

February 15, 2009

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

TODAY THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE WORLD in which we live is mirrored in localities all over the world. . . . Our search for solutions to the environmental crisis, the AIDS crisis, or the crisis of growing economic disparity reminds us perpetually of our interdependence, of the simple inescapable fact that none of us can go it alone, not anymore. . . . The very visions we strive for and the dreams we dream cannot be tackled alone, for there is no such thing as alone, not anymore. And yet, our communities of faith are still way behind . . . in learning how to relate to one another globally and locally; our religious communities still lag behind in what the Indian philosopher Radhakrishnan called “the supreme task of our generation,” which is “to give a soul to our growing world-consciousness.”

Diana L. Eck, *A New Religious America*

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 Sunday, February 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, March 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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	Salvation Is Created	<i>Pavel Chesnokov arr. Joseph Wood</i>
	Aria Pastorella	<i>Valentin Rathgeber</i>
	Pastorale	<i>Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck arr. Rudy Volkmann</i>
	Prelude on an Introit	<i>Maurice Duruflé</i>
	Praise God's Glorious Name	<i>Louis Spohr arr. Donald R. Frederick</i>

INTROIT	"The Lord Is My Strength"	<i>Stephen Sturk</i>
	The Lord is my strength and my shield; and with my song will I praise God.	

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

*HYMN 288	"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"	<i>Tune: ELLACOMBE</i>
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**We come before you, Lord, sorry for the sins
we have committed in thought, word, and deed.
We are sorry for not confessing sooner. Our hearts
are often hardened by pride, self-righteousness,
and simple stubbornness. Quicken us, Lord, to ask
for your forgiveness; cleanse us with your forgiving grace,
and commit us anew to live as your Son lived,
a life made in your image. 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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 97 (*responsively*) (page 521, O.T.)

ANTHEM “O Nata Lux, de Lumine” *Thomas Tallis*
O born of light, thou light indeed, dear Jesus, savior in our need,
abide with us and be thou near. Our praise and prayer vouchsafe
to hear. In human flesh thou was made known and with thy life
for sinners paid. O grant that we may reach our goal, to be made
one with thee in heart and soul.

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 8 (page 160, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 10:23—11:1 (page 162, N.T.)

SERMON by Joyce Shin
A DIVINE ECONOMY
“Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God,
just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking
my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved.
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”
1 Corinthians 10:32—11:1 (NRSV)

***HYMN 434** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” *Tune: KINGSFOLD*

***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 "Amen"

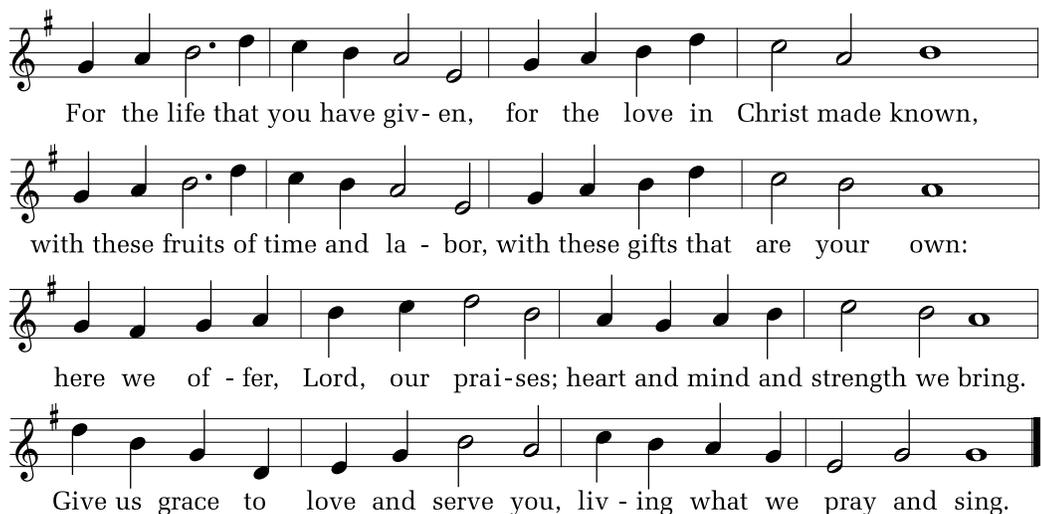
Edward Margetson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Set Me as a Seal upon Thine Heart" *William Walton*

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm.
For love is strong as death; many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it. For love is strong as death.

*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 majesty and light, you hold the whole world in your hand. So we give you our great praise that in Jesus Christ all people may see your glory. By your Spirit, may love descend upon us, that we may follow him with loving hearts. Take us and all we have to be useful in your service, God of all nations. In the name of your Son Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN 264**

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Tune: ENGELBERG

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Canzoni per sonar

*Girolamo Frescobaldi
arr. Helmut Mönkemeyer*

Lent

at Fourth Presbyterian Church

This year our Lenten journey begins on Wednesday, February 25. Along the way toward Palm Sunday (April 5), Holy Week, and Easter (April 12), Fourth Church offers a variety of opportunities for Lenten reflection.

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 25

12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Communion and the opportunity for the imposition of ashes will be a part of both services.

Lenten Labyrinth Walk

Friday, February 27

Between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall

The walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

Lenten Taizé Service

Friday, February 27

7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

Lenten Devotions

Written by Fourth Church members and staff, daily Lenten devotions will again be available by e-mail (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), on the website www.fourthchurch.org, and in a printed booklet available in the church literature racks beginning Sunday, February 22.

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services

Beginning Wednesday, March 4

Each Wednesday in Lent, members and friends are invited to a time of worship held in Blair Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Donna Gray, Adam Fronzek, Joyce Shin

11:00 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge, Thomas C. Rook, Joyce Shin

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass; Craig Palmer, tenor soloist

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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

WORSHIP NOTES

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning, as they do each third Sunday.

John Buchanan is preaching this morning at the First Presbyterian Church of Pensacola, where he is also giving the Harbison lectures.

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

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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