

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Introit

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

*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

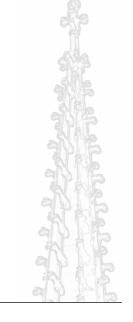
Leader: Let us worship God. Clap your hands, all you peoples;

People: shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Leader: For the Most High is awesome;

People: a great sovereign over all the earth. Leader: *It is good to give thanks to the Lord*,

People: to sing praises to your name, O Most High.



^{*}Please rise in body or spirit. †Or "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:

with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This, my body; this, my blood."

Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."

Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:

with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called your church into being.

We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us.

We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Transform our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to our Lord, our savior, Jesus Christ.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Bring us, O Lord, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitation of thy glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 146

*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.

Responding to the Word

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Service of Installation

A Litany of Gifts (based on Romans 12:4-8, 11-13) Mark Nokes, Olga Ricketts-Peart

Leader: As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function,

People: so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

Leader: We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

If your gift is to hear God's Word,

People: speak it out in faith.

Leader: If your gift is service,

People: live to serve others.

Leader: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

People: teach what is true.

Leader: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

People: let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

Leader: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering,

People: constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

Statement on the Ministry of the Church
The Constitutional Questions
Prayer of Installation
Declaration of Installation and Welcome David Thornton
Charge to the Newly Installed Pastor
Charge to the Congregation Lucy Forster-Smith
Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem : "Let the People Praise Thee, O God" William Mathias
Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for thou shalt judge the folk righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us, that thy way may be known upon earth; thy saving health among all nations. 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.
*Offertory Response
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Blessed are you, God of all creation:
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Amen.

Bearing the World into the World

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

*Charge and Benediction

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Nanette Sawyer, Lucy Forster-Smith, Joseph L. Morrow, Roel Mason-Vivit, Matt Helms, Andrea Denney, Shannon J. Kershner

Members of the Installation Commission

David Thornton, Moderator, Presbytery of Chicago and Transitional Pastor, Lakeview Presbyterian Church

Gloria Fleming, Ecumenical Representative (Roman Catholic) and Administrative Assistant for Leadership, Fourth Presbyterian Church

Lucy Forster-Smith, Teaching Elder and Senior Associate Pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church

Bridgett A. Green, Teaching Elder and Vice President of Publishing, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation and Editorial Director, Westminster John Knox Press

Ken Hockenberry, Teaching Elder and Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Chicago

Shannon J. Kershner, Teaching Elder and Pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church

Mark Nokes, Ruling Elder, Southminster Presbyterian Church and Commission on Ministry Representative, Presbytery of Chicago

Olga Ricketts-Peart, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, and Commission on Ministry Representative, Presbytery of Chicago

Sarah Younger, Ruling Elder and Chair of Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, Fourth Presbyterian Church

Corresponding Members of the Installation Commission

Stacy Jackson, Executive Director, Chicago Lights

Nancy A. Nelson, Aunt of Nancy J. Benson-Nicol and Deacon, Doylestown Presbyterian Church

The Music Today

The Handbell Choir; Briana Belding-Peck, Director

The Gospel Choir; Bryan Johnson, Director

The Morning Choir

Olivia Skaff, Soloist

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

We are glad to be worshiping 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. As a mask-welcoming campus, we 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. ** 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. ** 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 online at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons ** We also invite you to use our daily devotions, written by members and staff, as a resource for reflection. These devotions are posted at fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive them via email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ** The final video in our autumn "Rhythm and Word" series—presented by Nancy Benson-Nicol and the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet—will be released on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesday evening; the videos, which will resume in Advent, are also available by email (subscribe at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail).

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 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. ** During the morning service **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ** **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. ** Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



Following worship, a pipe organ tour begins at 11:15 a.m. at the front of the Sanctuary ** Also 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 open for opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and 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



The autumn season of the "Bible Top Ten" podcast (fourthchurch.org/podcast) hosted by Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger continues this Tuesday with "Top 10 Leaders in the Bible." *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, September 28. This autumn the women's study is exploring "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight." For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). *New Zoom Small Groups will be starting again in October. If you would like to connect with five to seven other people via Zoom for a time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation or would like more information about small group opportunities, please email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

