



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- He Will Give His Angels Charge over Thee from *Elijah*. Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Donald Frederick
- When We Are In Deepest Need. Johann Sebastian Bach
- Hail, the True Body Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart / arr. Charles Schuchat
- Prelude and Fugue in F-sharp Minor Dieterich Buxtehude
- Marche Jean Phillippe Rameau / arr. Simon Cox

Introit

“Bwana Asifiwe”. Traditional Swahili song / arr. Mark Burrows
Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord in the heavens for the Lord is good.
Praise the Lord, praise God’s name.

*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: *No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:*
 People: **For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**
 Leader: *No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:*
 People: **For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**
 Leader: *No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:*
 People: **For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and
 restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work;
 and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.**

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

***Hymn 35** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options.

Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.
Forgive us for growing weary in following you;
for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice;
for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world.

Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.
Turn our hearts to your word of grace.
Do not remember our sin,
but remember your mercy forever. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Minute

Anthem :: “Ukrainian Alleluia” Craig Courtney
Alleluia.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

You have declared that your kingdom is among us.

We ask that you open our eyes to it,

our ears to hear it,

our hearts to hold it,

and our hands to serve it.

We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31–34

*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.

Second Lesson Luke 18:1–8

Sermon Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 341** “O God, Show Mercy to Us”

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace;
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face,
so that your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
and unto every people your saving grace be shown.
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing;
in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

For you will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness,
and on the earth all nations will your just rule confess.
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing.
Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring.
The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessing send,
and all the earth will worship to its remotest end.

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

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from the Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has revealed God's self
as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,
is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged;
that God calls the church to follow God in this;
for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged
who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.
To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

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 :: "Oh, How Beautiful, This Finely Woven Earth" Greg Jasperse

Oh, how beautiful, this finely woven earth. We are bound in threads of joy, threads of grief, of soul. Your tears fall from my eyes, my joy rings in your laughter. We are bound together. Give me your sorrow, I will stretch across to you over green pine and sparkling lake. How my heart beats with yours, you will feel how my heart beats with yours. I know your heart's journey; it is my own.

***Offertory Response** The Hymnal, 609

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, alleluia!

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

God of life, we pray that our unity will be seen not only in what we believe
but also in how we work together to be salt and light in this world.
May our gifts today be a sign for each other and the world
that we pledge to work together in your name
for the healing of this broken and hurting world.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 611** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude ♪ Canzona per Sonare No. 2Giovanni Gabrieli / arr. Robert King

*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. 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.**

✳️ 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 ✳️ During the week, we 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 ✳️ For additional biblical exploration, listen in as Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger discuss the **“Bible Top Ten”** in their **podcast** by that title (fourthchurch.org/podcast), with new episodes released every other Tuesday.

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 (*with Communion*) 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



We ask that those of you worshipping with us in person **please 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 following the service. ✨ Those worshipping in person this morning 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



Tutors are needed on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings to partner with **Chicago Lights Tutoring** students. If you would like to learn more about becoming an in-person or virtual mentor and connecting one-to-one with a student one evening a week from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Gratz Center or via Zoom, please contact Mark Dennison (mdennison@chicagolights.org) or visit chicagolights.org/volunteer/#tutoring ✨ The **Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of** blankets, sleeping bags, comforters, and sheets; towels and washcloths; adult-size backpacks; grocery push carts; athletic shoes (men's sizes 9–13; women's sizes 8–12); men's casual pants, jeans, or khakis; and men's sweaters, hoodies, and coats (sizes L, XL, XXL, and XXXL). Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk seven days a week 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. ✨ To purchase **fresh produce** and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm**, visit the Farmstand (*444 W. Chicago Ave.*) on Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.



The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** 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** at app.vomo.org/project/prayer-shawl-ministry



On Sunday, October 30 our youth will be putting together **care packages to send to our college students**. If your child is at college, please send their mailing address to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org) by Sunday, October 23 so we can send a care package to them.

Our 2023 stewardship campaign invites all of us to pledge our support for the life-giving mission and ministry of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. You can make your pledge on our website at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge or by using the pledge cards found in the Sanctuary pew racks, mailed to homes, and downloadable online. Please plan to submit your pledge by **Commitment Sunday, October 30**. On that day we will bring forward our pledges and celebrate all that we are able to do together through our pledged commitment to Fourth Church and Chicago Lights—a commitment that is our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives. ✨ As you prayerfully consider what your pledge will be this season, we also invite you to take time to reflect on the question **“How is Fourth Church home to you?”** We would welcome hearing your thoughts and stories about that, which you can share with our stewardship team at giving@fourthchurch.org ✨ During Coffee Hour this morning, Andrea Denney, Executive Director of Operational Ministries, will be at the Stewardship table to answer any questions you might have about the challenges of **operating the buildings that make up our Fourth Church home**, including those that are more than a century old.



