



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

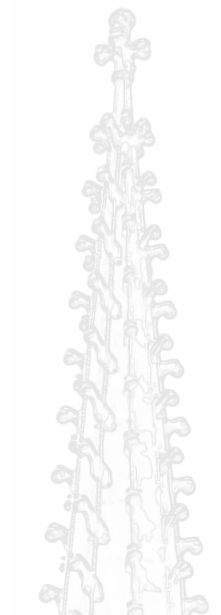
- We Shall Overcome . . . . . African American spiritual/arr. Kenneth Abeling
- In Quiet Mood . . . . . Florence Price
- Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound . . . . . American folk song/arr. Jerome Naulais
- My Lord, What a Morning . . . . . African American spiritual/arr. Robert Lau
- There Is a Balm in Gilead . . . . . African American spiritual/arr. Bob Walters

### Introit

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” . . . . . George Allen/arr. Thomas Dorsey  
*Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;  
 I am tired. I am weak, I am worn.  
 Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;  
 take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

### \*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.



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

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: *In 1963, in his challenging letter to complacent white clergy in the South, Dr. King wrote, "We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."*

People: **O God, we pray, transform our silence into action, our fear into courage.**

Leader: *President John F. Kennedy, in an address that led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, said, "The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities; whether we are going to treat our fellow Americans as we want to be treated."*

People: **O God, we pray, help us to love you and to love others as ourselves.**

Leader: *Rosa Parks said, "You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right. I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."*

People: **O God, we pray, remind us that you did not give us a spirit of fear.**

Leader: *Ann Braden, a white Southern activist and ally of the civil rights movement, wrote, "In every age, no matter how cruel the oppression carried on by those in power, there have been those who struggled for a different world. I believe this is the genius of humankind, the thing that makes us half divine: the fact that some human beings can envision a world that has never existed."*

All: **O God, we pray, help us to envision and struggle for a world where justice will roll down like water, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**\*Hymn 756** . . . . . "O God of Every Nation"

O God of every nation, of every race and land,  
redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.  
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.  
From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,  
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,  
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,  
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

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Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release  
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;  
when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;  
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.  
Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign  
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

God of justice, we confess that in the pursuit of our own dreams and desires,  
we have not always been civil, not always humane, not always right.  
Guided by your Spirit, what we would like to do is change the world—  
make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves  
as you intended them to do.  
Help us to be your witnesses, by fighting for better conditions,  
by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor, of the destitute—  
the rights of the worthy and the unworthy poor,  
so that we can, with your help, change the world.  
Enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor,  
and to love our enemy as our friend. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Ministry Minute**

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Listening for the Word

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** . . . . . Isaiah 62:1-5

**\*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.

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†Or "to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost."

**Second Lesson** . . . . . Matthew 5:1–16

**Homily** . . . . . Shannon Kershner

**Musical Reflection**

“I Have a Dream” . . . . . Words by Martin Luther King Jr. / Music by Lee Hoiby

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed:  
we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and sons of  
former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat  
of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they  
will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream.

Today, I have a dream that one day, right down in Alabama, little Black boys and Black girls  
will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today that every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall  
be made low. The rough places will be made plain and the crooked places will be made  
straight, and the will of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is our faith, and with this faith we will transform the jangling discords  
of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.

With this faith we will be able to work together, pray together, struggle together, go to jail  
together, stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day, the day  
that all God’s children will be able to sing with new meaning: “My country ’tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring.”

Let freedom ring, from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire let freedom ring. From  
the mighty mountaintops of New York let freedom ring. From the high Alleghenies of  
Pennsylvania let freedom ring. From the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado let freedom  
ring. From the curvaceous slopes of California let freedom ring.

Not only that! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from  
every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside let freedom ring!

When we let freedom ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every  
city, we will speed up that day when Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles,  
Protestants and Catholics will be able to join hands and sing;  
free at last, free at last, thank God almighty we’re free at last.

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## Responding to the Word

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**\*Hymn 339** . . . . . “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.  
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) . . . . . Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God who gathers, protects, and cares for the church.  
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 of injustice and enmity,  
is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.  
We believe that the church must therefore stand  
by people in any form of suffering and need  
so that justice may roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.  
Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice.  
Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
be the honor and the glory forever and ever. 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** :: "Deep River" . . . . . African American spiritual/arr. Gerre Hancock

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan; deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.  
Deep river, my heart is over Jordan, I want to cross over into campground. Oh don't you  
want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace? Deep river, Lord,  
I want to cross over into campground.*

**\*Offertory Response** . . . . . Hymn 712, verse 3

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,  
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.  
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

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

We give you thanks, O loving God,  
that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people  
the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will.  
Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every people—  
building community, establishing justice, and spreading your love. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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**\*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.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

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

**Postlude**

Oh Freedom! . . . . . South African song/arr. Charles Schuchat

*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](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)). ✧ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing online at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons) ✧ Available by podcast as well is an invitation to join Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger in biblical exploration as they discuss the **“Bible Top Ten”** in their **podcast** by that title ([fourthchurch.org/podcast](http://fourthchurch.org/podcast)). ✧ **Men’s Bible Study** meets via Zoom 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—next meets Wednesday, January 25. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

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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 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 gather on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and also at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email *caringministries@fourthchurch.org* ✨ The Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** this week between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. For details, email Rocky Supinger (*rsupinger@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at *facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing* on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).