We ask that those worshiping with us in person take a moment to sign the pew information pads so that we might know you are here. Then please pass the pad down your pew so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name. ** Those worshiping in person are also invited to greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall and the Commons 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



Women at Fourth welcomes all who would like to hear author and Fourth Church member Arlene Faulk talk about "Facing Our Fears and Uncertainty" to attend her presentation today at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5G. ** The Knitting and Crocheting group meets this Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ** Benevolent Guild, which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital, meets this Wednesday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ** LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome will gather for brunch next Sunday, October 2 following 10:00 worship, with all who would like to join meeting at the church reception desk to walk together to a nearby restaurant. ** Cornerstones, a fellowship group for those fifty and over, meets for dinner and a program on Friday, October 7 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Members of Fourth Church's Racial Equity Council and Joe Morrow will talk about their experiences on the Est. 1619 Pilgrimage to Charleston, South Carolina. Register (required) for the gathering at www.bit.ly/cfpc1022 ** Books by Women will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

On Tuesday, October 18 we will be hosting a Michigan Avenue Forum: "The 1619 Project Revisited: Race, History, and the Future—A Conversation with Nikole Hannah-Jones and Natalie Moore." This 7:00 p.m. program in the Sanctuary will feature Pulitzer Prize—winning journalist and author of the New York Times' 1619 Project, Nikole Hannah-Jones, together with WBEZ's Natalie Moore, in a discussion moderated by D. Bradford Hunt, Professor and Chair in the Department of History at Loyola University. Please plan to join us for this important conversation. ** Adult education classes meet in Borwell Dining Room this morning: "Ukraine and the Orthodox Church" at 9:00 a.m. and "Sound of the Genuine," which this week explores stories from Fourth Church member and author Jim Garner, at 11:15 a.m. You can register for these classes at www.bit.ly/ukrainechurch922 and www.bit.ly/genuine922 ** The First Tuesday Book Club invites you to join them via Zoom on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. for a conversation about Tears We Cannot Stop by Michael Eric Dyson. Register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1022 for Zoom details.



We are **in need of recommendations of individuals to serve in leadership positions** opening in 2023 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Nominating Committee, and 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 **by this Friday, September 30** via the online form at www.bit.ly/nominating2023 or by using the paper forms in the pew racks.



Our 2023 stewardship campaign invites all of us to pledge our support for the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in the year ahead. Please plan to submit your 2023 pledge—which you can make at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge—by Commitment Sunday, October 30, when we will celebrate all we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives.



Meals Ministry is looking for input from volunteers, current and future, about Sunday Night Supper cooking, serving, supervising, growth, and additional opportunities. They invite you to join them in discussion via Zoom (www.bit.ly/meals922) this Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. ** Tutors are needed on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings to partner with Chicago Lights Tutoring students. For details, contact Mark Dennison (mdennison@chicagolights.org). ** October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which we will be observing with Between Friends. As part of that, on Tuesday, October 4 we will tie purple ribbons on the Michigan Avenue fence. To help tie ribbons or for more information about the month's events, email scrow@fourthchurch.org

Worship Notes

We are grateful to have with us this morning in worship the Installation Commission and guests, as we celebrate the installation of Nancy Benson-Nicol as Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation. We give thanks to God for Nancy's presence alongside us and look forward to continuing in a rich and deep ministry together. A reception in her honor will be held in Anderson Hall following the service. ** As is customary when we install a new pastor, a portion of the morning offering will be given to the Presbytery of Chicago's Ministers' Emergency Fund, which supports pastors during times of financial emergency.

Offering Gifts to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering plates at the time of the offering or, after the service, in one of the offering boxes at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at www.fourthchurch org/give-online (or via the "To Make a Gift" button at www.fourthchurch.org).

THE PULPIT PARAMENT was commissioned for the 150th anniversary of Fourth Church, which was founded in 1871, and evokes this congregation's call to be a light in the city. Incorporating a map of Chicago, it is created from 150 pieces of cloth. In it, the rays of light radiate from the church location and spread throughout Chicago's neighborhoods, representing an impact that stretches beyond the borders of our great city. The bright colors are inspired by and celebrate Chicago's native landscape: the blue of Lake Michigan and the green of prairie grasses encompass a city composed of both the colors of six native wildflowers and the colors present in the church's logo.

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