This 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 (*which will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*) will feature Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of the *New York Times’ 1619 Project*, Nikole Hannah-Jones, together with WBEZ’s Natalie Moore. This important conversation will be moderated by D. Bradford Hunt, Professor and Chair in the Department of History at Loyola University, and will include our speakers exploring and reflecting on the reactions to and examining the backlash and positive developments since the publication of *The 1619 Project*. They will also discuss the importance of playing a leadership role in creating awareness and dismantling systems of oppression to rebuild a new transparent and equitable order. *Please note that there will be **no video or audio recording available after the event.***



New Zoom Small Groups are starting again this October and will meet weekly for approximately a month. Groups will be looking at *The 1619 Project* by Nikole Hannah-Jones; *Hospitality: The Sacred Art* by Nanette Sawyer; *Silencing White Noise: Six Practices to Overcome our Inaction on Race* by Willie Dwayne Francois III; and *So You Want To Talk about Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. If you would like to **connect with five to seven other people via Zoom** for a time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

The adult education class **“Ezekiel: Where Is Home in Exile?”** continues this morning at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (www.bit.ly/ezekiel1022). Taught by Jina Kang of McCormick Theological Seminary, this class explores the biblical book of Ezekiel through the lens of migration. Set in a time of uncertainty and crisis, the prophet’s voice in Ezekiel prompts empathetic responses to ancient and contemporary experiences of exile. To join the class via Zoom, go to www.bit.ly/ezekiel1022 ✨ Next Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m., Randal Maurice Jelks—Professor of African and African American Studies and American Studies, a clergy in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and a documentary film producer—will lead a one-session class on **“African American Spirituality and the Continuous Struggle for U.S. Democracy.”** Register at www.bit.ly/spirituality1023 ✨ **Men’s Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings 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—next meets Wednesday, October 26. 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).



Sunday School meets at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✨ Eighth-grade **Confirmation** meets on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G. Junior High gathers at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where Senior High meets at 11:00 a.m.



During the 10:00 a.m. morning service on **All Saints’ Sunday**, November 6, the Morning Choir will sing **“Requiem” by Maurice Duruflé** as our worship includes a time of remembrance for all departed loved ones. ✨ On Friday evening, November 11, the Fourth Church Choral Society will join organist David Briggs in presenting **Mahler’s Second Symphony “Resurrection”** at 7:00 p.m. (in person and livestreamed) for this year’s Andrew Pipe Organ Dedication Anniversary Concert. ✨ Our **Friday Noonday Concert series** will feature cellist Sophie Webber this Friday, October 21. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary or for the livestream on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✨ Opportunities to make music with Fourth Church include today’s rehearsals for **Cherub and Children’s Choir** (9:30 a.m. in Room 4G); **Youth Choir** (10:45 a.m. in Room 4G); **Handbell Choir** (11:15 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft); and **Gospel Choir** (1:30 p.m. in Room 4G).

Calling all creatures great and small! We're having our annual **Blessing of the Animals** service **this Saturday, October 22** at 10:00 a.m. outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard (*or in Buchanan Chapel if there's rain*). All pets on leashes or in carriers are welcome. If you'd rather not bring your pet, you are invited to bring your pet's photo to be blessed instead.



Women at Fourth will gather for an **Accessory/Jewelry Swap and Sip** on Thursday, October 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For swap guidelines (*e.g., we will not be swapping clothing items but will accept donations for the Chicago Lights Social Service Center that evening*), email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ The **First Tuesday Book Club** invites you to join the Zoom discussion of ***Interfaith Leadership* by Eboo Patel** on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1122 ✨ **Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room and via Zoom to discuss ***Having and Being Had*** by Eula Biss. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The Benevolent Guild, which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital, meets this Wednesday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ The **Knitting and Crocheting group** will meet next Tuesday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



You are invited to stop by the Loggia this morning to spend some time with the traveling panel exhibition **"Shared History Project: 1700 Years of Jewish Life in German-Speaking Lands."** Cohosted by the German Consulate of Chicago, Chicago Sinai Congregation, and Fourth Church, this exhibition uses iconic artifacts to explore how interwoven the lives of Jewish people and their non-Jewish neighbors have been in the seventeen centuries since the presence of Jews in the Rhineland was first documented in a Roman Edict from the year 321 CE. It offers an opportunity to consider recurring themes in Jewish life and "expands the view of German-Jewish history beyond the narrow lens of the Holocaust and connects the unique history of the Jewish people to themes that are relevant to contemporary life in all diverse, pluralist societies." *For more about this exhibition, see sharedhistoryproject.org*

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Jenny Giblin, Rocky Supinger, Matt Helms

The Music Today

Tower Brass | Charles Schuchat, Artistic Director

Children's and Youth Choirs | Katy Sinclair, Director; Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Drum Circle | John Doty, Director

Morning Choir | Carla Janzen, Soloist

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

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM, "UKRAINIAN ALLELUIA," was composed by Craig Courtney, who lived in Ukraine in the summer of 2007 and learned about the hardships that country had endured throughout much of the twentieth century. He composed this anthem that year as "a musical portrayal of a quiet voice of faith, praise, and hope in the midst of suffering and tragedy."

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).

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Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry and Worship

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