

February 8, 2009

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

In the godforsaken, obscene quicksand of life,
there is a deafening alleluia
rising from the souls
of those who weep,
and of those who weep with those who weep.
If you watch, you will see
the hand of God
putting stars back in their skies
one by one.

Ann Weems, Psalms of Lament

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, February 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, February 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, March 2 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	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	<i>Kenneth Leighton</i>
	O God of Love	<i>John Corigliano</i>
	Pastorale in D Major	<i>Valentin Rathgeber</i>
	Lord, Take My Heart, It Beats for Thee	<i>Sigfrid Karg-Elert</i>
	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	<i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>

INTROIT	“All Shall Be Well”	<i>John W. W. Sherer</i>
	All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.	

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

* HYMN 483	“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”	<i>Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART</i>
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of all mercy, we confess before you and
each other that we have been unfaithful to you.
We lack love for our neighbors, we waste opportunities
to do good, and we look the other way when you
cry out to us in the suffering of our brothers and sisters
in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins,
both those we commit deliberately and
those that we allow to overtake us.
We ask for your forgiveness and pray for strength,
that we may follow in your way and love all
your people with that perfect love which casts out all fear;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER **Holy God, remind us of the promises given
in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 40:1–10 (*responsively*) (page 486, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Cantate Domino” *Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni*
Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly
of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its maker; let the children
of Zion rejoice in their King.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40:21–31 (page 628, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Mark 1:29–39 (page 33, N.T.)

SERMON by Linda C. Loving
NAME THAT TUNE

***HYMN 282** “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”
Tune: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*** 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 "Alleluia, Amen"

Morgan Simmons

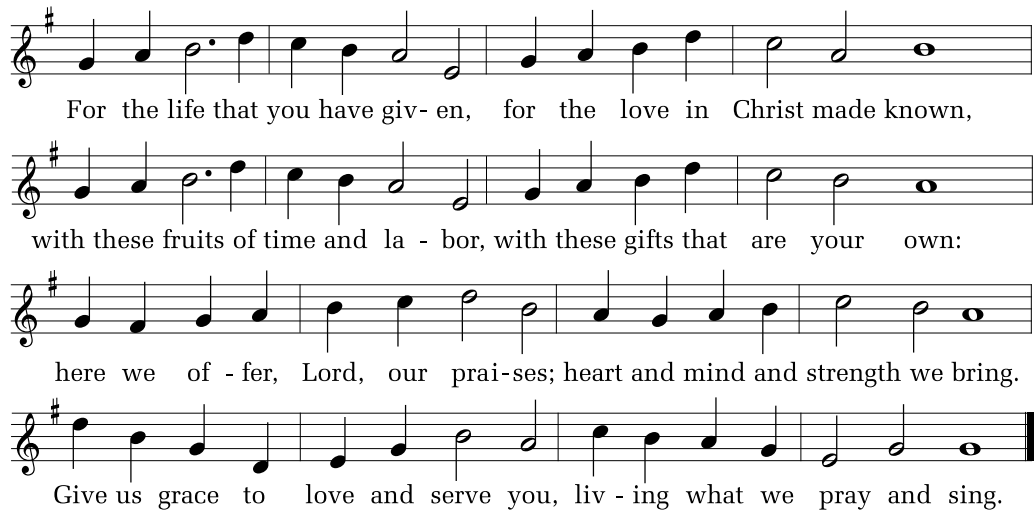
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Witness"

*African American spiritual
arr. Alice Parker*

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? My soul is a witness
for my Lord. You read in the Bible and you understand,
Methuselah was the oldest man; he lived to nine hundred
and sixty-nine and he died and went to heaven, Lord,
in a due time. Methuselah was a witness for my Lord.
You read in the Bible and you understand, Samson was
the strongest man; Samson went out at one time, and he
killed about a thousand of the Philistine. Deliah fooled Samson,
this we know, for the Holy Bible tells us so; she shaved off
his head just as clean as your hand, and his strength became
the same as any natural man. Samson was a witness for my Lord.
Who'll be a witness? Now Daniel was a Hebrew child.
He went to pray to his God a while; the king at once for
Daniel did send, and he put him right down in the lion's den.
God sent his angels the lions for to keep and Daniel laid down
and went to sleep. Now Daniel was a witness for my Lord.
Who'll be a witness for my Lord? My soul is a witness for my Lord.
I'll be a witness for my Lord.

*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: **Gracious God, we praise you for every gift
received and for every gift we are blessed in giving.
For your goodness and guidance we are grateful.
Accomplish your purposes through these offerings
and through our lives. Out of faith and into hope
we are led by your love, through the mercies of
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN 430

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Tune: DARWALL’S 148TH

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude in F Major

Charles Ives

BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

*Harrison Brian Cavin, son of Kevin and Stacy Cavin
Dylan Mitchell Kwasteniet, son of Ross Kwasteniet and Kira Elert
Jacob Edward Roberts, son of John and Claudine Roberts
Benjamin Richard Whitney, son of Jim and Kim Whitney
Meghan Elise Zandstra, daughter of Kent and Kristin Zandstra*

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

*Lila Jane Borchardt, daughter of Randall and Whitney Borchardt
Hattie Olivia Feddersen, daughter of Stuart and Susan Feddersen
Colton Thomas Skinner, son of Jeff and Jennifer Skinner
Daphne Sophia Suckow, daughter of Scott and Melissa Suckow*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Alice M. Trowbridge, Linda C. Loving

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Andrea Pokrefke, soprano soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The text of this morning's Introit, "All Shall Be Well," was written by Julian of Norwich, who lived from 1342 to 1416. Although she lived in a time of turmoil, Julian's theology was optimistic, speaking of God's love in terms of joy and compassion as opposed to fear and duty. Her great saying, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well," sums up this theology boldly.

John Buchanan is preaching this morning at Ocean Reef Chapel in Key Largo, Florida. Next weekend he will be giving the Harbison lectures and preaching at the First Presbyterian Church of Pensacola.

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.'"

PASTORAL STAFF

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