



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is Kenneth Leighton
 O God, Thou Faithful God Sigfrid Karg-Elert
 Christ, Thou Lamb of God S. Karg-Elert
 O God of Love. John Corigliano
 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed Hugh Wilson /arr. Jason W. Krug

Introit

“Praise His Holy Name!” Keith Hampton
Sing till the power of the Lord comes down. Shout everybody! Praise his Holy Name!
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost,
but now I’m found, was blind, but now I see. Jesus, how I love thee!

*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: *O come, let us sing to our God!*
 People: Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
 Leader: *Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,*
 People: Let us sing joyful songs of praise.
 Leader: *For God is a good God, worthy of praise.*
 People: Let us praise God with heart, mind, and spirit. Let us join in worship!



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

***Hymn 366** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to follow your call to be faithful disciples.
We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.
We make excuses for hurting others, for poor stewardship of your creation,
for turning our eyes away from what we would rather not see.
We are sorry, O God.
O Spirit of the living God, help us to be forthright with our brokenness.
Turn us around to see your face in the face of Jesus Christ,
who forgives us, loves us, and restores us.
For it is in Jesus' name we pray. 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

Ministry Minute

Anthem

“Ubi Caritas” Paul Mealor

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ’s love has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.

Let us love the living God and may we love one another with a sincere heart.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 130

***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 Lesson Mark 6:1–6

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“I Believe . . . in Jesus Christ . . .
. . . Conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary” Joseph L. Morrow

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 793** “O Christ, the Healer”

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?
From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.
How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists or shelves.
In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world’s disease;
our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

***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

“Let My Love Be Heard” Jake Runestad
*Angels, where you soar up to God's own light, take my own lost bird on your hearts tonight;
and as grief once more mounts to heaven and sings, let my love be heard whispering in your wings.*

***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*)

Thanks and praise to you, O God;
by your grace you bring the dead to life.
Let us use the breath you have given us to speak your truth and sing your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 550** “Give Praise to the Lord”

Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
amid all the saints God’s praises prolong;
a song to your Maker and Ruler now raise,
all children of Zion: rejoice and give praise.

With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim,
with gladness, O God, we praise your great name;
for now in your people good pleasure you seek;
with robes of salvation you cover the meek.

In glory exult, all saints of the Lord;
with song in the night high praises accord;
go forth in God’s service and strong in God’s might
to conquer all evil and stand for the right.

For this is God’s word: the saints shall not fail,
but over the earth their power shall prevail;
all kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sway.
To God give the glory; sing praises for aye.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Prelude in A Minor Dieterich Buxtehude



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. ✨ To receive our Jazz at Four email newsletter, with **information about that afternoon service**, subscribe at www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews ✨ 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 worship 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). ✨ 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).



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 take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ's journey to the cross. To receive our **Lenten devotions** (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions) daily via email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✨ Also available is our **Lenten "Rhythm and Word" video series**. These brief videos (*approximately ten minutes each*) weave together scripture, prayer, and music. A new video is released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmmandwordemail

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



Next Sunday, April 2 is Palm/Passion Sunday. Our 10:00 a.m. service that day will include a palm processional. ✨ On April 6, **Maundy Thursday**, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a 12:10 p.m. Communion service that will include optional footwashing and a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service, also with Communion; the 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. ✨ On April 7 we will observe **Good Friday** with a Good Friday service at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a 5:30 p.m. program in Buchanan Chapel for children and families; and a 7:30 p.m. Choral Service featuring the Morning Choir; the 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. ✨ On Saturday, April 8 we will hold an **Easter Vigil** at 7:00 p.m. (*in person only*). ✨ On **Easter Sunday** we will gather for four services: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Communion at Oak Street Beach; 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter services in the Sanctuary; and 4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz at Four with Communion in Buchanan Chapel. The Easter program for children will be at 9:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. **The 9:00 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed** and will be available to watch anytime later that morning or afterwards. ✨ See www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter for more details.



Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. ✨ **Benevolent Guild** meets this Wednesday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. Sewing experience is not required. ✨ **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW)** invites you to gather with them next 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 ✨ **Books by Women** meets in person and via Zoom on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *When Women Ruled the World: Making the Renaissance in Europe* by Maureen Quilligann. For Zoom details for this or Knitting and Crocheting, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **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

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 join in this time of conversation with a speaker, hiking, and worship, complete the **application** at www.bit.ly/ghostranch523 ✨ **Registration is open for the Spring Session of the Center for Life and Learning** (April 11–June 29), which offers a wide variety of weekly classes and exercise opportunities as well as lectures and events for those sixty and over: www.bit.ly/cllspring23



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. ✨ The Music Department is in need of a **volunteer choir librarian** to serve one to two hours a week refiling music for anthems. For details, contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@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.



Our Member Census is underway, to help paint the picture of who Fourth Church is today as well as to provide information that will assist us in strengthening connections in our Fourth Church community. While some Member Census forms have been sent out in the past week, the vast majority have yet to be mailed: we are sending these out in batches this spring and early summer rather than delivering them all at once, as this helps us better process the hundreds of replies and respond to inquiries along the way. If you do not receive your form this month or next, do not be concerned: by the time this project is complete, we will have invited every member to take part!

Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith, Stephanette Walker, Shannon Kershner, Joseph L. Morrow

The Music Today

The Handbell Choir; Briana Belding-Peck, Director

The Gospel Choir; Bryan Johnson, Director

The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, Soloist

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM, "Let My Love Be Heard," was composed in 2014 by award-winning composer and conductor Jake Runestad (b. 1986), considered "one of the best of the younger American composers" (*Chicago Tribune*).

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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