

WHAT IS GIVEN IN THE COVENANT is always God's word. The word is backed, it is true, by mighty deeds: offspring are conceived in old women; slaves are liberated from hopeless bondage; people lost and wandering in a desert are finally led home; one who dies is raised from the dead. Yet God does not always do the deeds that are expected, even when they are desperately needed. Often, as it is recorded by the biblical authors, what the people seem to have is only God's word. . . . Their struggle is to believe in it.

Margaret A. Farley, *Personal Commitments*

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 Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, March 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, April 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 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 Litany *Joel Martinson*

INTROIT “Even Now, Says the Lord, Return to Me” *Richard Proulx*
Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart,
for I am gracious and merciful.

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

***HYMN 181** “Come Sing to God” *Tune: ELLACOMBE*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Most merciful God, we are sorry for our failures.
We regret our mistakes, our misdeeds, our miscalculations.
Most of all, we are sorry that in all we do we forget to
rely on you. We deliberate on our own; we make decisions
without prayer; we act regardless of your will. Forgive us,
Lord. Turn us toward you. Incline our ears to your word.
Make us watchful for your signs. We pray all these things
because we want to be faithful to you. In the name of
your precious Son Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

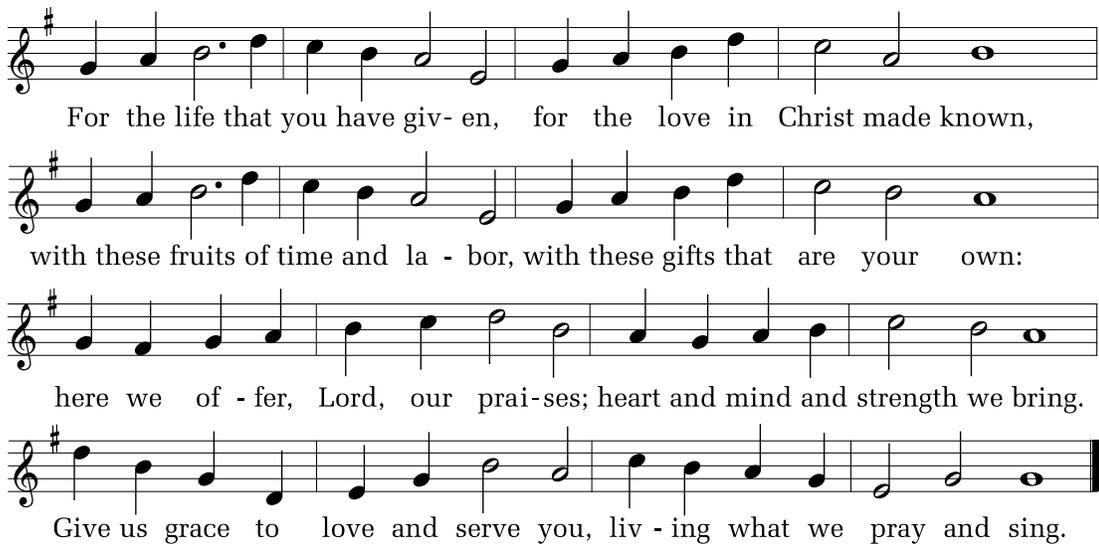
CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 22 (*responsively*) (page 473, O.T.)

ANTHEM “I Sought the Lord” *Peter Pindar Stearns*

I sought the Lord and afterward I knew he moved my soul
to seek him, seeking me; it was not I that found, O Savior, true;
no, I was found of thee. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine
enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea; 'twas not
so much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.
I find, I walk, I love, but O, the whole of love is but my answer,
Lord, to thee; for thou wert long beforehand with my soul;
always thou lovedst me.

*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.**

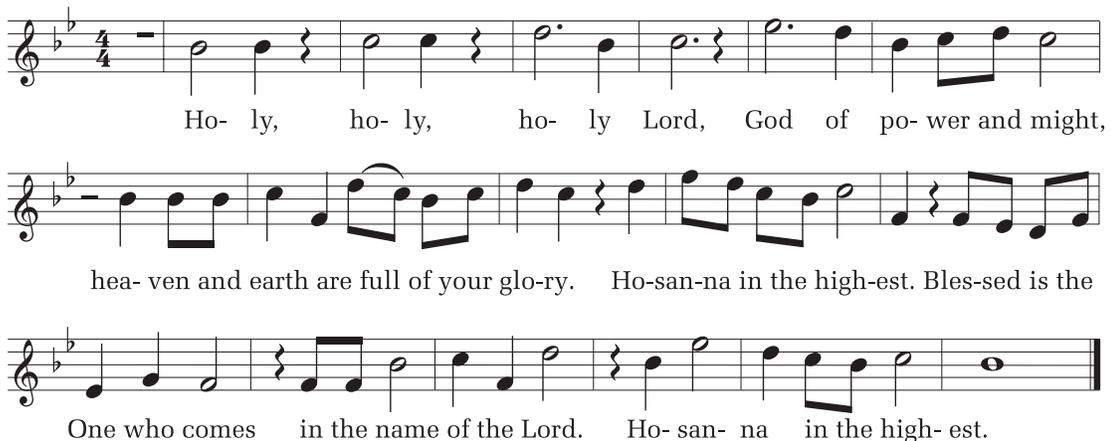
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 "Lamb of God"

F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God, most holy and lowly, who on the cross didst suffer,
patient, still, and lowly. Thyself to scorn didst offer;
our sins by thee were taken or hope had us forsaken.
Have mercy on us, O Jesu.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**Gracious God, you have made us one in heaven
and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life
and renewed us for your loving service. Help us to be
Christ's 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 508**

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Tune: KINGDOM

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

O Bread of Life from Heaven

Johannes Brahms

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 Calum I. MacLeod, Sarah A. Johnson, Joyce Shin

THE MUSIC TODAY The Chancel Choir; Dala Aavik and Andrea Pokrefke, soloists
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.

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.

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