We ask those of you worshipping with us in person to **please take a moment to sign the information pads** in the pews so that we might know you are here. Please pass the pad down your pew so all worshipers have opportunity to provide updated information and greet one another by name following the service. ✨ Those worshipping 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*). ✨ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website’s home page and at *www.fourthchurch.org/calendar* ✨ The **church campus is closed** on Monday, January 16 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

**Today we join churches and communities across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**, who was born ninety-four years ago today, on January 15, 1929. Signs with Dr. King's image and words stand along Michigan Avenue as public witness for all who pass by. They are a continued expression of our commitment to embrace racial equity by purposely including all people, striving for radical hospitality, and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas. We remain steadfast in our theological conviction that the lives of our Black siblings matter to both God and to us and that their lives are sacred. We are committed to putting that theological conviction into practice and continuing to express it in a variety of ways.



Are you interested in taking part in **Deep Listening Dinners**? Groups of six to ten people each will dine together twice in home settings, spending time discovering and better understanding our differences while honoring our shared humanity and telling our life experiences. **To express interest** in this opportunity, please fill out the form at [www.bit.ly/deeplisting123](http://www.bit.ly/deeplisting123) \* **New Zoom Small Groups** are beginning again. Groups will use the book ***The Color of Compromise*** by Jemar Tisby as a resource. 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 or about Deep Listening Dinners, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



The adult education class **“Using the Enneagram as a Tool for Spiritual Growth”** meets today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at [www.bit.ly/enneagramjan23](http://www.bit.ly/enneagramjan23) for Zoom details. \* Our **Center for Life and Learning** for adults sixty and over, along with Skyline Village Chicago, has invited all of the Chicago mayoral candidates to participate in a **Mayoral Forum on Aging** this Wednesday, January 18 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Candidates Kam Buckner, Ja'Mal Green, Brandon Johnson, Sophia King, and Roderick Sawyer will be participating as likely will be Jesus “Chuy” Garcia and Paul Vallas. The format will be one of questions prepared in advance by the moderator, with no questions from the audience. The event is free (*and will also be available to watch via Zoom*); for planning purposes registration is required at [www.bit.ly/agingforum1823](http://www.bit.ly/agingforum1823)



A **Fourth Church trip to Cuba** to visit our sister congregation the **First Presbyterian Church of Havana** will take place May 29–June 5. To express interest in participating in this trip, email Nancy Davis ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)). \* Those interested in taking part in the **Fourth Church Choir tour to India in February 2024** are invited to an information session on Sunday, February 5 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For more information, email Emily Cox ([ecox@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ecox@fourthchurch.org)).

**The annual Chicago Lights Gala of Hope** will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (160 E. Pearson) on Friday, March 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This annual event supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes the Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm, and Social Service Center programs. **To reserve tickets or become an event sponsor**, visit [one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2023](http://one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2023)



**Knitting and Crocheting** meets today in person at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B and via Zoom on Tuesday, January 24 at 4:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✿ The **TwentiesThirties** group for young adults will gather for a time of SpeakEasy fellowship this Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Headquarters (213 W. Institute Place). For details, email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✿ **Cornerstones**, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will meet for dinner and a program on Friday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. The program will be presented by **Debbie Frisch, founder of HelloBaby**, a no-cost drop-in play space for children from birth to three years old, and their caregivers, who live in underserved neighborhoods in Chicago. Registration is required by Tuesday, January 31 and can be completed online at [www.bit.ly/cornerstones223](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones223)



**Daily devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can read them online at [www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions) or receive them in your inbox by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) ✿ Also available as a resource for your prayer and reflection is our **new Winter “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These fifteen-minute worship experiences are led by Lucy Forster-Smith and the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet and are released on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up online at [www.bit.ly/rhythmmandwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmmandwordemail)



For those facing life’s challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, 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](mailto: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.

## Worship Leaders

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Nancy Benson-Nicol, Jeanette Chung, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Tower Brass, Charles Schuchat, Artistic Director

The Morning Choir

Bill McMurray, Soloist

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

## Worship Notes

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THIS MORNING'S MUSICAL REFLECTION is based on the "I Have a Dream" speech delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the August 28, 1963, March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

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 exits from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at [www.fourthchurch.org/give](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give)

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