

THE HUMAN RACE IS, WAS, AND PROBABLY ALWAYS WILL BE deeply unwilling to accept a human messiah. We don't want to be saved in our humanity; we want to be fished out of it. . . . It's not that we weren't looking for the Messiah; it's just that he wasn't what we were looking for. Our kind of Messiah would come down from a cross. . . . He wouldn't do a stupid thing like rising from the dead. He would do a smart thing like never dying.

Robert Farrar Capon

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, April 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, April 26 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, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, 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 and Fugue in C Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord” Giovanni Croce
Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth.
O knit my heart unto thee that I may love thy name.

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

***HYMN 101** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Tune: HAMBURG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
and cleanse us from our sin.
For we know our transgressions,
and our sins are ever before us.
Against you, you alone, have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from us.

—adapted from Psalm 51:1-4, 10-11 (NRSV)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PSALTER Psalm 119:9–16 (*responsively*) (page 535, O.T.)

American folk hymn
arr. Paul Christiansen

(page 691, O.T.)

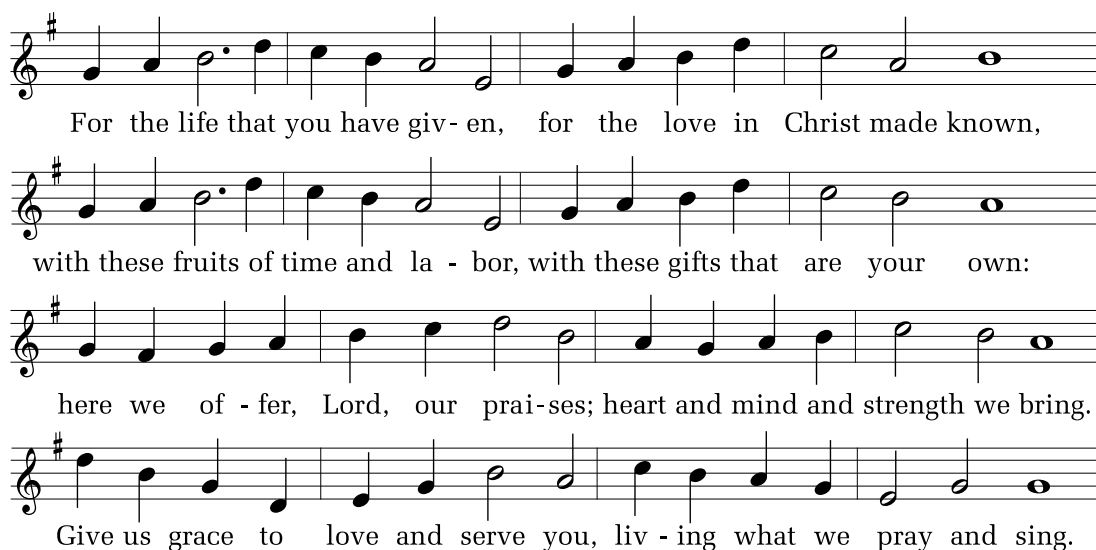
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(The Hymnal, 579)

(page 100, N.T.)

Tune: HENDON

*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.**

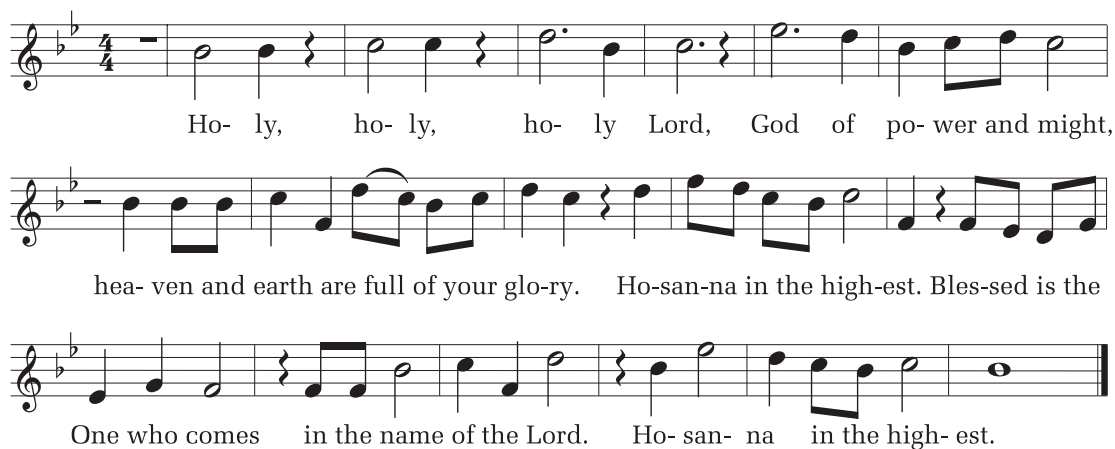
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 “Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake” *Richard Farrant*

Lord, for thy tender mercies’ sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with
a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**Almighty God,
you provide the true bread from heaven:
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant that we who have received the
sacrament of his body and blood
may abide in him and he in us,
that we may be filled with the power of his endless life,
now and forever.
Amen.**

***HYMN 400**

“When We Are Living”

Tune: SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Joseph Jongen

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 every two 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 Adam Fronczek, Alice M. Trowbridge, Joann H. Lee

THE MUSIC TODAY The Chancel Choir; David Hoffman, tenor soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Moment for Discipleship is presented by Marilee Hopkins, who serves as treasurer for Fourth Church.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program and Elam Davies Social Service Center, the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. 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.

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.

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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