



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Suite No. 1 Florence Price

III. Air

Ascension Suite Sharon Willis

I. Juba: SonRise

II. Elegy: Lamentation

III. Interlude: Prayer

IV. March Triumphant: The Bridge

Introit

“Exultate. Jubilate!” Dave and Jean Perry

Shout for joy, rejoice! Alleluia!

*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: *We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.*

People: **We are the salt of the earth.**

Leader: *We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.*

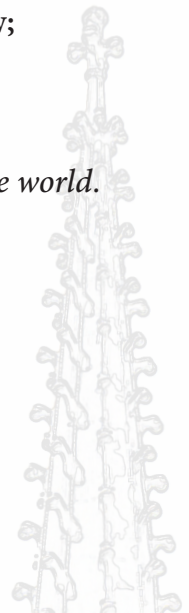
People: **We are the light of the world.**

Leader: *We are called to follow the commandments and the law.*

People: **The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.**

Leader: *Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.*

People: **Come, let us join together to worship God with love.**



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

***Hymn 826** “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *(Refrain)*

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. *(Refrain)*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. *(Refrain)*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. *(Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Holy God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others,
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.

We have worshiped you with our lips but have dishonored you with our actions.

We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world,
yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others.

Our religion has become the source of quarreling
rather than a testimony to your grace.

Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart,
that we may shine forth the light of your salvation,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: “From the Rising of the Sun” Frederick A. G. Ouseley

*From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the
Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered up unto my name, for my name shall be great
among the heathen, thus saith the Lord!*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 58:1–9a

*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. Matthew 5:13–20

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 630**. “Fairest Lord Jesus”

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!

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

***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.

Offertory Anthem :: "Praise the Lord" John E. West
Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol God, all you peoples! For great is God's steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! Amen.

***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.

Sealing the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We will lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: *Let us give thanks to God.*

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Leader: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

. . . forever singing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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.

The Communion

Communion Anthems

“Oculi Omnium” Hieronymous Praetorius
*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due sea son.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.*

“Gott ist unser Zuversicht” Johann Pachelbel
*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though
the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar
and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Amen. There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city;
it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar,
the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of
Jacob is our refuge. Amen.*

Psalm 23 (unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want;
 he maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
 he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Holy God, in gratitude for all the gifts you have given us,
we give ourselves now to you.
Help us live as changed people,
because after sharing this meal we cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.
We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 372** “O for a World”

O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude :: Carillon of Westminster. Louis Vierne

*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.*

News and Opportunities

February 5–11, 2023



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 at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons ✧ **Daily devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a resource for **personal meditation and prayer**. Sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions to receive them by email, or read them at fourthchurch.org/devotions ✧ Our **“Rhythm and Word” video series** is exploring the **Sermon on the Mount and what it means for our daily lives**. A new fifteen-minute video is released on Wednesday evenings on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos); to receive them 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 (*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** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. this Wednesday 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 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. ✨ Those who enjoy **expressing their faith through hospitality** or are interested in being a **welcoming presence at Coffee Hour** are encouraged to sign up at *app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour* to be a **Cookie Table Host, Server, or Hospitality Coordinator**. For details, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).

An information session will be held today at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel for those interested in taking part in the **Fourth Church Choir tour to India in February 2024**. For an outline of the trip or for more details, see www.fourthchurch.org/music/india.pdf or email Emily Cox (ecox@fourthchurch.org). ✿ A **Fourth Church trip to Cuba** to visit the **First Presbyterian Church of Havana** will take place May 29–June 5. Details, including a link to the online trip application, are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html; **applications are due by Monday, February 13**.



“A Sittler Sampler: Ecology, Faith, and Much More” meets today at 11: 15 a.m. in Room 5E (*in person only*). Led by Jeff Doane, this class considers the works of Joseph Sittler, a pioneer in addressing the need to care for the ecological order from a Christian perspective. ✿ Using Eastern and Western religious art, Stephen Hauser and Michael Kazanjian will lead an exploration of **“The Resurrection of Jesus Christ: Individual or Universal?”** on Sunday, February 19 at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, email Jana Blazek (jblazek@fourthchurch.org).



The Spiritual Formation Council will be hosting a six-week **Lenten Path of Discipleship series** via Zoom on Tuesdays, February 28 through April 4 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Associate Pastors Nancy Benson-Nicol and Joe Morrow will lead our exploration of Connie Fourre’s eighty-seven-page book ***The Spiritual Resilience Handbook***. Register at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2023 ✿ **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—meets this Wednesday, February 8. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The **TwentiesThirties** group for young adults will gather today following worship for a **Trivia Brunch** at Aster Hall (*900 N. Michigan*). ✿ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets this Tuesday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✿ **Books by Women** will discuss *Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows* by Balli Kaur Jaswal next Tuesday, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom. For Zoom details for either gathering, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✿ The next **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome Brunch** will be held on Sunday, February 19 at a nearby restaurant (*meet at the church reception desk following worship that day*). ✿ **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 Annual Meeting of the Congregation, at which we will elect new officers, will be held in person and via Zoom at 11:15 a.m. next Sunday, February 12. The Zoom link will be posted on our website in advance of the meeting. The recommended slate of officers that will be presented by the Nominating Committee will also be posted on our website prior to February 12.



You can **help score a victory in the Souper Bowl of Caring** next Sunday by bringing **cans of soup, nonperishable food items, or monetary contributions** if you will be worshipping with us in person that day. Our youth will be on hand that morning to collect the donations, which will support Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Social Service Center Food Pantry. You can also **make a Souper Bowl of Caring gift online** at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online



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 or stop by Coffee Hour today.



Our newest Fourth Church neighbors are migrant families currently staying next door in the former Tremont Hotel, We have been working with these families through the Chicago Lights Social Service Center and Meals Ministry and as we do so, we are very much in need of **assistance with Spanish translation**. If you can help or know someone who could, please sign up at app.vomo.org/project/spanish-translators ✨ We are also **in need of new or gently used adult clothing**, men's and women's. Donations of these items can be dropped off at the church reception desk (*enter at 126 E. Chestnut*) between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and Sundays.



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; 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

Nanette Sawyer, Larry Kerley, Matt Helms, Shannon Kershner

The Music Today

The Youth Choir; Katy Sinclair, Director; Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

The Chancel Choir

The Morning Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

THE SECOND PIECE IN TODAY'S PRELUDE, the "Ascension Suite" by Sharon Willis, was published in 2022 and dedicated to three leading civil rights figures: Dr. C.T. Vivian, Congressman John Lewis, and the Reverend Joseph E. Lowery, all of whom died in 2020. The work uses several hymns and spirituals to depict key moments in the civil rights movement.

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

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

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