
GUIDE POSTS

Sunday, April 20

9:00 A.M.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL	(CHANCEL)
10:00 A.M.	WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL	(SANCTUARY)
11:30 A.M.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL	(CHOIR ROOM)
11:30 A.M.	USHER AND GREETER WORKSHOP	(NARTHEX)
11:30 A.M.	ADULT FORUM	(SANCTUARY)

Tuesday, April 22

10:00 A.M.	STAFF MEETING	(CONFERENCE ROOM)
7:00 P.M.	HR COMMITTEE MEETING	(GUILD ROOM)

Sunday, April 27

9:00 A.M.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL	(CHANCEL)
10:00 A.M.	WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL	(SANCTUARY)
11:30 A.M.	QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	(SANCTUARY)

Tuesday, April 29

10:00 A.M.	STAFF MEETING	(CONFERENCE ROOM)
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Sunday, May 4

9:00 A.M.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL	(CHANCEL)
10:00 A.M.	WORSHIP, COMMUNION, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL	(SANCTUARY)
11:30 A.M.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL	(CHOIR ROOM)

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First Congregational Church of Evanston

Hinman and Grove Evanston, Illinois 60201

founded 1869

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 20, 2008 10:00 a.m.

At First Congregational Church, worship begins with the Prelude.

We invite you to use this time for silence, prayer, and meditation.

Prelude *Festal Flourish* Gordon Jacob

Opening Words from Acts 7 and Psalm 31

Kindling the Light

Introit *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* Ralph Vaughan Williams

****Please rise as you are able.****

Call to Worship (Leader; **People**) from 1 Peter 2

L: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation.

P: **We have indeed tasted that the Lord is good.**

L: Come to Christ, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight.

P: **Here and now, let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

Hymn *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* **No. 417**

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

Almighty God, so many in our world live their lives in fear, and even as we worship you here this day, some of us approach you with guardedness. Help us to face our fears and concerns with a true and contagious courage. Let your face shine upon us. Open us all to receive the benefits of your salvation, enlightenment, and healing through Jesus Christ our Sovereign. Amen.

Singing God's Glory *Halleluja* trad. Carribean

Ritual of Greeting (Passing the Peace)

You may be seated.

Welcome, Announcements and Signing of Friendship Pads

Scripture Readings

From the Epistles

1 Peter 2:19–25

N.T., p. 233

In this letter, Christians are reminded of Jesus, the Messiah who has connected us with God. The Messiah is the foundation, of “a spiritual house” of which we are the structure – each a living stone.

From the Gospels

John 14:1–14

N.T., p. 108

Though a familiar reading for funerals, this passage when read by those who are not in the midst of grief offers insight as to how faithful people become capable of so much more blessing than they had thought possible. It is because Christ appeals on our behalf to God.

Anthem

The Call (Five Mystical Songs)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(Eric Perkins, tenor)

Disciple Dialogue

****Please rise as you are able for the Hymn.****

Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

No. 388 (vv. 1,3,4)

Sermon

“Stone Soup”

Rev. David Denoon

Prayers of the People and Prayer of Our Savior

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Let My Prayer Rise Like Incense

David Lornson

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Our Savior

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 for ever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

****Please rise as you are able.****

Song of Praise

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, you heavenly host –

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Gracious God, we who have faith in the risen Christ join in solidarity with Christ on behalf of the members of your human family who are in need. We make this offering in response to the will of Jesus whose loving concern encompasses all, and who gave his life for all. Bless our gifts in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn

We Would Be Building

P. E. Deitz

(see insert)

Parting Words (Minister; People)

M: Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk,

P: By it we may grow into salvation.

M: Indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

P: Christ, our nourishment, is our way, our truth, our light.

Choral Benediction

God Be With You

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Light Goes Forth

Postlude

Epilogue

Norman Gilbert

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM AN USHER

We invite visitors to sign the Guest Book and join us for refreshments and fellowship after worship. If you are visiting today with children, please join us for Sunday School beginning after Disciple Dialogue with a recessional by the children to our Church House, three doors away. Children are always welcome in worship. However, if you need wiggle and play room there is an infant room with a changing table, crib and comfortable rocker on the lower level. If you need those facilities during worship, an usher will be happy to escort you.

A peace rose is placed on our altar to remind us of the need for the ongoing pursuit of peace and justice in our troubled world. *As fresh life springs up from the earth, like a garden's promise in spring, so shall God make justice and praise spring up before all the nations. Isaiah 61:11*

You are welcomed and seated today by John Betts, Jean Herbert, Bob and Joyce Phelps and Steve Wilson.

The lay reader this morning is Laima Day.

The greeter today is Merna Johnson.

Thank you to Alex and Adam Doty for hosting today's coffee hour.

The flowers in the chancel are given by Margot and John Goode in memory of their parents Ellen and Gordon Copeland and Kathryn and Wesley Goode.

Our known homebound members include: *(This has been removed)*

Last Day!! To place your order for CHICAGO'S LEGENDARY GINO'S EAST DEEP DISH PIZZA! We are selling four different pizzas through **today**. The frozen pizzas will then be delivered to the church on SUNDAY, MAY 4th for you to pick up and then



deliver to your customers. Prizes will be awarded to the family or individuals that sell the most pizza. Last year we sold 196 pizzas.

Winners last year were: Emily & Nicole Connors selling 28 pizzas, Emma Lehman selling 24 pizzas, and Margaret Tinzmann 19 pizzas.

Friendly competition is healthy and fun! Everyone should have a supply of these delicious pizzas in their home freezer. Let's make this

2008 FUN RAISER the BEST ever!! Questions? Please call Barb Lee (847) 251-0007 or Babslee1400@aol.com

Music Notes – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958) was one of England's most important composers from the beginning of the 1920s until the start of the 1950s. As a classical music composer, he is best known for his nine symphonies as well as numerous orchestral pieces and choral works. His influence also extends to popular music in the form of a handful of notable film scores dating between 1941 and 1948 in addition to scholarly work in the field of British folk songs.

Rummage/Treasure Sale – Save the date! October 4th. The Treasure Room is filling up with many donations. Keep them coming in. Please let me know if you or any friends would like to help. There is always a lot to do! - Joan Lindsey

Quarterly Congregational Meeting: Please plan to attend this quarter's congregational meeting to be held after worship on Sunday, April 27th. This is your opportunity to discuss matters currently before the congregation as well as anything else that's on your mind: Programs, projects, issues, new ideas, concerns, etc. The floor is yours!

**“BY WELCOMING STRANGERS
SOME HAVE ENTERTAINED ANGELS”**

Usher and Greeter Workshop

Pastor Dave Denoon will lead a workshop **today**

after morning refreshments

for anyone who wants to hone their skills of hospitality.

The 45-minute session will begin in the Narthex.

Please Volunteer for Hilda's Place!

On the first Saturday night of each month, our church is responsible for providing dinner for the 30 or so residents of Hilda's Place, a homeless shelter located in the basement of the Lake Street Church. This is a rewarding and fun activity, and much appreciated by the residents. It's a great service opportunity for a family or two or three people who might like to work together. MANY THANKS to those who have cooked and served in the past several months (if I have inadvertently omitted your name, I apologize):

October: Joan and Tom Lindsey, Sheran Fiedler

November: The Page family

December: Andy Plasz and Sharyn Julcher

January: The Sprague family

February: Laima Day and Chris Panek

March: The Clifton family

April: The Steele family

I am currently looking for volunteers for each of the coming months, beginning with MAY! Please check your calendars and contact me via email (mcfran@ameritech.net) or phone (847-332-2618) to volunteer. Thanks! Elaine Frangedakis