



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Prelude in G Minor. Marcel Dupré
- Sonatine No. II Johann L. Dussek
- Valse Isabel. Van Veachtton Rogers
- Andante from Sonatina Muzio Clementi
- Promenade à Marly. Annie Challan
- Andante. M.K. Waddington

Introit

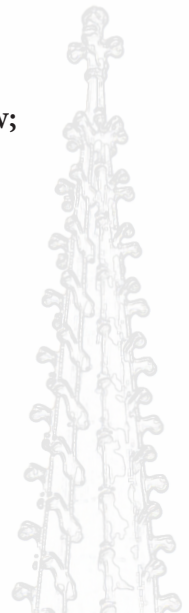
“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” ♫ African American spiritual/arr. Greg Gilpin
*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning for the time is drawing nigh. Soon I will be done
 with the trouble of the world. Children don't get weary till your work is done.*

*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: *I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?*
 People: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**
 Leader: *The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.*
 People: **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
 from this time on and forevermore.**
 All: **Let us worship God.**



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

***Hymn 34.** “Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!”

Bless the Lord, my soul and being! Lord my God, you have such might.
Cloaked with honor, grand and glorious, you are clothed with purest light.
Stretching out the heavens like tent cloth, you are chambered on the deep.
Riding on the wings of windstorm, flame and fire your bidding keep.

Lord, you laid the earth’s foundation that it would be always sound.
By the word of your commanding, you set forth each ocean’s bound.
Springs gush forth at your own bidding, giving drink to every field.
Bird and beast and all your creatures in that coolness find thirst healed.

Grass you cause to grow for cattle, plants for us to cultivate.
Food you bring forth from our labor, wine for joy and bread for plate.
Trees you give the birds for shelter, mountain rock and cave for beast.
Sun and moon both mark the seasons; in their light we work and feast.

Lord, how great are all your workings; wisdom marks them through and through.
All the earth is your possession; great and small belong to you.
Food you give in each due season; at your hand come all good things.
By your Spirit you create us; Lord, your breath renewal brings.

May your glory reign forever. Lord, rejoice in all you make!
As you look on your creation, mountains smoke, foundations shake.
May these words and thoughts be pleasing, for in you my joy is found.
Bless the Lord, my soul and being! With this song let praise abound.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent,
we are more aware of our thirst for your presence,
your love, your guidance on life’s journey.
Forgive us for turning away from you.
Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts
that don’t run deep enough and don’t last.
We come to your well today desperate and thirsty for Christ’s living water.
Quench our thirst, we pray.
Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

Kyrie. Hymn 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Exchange of Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,” and encourage those online to use this time to share your presence with us, using the online form.

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem

“I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes” Leo Sowerby

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper, thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 8

Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri.

*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.

Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

Scripture Lesson Selections from Genesis 1

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon :: “I Believe in God, . . . Maker of Heaven and Earth” Shannon Kershner

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 22.** “God of the Sparrow”

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,
How does the creature say Awe, How does the creature say Praise
God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe, How does the creature cry Save
God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace, How does the creature say Thanks
God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care, How does the creature say Life
God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love, How does the creature say Peace
God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy, How do your children say Home

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

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "The Spheres" from *Sunrise Mass* Ola Gjeilo

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Offertory Response** Hymn 224, verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
 love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

God of all creation, receive these gifts we have to share,
that our world might be re-created in your image,
the image of abundance for all.
Through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 32.** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There’s not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude

Fugue in G Minor M. Dupré

Baptized in Today’s Service
Caroline Sutton Dannecker, child of Michael and Nicole Dannecker
Gabriel Lachlan Toner, child of Polly Toner



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 multiple podcast platforms and at www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts ✳️ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons ✳️ Available by podcast as well is Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger’s **“Bible Top Ten,”** a lively, informative, and occasionally funny podcast about the Bible as explored through a rotating series of top ten lists.

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

We ask all those who are worshipping with us to **please fill out an information form so we might know you are here** and to ensure we have current contact information. Those worshipping with us online will find **a link to the online form** included in the descriptive text below the video (*if you are viewing full screen, you will need to briefly exit full-screen view to see the description and link*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome and Announcements” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshipping with us in person are asked to use the **information pads in the pews**, passing them down the pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service.



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. ✨ **Children** are always welcome in worship. **If you need to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, located on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is available as a quiet space for families where the worship service is livestreamed. During the morning service **nursery care** is also 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 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. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. 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 also Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).

Each Sunday during Lent we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.



Also during Lent our worship includes the Exchange of Peace. In the Reformed tradition this follows the Declaration of Pardon and is a response to God’s forgiveness. This exchange of signs and words of unity and of Christ’s peace is an ancient greeting of siblings in Christ. It is a time when we extend to one another what we ourselves have received from God in Christ. You might simply say “The peace of Christ be with you” or “Peace be with you,” the greeting of Jesus Christ to his disciples after his resurrection. By exchanging the Peace of Christ to one another, we witness to God’s reconciling love.



