

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PSALTER Psalm 85 (*responsively*) (page 514, O.T.)

ANTHEM “May the Lord, Mighty God” *Chinese folk song*
arr. Pao-chen Li

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever,
grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God’s face, full of grace forever.

FIRST LESSON Luke 11:1–4 (page 67, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Colossians 2:6–15 (page 189, N.T.)

SERMON Forgiveness ADAM H. FRONCZEK

***HYMN 370** “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” *Tune: WOODWORTH*

***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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE "Search Me, O God"

Eric DeLamarter

Search me, O God, and know my heart:
try me, and know my thought,
and see if there be any wicked way in me,
and lead me into the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O, Sing Jubilee to the Lord"

Brad Holmes

O, sing jubilee to the Lord, every land; glory be to God!
O, serve him with gladness, as in halls we stand;
sing praises to God out of Zion! He made us his own,
he has given us breath; glory be to God! The sheep of his pasture,
we need not fear our death; sing praises to God out of Zion!
His mercy is ours; he is Lord over all; glory be to God!
May all generations find power in his call; sing praises to God
out of Zion! O, come one and all with thanksgiving and praise;
glory be to God! Give glory to him and your brightest banners raise;
sing praises to God out of Zion!

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND 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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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

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.**

All: **God of extravagant mercy,
with hands outstretched you have poured out
wonder and pleasure and delight,
goodness and beauty and bounty.
So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest
against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished,
trivial and wretched and tyrannical,
in our world and in ourselves—
and thus may we and others know
ourselves to be blessed. Amen.**

***HYMN 356**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Tune: NETTLETON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune in D Major

C. S. Lang

Guest Preacher in August

This year, we are honored to be able to welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit several highly regarded theologians and preachers. We are particularly pleased that Ali Trowbridge will be returning to share the Word with us this August.



Ali Trowbridge

AUGUST 25 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

In September 2001, upon her graduation from Union Theological Seminary, Ali Trowbridge joined the Fourth Church staff as a Pastoral Resident in the Lilly Resident Program, a program that was in just its second year. At the conclusion of her two-year residency, she was called as the Associate Minister for Family and Youth at Kenilworth Union Church, where she was ordained in 2003. She then returned to Fourth Church, first in the then-newly-created position, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life (in 2004), and then as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (2006–2010). Prior to entering seminary, Ali served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Mali, Africa, from 1996 to 1998, receiving in 1997 the Country Volunteer Award from the Peace Corps. Ali and her husband, Jeb, and their three daughters now live in Upstate New York.

“When society presents enticing alternatives to church, the seductive promises of happiness at one’s own gain, and when the relevancy of the institution of the church has taken a hard hit in light of our world, I consider it part of my call to help reintegrate the great works of the church into people’s lives.”

—Ali Trowbridge on her call

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Hardy H. Kim, Victoria G. Curtiss, Adam H. Fronczek

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Beverly Escuder, Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Marilee Hopkins, on behalf of the Resource Development Committee.

The men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs will be singing in worship through September 1. The full choir will return to worship on September 8.

The Handbell Choir, which is ringing during the prelude today, welcomes new participants to the choir. Rehearsals resume on Sunday, September 15 at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft. For details, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592.

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 images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day.

The bulletin cover photo depicts a white tulip, photographed in the west garden of the Michigan Avenue courtyard after a spring rain.

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