



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Selections from “24 Pieces in a Free Style” Louis Vierne
 - Arabesque
 - Reverie
 - Berceuse
- Prelude in Five Voices. Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Introit :: “O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” George Guest

O Lord, open thou our lips; and our mouths shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord; the Lord’s name be praised.

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: *God formed us into beings, breathing life into the dust of the earth.*
People: **God formed us into the church, breathing life into human community.**
Leader: *Our hearts open to the leading of Christ;*
 our minds open to the movement of the Spirit,
 for God is not finished with us.
People: **We are the church, always being reformed.**
 We worship the living God!



**Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

***Hymn 697** "Take My Life"

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternally compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not always loved you.

You constantly call us, but we do not listen.

You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Minute

Anthem :: “Prayer Litany” Helen Kemp

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace day by day. Where there is hatred, let me sow love, and where there is despair, may I sow hope. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace day by day. Where there is darkness, let me sow light, and where there is sadness, may I sow joy! Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace day by day. And Lord, of thee three things I pray day by day. To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace day by day. Let me sow love, hope, light, joy!

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 16

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:[†]
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Galatians 5:13–25

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 772** “Live into Hope”

Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God’s own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one’s daily bread,
to hear God’s word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Alleluia" from *Exsultate, Jubilate* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
arr. Bryceson Treharne

***Offertory Response** The Hymnal, 717

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Generous and gracious God, for the life you have given to us,
and for your love made known in Jesus, we are so grateful.
We are so honored to give back to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Bless these gifts as tangible ways we reach together to this world.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 366** “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***Charge and Benediction**

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir
during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude :: Postlude on “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling” Henry Coleman

*We invite you to enjoy the postlude. If you need to leave prior to the end of the postlude,
please do so quietly out of respect for those who choose to stay.*



We are glad to be worshipping with you today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church!

✳️ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. ✳️ We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God’s grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be **a mask-welcoming campus**, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. With the COVID risk level in Chicago at “medium,” we are going a step further to **not just encourage but to recommend** (*though not require*) **that individuals wear masks while on campus**. This is consistent with city health officials recommending that—in light of the “medium risk” level—individuals wear masks indoors when they are not certain of the vaccination status of others present. As a mask-welcoming—and now recommending—campus, we also remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church**. ✳️ Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus choose to require masks. ✳️ Additionally, while we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, **anyone coming on site certifies** by doing so that (a) they do not currently have COVID-19; (b) they are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) they have no reason to quarantine; and (d) they will **wear a mask and practice social distancing if they are not vaccinated** against COVID-19. ✳️ In the Sanctuary, the **front section on the pulpit side is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask**. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. ✳️ **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service.

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 4:00 p.m. for our Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel. On Sunday, **September 4, our Jazz at Four service will be held outdoors** in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. ✨ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. ✨ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher. ✨ **Nursery care** is not available at this time. ✨ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary or Chapel.



Following worship, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with **individuals who would like to offer prayers** of praise or concern. ✨ We also gather on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ The Chapel is also open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays; between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays; and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For information about the labyrinth, email Rocky Supinger (*rsupinger@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ✨ We invite you to use our **daily devotions**, written by members and staff, as a resource for **meditation and reflection**. These devotions are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive the meditation via email, simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✨ Our **“Rhythm and Word” video series** returns for four weeks on September Wednesdays on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) and by email (*subscribe at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail*). ✨ During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast). ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons



In the pew racks you will find a **Connection Card, which we invite you to fill out** and place in the offering plate. It provides opportunity for you to let us know in what ways you would like to connect with Fourth Church, to update your contact information, and to share prayer concerns.

Those worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard following the service. ✨ **For additional ways to connect** with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources**, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch). ✨ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. To have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✨ To explore options for teletherapy or in-person conversations with a counselor, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. ✨ To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org



The **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, a new initiative of the Caring Ministries Team and the Knitting and Crocheting group, combines the love of knitting or crocheting with reaching out to those in need of comfort and solace, providing them with a tangible expression of that caring in the form of a handcrafted shawl or lap blanket. Information about Prayer Shawl Ministry as well as **basic instructions are available** via our Volunteer Ministry platform at app.vomo.org/project/prayer-shawl-ministry or by contacting Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). The **Knitting and Crocheting group** will also meet via Zoom this Tuesday, August 23 at 4:00 p.m.



Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. **Women's Bible Study**—which offers two Zoom gathering times (12:00 and 6:30 p.m.) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month—meets this Wednesday, August 24 for a discussion about **practicing spiritual disciplines**. For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Eighth-grade Confirmation** begins with a fall retreat at the church September 23–24 and will meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. starting October 2. If your child is interested in participating, please register at www.bit.ly/confirmation2223 by Sunday, September 18.

Women at Fourth continues to collect **school supplies for Chicago Lights Tutoring** through next Sunday, August 28. Supplies can be **purchased online and shipped to the church** using the wish list www.bit.ly/fpcschooolsupplies22; **monetary gifts** for purchasing supplies can be made at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (select “Congregational Life” and then note “School Supplies” in the comment box). ✨ **The Chicago Lights Social Service Center** needs men’s casual clothing, particularly pants, jeans, belts, and short sleeve shirts. Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or shipped to the Chicago Lights Social Service Center, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.2014.



The Officer Nominating Committee is gathering **recommendations of individuals to serve in leadership positions** opening in 2023 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Nominating Committee as well as the Chicago Lights Board. If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please offer your recommendations via the online form at www.bit.ly/nominating2023 or by using the paper forms in the Narthex, at the rear of the Sanctuary.



Two Fourth Church committees are recruiting new committee members to join them in their work. The **Property Committee** is looking for individuals with experience in architecture, property management, HVAC, or security. In addition to participating in monthly meetings, these committee members also engage in subcommittee work throughout the month, which can include meeting with staff members and vendors, preparing RFPs, evaluating proposals, and making recommendations. To express interest in becoming a part of this committee, please contact Andrea Denney (adenney@fourthchurch.org). The **Adult Education Committee** is looking for individuals who are interested in, among other things, reviewing course proposals; working with course developers and leaders to shape the direction and scope of courses; and hosting classes on Sunday mornings and book discussions on the first Tuesday of the month. To express interest in becoming a part of this committee, please contact Lucy Forster-Smith (lforster-smith@fourthchurch.org).



To purchase **fresh produce** and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm**, stop by their Farmstand on Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. (444 W. Chicago Ave.).

Encore 2022, the Center for Life and Learning's annual benefit, will take place **this Saturday, August 27** with a musical theme of **Cabaret! Live!** To learn more about this evening of music followed by a reception that benefits the CLL and its programming for adults sixty and over, see www.fourthchurch.org/cll/encore.html



Our **Music by the Fountain** series of outdoor, in-person concerts concludes this Friday, August 26 with a concert by annual favorite **jazz vocalist Libby York**. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard for this Friday noonday concert.



Opportunities to make music with Fourth Church resume in September, with **Chancel Choir** beginning rehearsals on Thursday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. On Sunday, September 11 rehearsals resume for **Cherub and Children's Choir** (9:30 a.m.); **Youth Choir** (10:45 a.m.); **Handbell Choir** (11:15 a.m.); and **Gospel Choir** (1:30 p.m.). The **Choral Society** will begin rehearsals on Thursday evenings in October in preparation for performing **Gustav Mahler's Second Symphony "Resurrection"** with **organist David Briggs** on Friday, November 18. To learn more about these volunteer ensembles, see www.fourthchurch.org/music/choirs or contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).



The **First Tuesday Book Club** invites you to join them via Zoom on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. for a discussion of **Father Abraham's Many Children** by Tyler D. Mayfield. In reframing religious diversity through the stories of Cain, Ishmael, and Esau, this book invites us to explore what that reframing might mean for Christians living in a world of religious difference today. To join the conversation, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday922



The **TwentiesThirties group for young adults** has two fellowship gatherings on their calendar: a **picnic in the park** this Thursday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. and **brunch** at Aster Hall (900 N. Michigan) following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 28. For details, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * **Cornerstones**, a group for those fifty and over, will meet for fellowship and a program on the **recent Fourth Church choir tour to the Middle East**. Register (*required*) for this 5:30 p.m. Friday, September 9 program at www.bit.ly/cornerstones922

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Kathy Kidder, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Women's Choir; Laura Perkett, Oboist

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S MINISTRY MINUTE is presented by Craig Endicott.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE WOMEN'S CHOIR for their musical leadership in today's worship service.

There are many opportunities to get involved in making music at Fourth Church: the Choral Society, Chancel Choir, and Gospel Choir; the Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs for ages four and up; and the Handbell Choir and Drum Circle. For more information contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

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