Today we continue the sermon series “I believe . . .”—an opportunity for us to take **a closer look at the Apostles’ Creed**, which we use as one of our Affirmations of Faith. If you have ever wondered why we often say this ancient creed in worship, have found yourself pausing after stating “I believe,” or maybe have at times thought that perhaps you did not believe all of the phrases, we hope you will continue to join us in worship this Lent and Eastertide as we explore what we believe together.



Those worshipping in person are 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 online at app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour to be a **Cookie Table Host, Server, or Hospitality Coordinator**. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ To receive our Jazz at Four email newsletter, with **weekly information about the afternoon service** as well as reflections from our worship leaders, subscribe at www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews



This Sunday and next **Tom Dozeman is teaching a class on “The Ancestors in Genesis,”** exploring the themes of identity that emerge—both for ancient Israel and for contemporary readers—in the three cycles of stories about Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; Isaac and Rebekah; and Jacob, Leah, and Rachel. In looking at these stories, which are “complex and hardly heroic,” we are also examining the aim of the biblical authors in composing the literature and the different ways in which readers have found identity in the stories. The class meets in person at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

The season of Lent calls Christians to embrace the faith journey by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. We are invited to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in these weeks in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross. ✨ A quiet **andlelit Lenten Taizé service**—a contemplative time of meditative song, silent reflection, and prayer for peace, reconciliation, and unity—will be held on Friday evening, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ Our **daily Lenten devotions** (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions) are a resource for reflection during this season. To receive these meditations daily via email, simply subscribe online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✨ Also available as a resource is our **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief videos (*approximately ten minutes each*) have been **created by Rocky Supinger and the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet** and weave together scripture, prayer, and music. A new video is released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) each Lenten Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail



Opportunities to engage in Bible study include **Men’s Bible Study**, which meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **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 and next meets Wednesday, March 22. For Zoom details for either Bible study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



You are invited to **remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary and Buchanan Chapel. A list of individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by Sunday, March 26 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Gloria Vicente (gvicente@fourthchurch.org; 312.252.3571).



Nancy Benson-Nicol and Lucy Forster-Smith will lead a **Ghost Ranch Pilgrimage of Faith and Learning** on May 15–19 in Abiquiu, New Mexico. To express interest and learn more, complete the form at www.bit.ly/ghostranchinterest23 ✨ **Singers and nonsingers alike** are invited to take part in the **Fourth Church Choir tour to India** in February 2024. Applications are due April 1, 2023. For details, see www.fourthchurch.org/music/india.pdf or email Emily Cox (ecox@fourthchurch.org). ✨ The **Fourth Church Choral Society** will present a concert of coronation music written by Handel, Parry, and Vaughan Williams with singers from St. James Cathedral (*65 E. Huron*) on May 21. All who enjoy singing are invited to the first rehearsal on Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Books by Women will discuss **Oh William!** by Elizabeth Strout this Tuesday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. ✨ **Benevolent Guild** meets Wednesday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. Sewing experience is not required. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets next Sunday, March 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B and on Tuesday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Women at Fourth** will have a **book swap** on Thursday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. Registration (www.bit.ly/fpcwaf323) is required. ✨ **Cornerstones**, a group for those fifty and older, meets on Friday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and a program by aquatic ecologist Timothy Hollein, who will talk about **cleaning waterways contaminated with plastics**. Registration (www.bit.ly/cornerstones423) is required. ✨ 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 fourthchurch.org/calendar



The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is **in need of paper grocery bags and heavy plastic bags**, large shopping bags, backpacks, suitcases, duffel bags, blankets, sleeping bags, athletic shoes (*sizes 6–12*), men's sweatpants (*S, M, L*), and men's pants or jeans (*sizes 30–38*). Items can be dropped off at the reception desk (*enter at 126 E. Chestnut*) between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and Sundays. ✨ The Michigan Avenue Forum Committee is looking for individuals to join them in **planning events featuring important religious and secular thinkers discussing current civic, ethical, and religious issues**. To express interest, email Lucy Forster-Smith (lforster-smith@fourthchurch.org).



Those who are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to a one-session **Inquirers' Class** next Sunday, March 19 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Room 5F (*register online at www.bit.ly/inquirers323*). For more information, email member@fourthchurch.org



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

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Caroline Tkach, Evan Tkach, Rocky Supinger, Shannon Kershner

The Music Today

Molly Reatherford, Harpist

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

The Morning Choir; Vera Tax, Soloist

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

WE ARE GRATEFUL to Molly Reatherford and Vera Tax of Fourth Church Youth for sharing their musical gifts today.

THE HYMN "GOD OF THE SPARROW" conveys, through its intentional sparseness of punctuation and flowing tune, a sense of movement firmly anchored by a "weighty" word at the end of each stanza, "a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world."

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in an offering plate at the time of the offering or, after the service, in one of the offering boxes at the exits. Gifts also can be given at www.fourthchurch.org/give ✨ Throughout Lent we are also receiving a One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. "One Great Hour of Sharing" gifts can be designated "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) when giving online or by writing that designation on the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

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