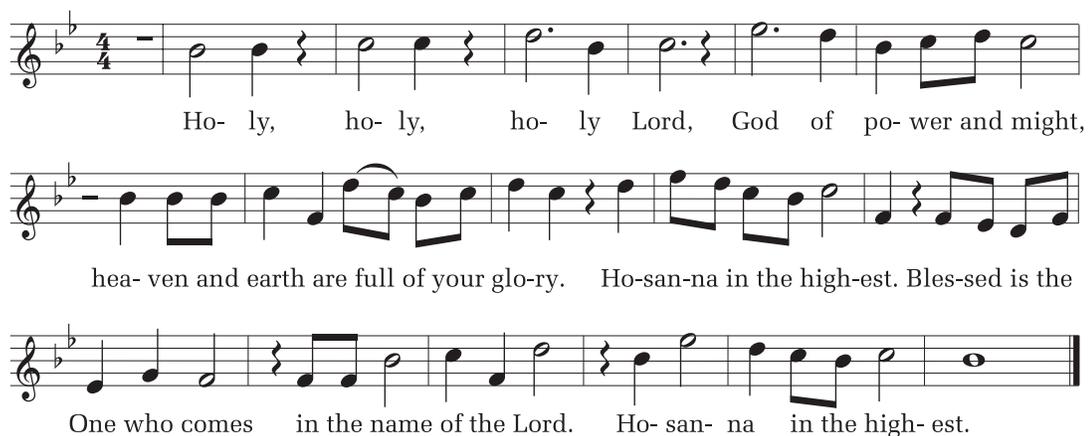
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### PRAYER

Minister: Gratitude, 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,  
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** “Call to Remembrance, O Lord” *R. Farrant*

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindness, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(unison)*

**We give you thanks, gracious God for your presence  
in our midst, through the Holy Spirit, nourishing our bodies  
with the good things of the earth, strengthening our hearts  
for the works of love you call us to. Send us out from here  
to be your hands, caring for the world; your voice,  
shouting for justice; your feet, bringing the good news of  
your love, that the whole earth shall cry glory. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 263** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Tune: ST. DENIO*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE** If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee *J. S. Bach*

# The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

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

**T**HE 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** Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, Joann Lee, Calum I. MacLeod

**THE MUSIC TODAY** The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas E. Gowens, Associate Organist

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

**The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, as well as the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program and Elam Davies Social Service Center. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

**Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities** in addition to Sunday morning services. A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall on the fourth Friday of each month, and during Lent, a weekly midweek service is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

**Printed copies of sermons** recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)

**The unfolding flower growing out of a crown of thorns**, shown on this week’s bulletin cover, provides an apt metaphor for the new life arising from Christ’s death and resurrection. It is carved into the underside of the octagonal sounding board over the Fourth Church pulpit.

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

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