



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Aria Paul Manz

Litany Joel Martinson

Introit

“Jesu, Tawa Pano” Patrick Matsikenyiri

Jesus, we are here for you.

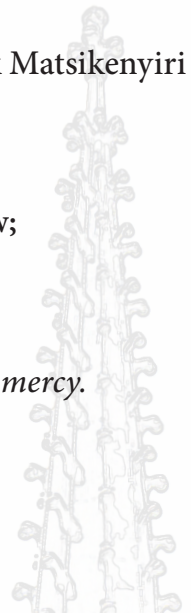
***Doxology**

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: *Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace; approach our God, who is full of mercy.*

People: We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.



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

***Hymn 265** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where’er he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, in gracious love you promise to care for the creatures of earth;
in steadfast love you keep your promise.

But we, who so quickly embrace your covenant, just as quickly betray it;
we, from whom you desire worship, too often offer only scorn.

For making and then keeping your promise in the greatness of your mercy,
we sing your praise, Lord;
and for accepting and then spurning your covenant in the greatness of our sin,
we ask your forgiveness. 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

Anthem

“Father in Heaven” Aaron David Miller
*Father in heaven, hold not our sins up against us, but hold us up against our sins,
Father in heaven, so that the thought of thee when it wakens in our soul, each time it wakens,
should not remind us of what we have committed but of what thou didst forgive,
not of how we went astray but how thou didst save us. Amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 25

*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.

Scripture LessonPhilippians 2:5–11

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“I Believe . . . in Jesus Christ, God’s Only Son, Our Lord” Shannon Kershner

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 264.** “At the Name of Jesus”

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

***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

"Christus factus est" Anton Bruckner
Christ, being found in appearance as a human, humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name.

*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)*

Good and generous God,
we are so grateful to you for your gifts of life and daily bread.
We can never say thank you enough.
As we bring these gifts, take our lives and let them be given to you and this world
as a sign of your love.
May these gifts extend your love with energy, imagination, and joy.
Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 363** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o’er earth and heaven;

the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gather all the saints to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude

Out of the Depths Johann Sebastian Bach

News and Opportunities

March 19–25, 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 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. ✨ Our **Palm/Passion Sunday** service with palm processional will be Sunday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m., both in person and livestreamed. For details about that day as well as services during **Holy Week and Easter**, see www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter



Those worshiping 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 **information about that afternoon service**, subscribe at www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews



This morning **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. The class meets in person at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

This Friday, March 24, a quiet candlelit Lenten Taizé service—a contemplative time of meditative song, silent reflection, and prayer for peace, reconciliation, and unity—will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. ✨ **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. 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/rhythmwordemail



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 meets this 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 next 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.

Knitting and Crocheting meets today 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). * **Benevolent Guild** meets Wednesday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. Sewing experience is not required. * **Women at Fourth** will have a **book swap** this Thursday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. Registration is required: www.bit.ly/fpcwaf323 * **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW)** invites you to gather with them on Sunday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room to share pizza and hear stories about our connections to Fourth Church and each other. Registration is requested: www.bit.ly/fpcwow423 * **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 is required: www.bit.ly/cornerstones423 * 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



We are in need of a **volunteer choir librarian** to serve one to two hours a week in the Music Office refiling music for anthems. For more information, contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org). * 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).



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, Roger Wilson, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir

The Drum Circle; John Doty, Director

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

THE ANTHEM “Father in Heaven” was commissioned in 2014 by Kathye Boyle in memory of her husband, the Reverend John H. Boyle, to honor his thirty-seven years of ministry at Fourth Presbyterian Church. The anthem is based on a text written by Søren Kierkegaard in 1847; the music was composed by Aaron David Miller.

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.

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