



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Prelude and Fugue in C Major Johann Sebastian Bach
- O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing Alexandre Guilmant
- Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! Melchior Vulpius, arr. Healy Willan

Introit

- “Louez le Seigneur” Cameroon melody/arr. Ralph M. Johnson
Praise the Lord! Praise God’s holy name, 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: *Let us worship the eternal God, our Creator and the source of life and love.*
- People: **Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one; true love made manifest.**
- Leader: *Let us worship the Holy Spirit, renewing, inspiring, and dwelling among us.*
- People: **To God be all praise, honor, and glory. Alleluia! Amen!**



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

***Hymn 234** “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!

God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

’Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days’ sleep in death as a sun has risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus’ resurrection!

Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb’s dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing
your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of hope, God of joy, God of life,
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.
We have been so dead to miracles
that we have missed the hope you have promised us.
We have preoccupied ourselves with small things
and have overlooked the true joy you offer each one of us.
We have been so concerned with making a living
that we miss the new life you have given to us.
Forgive us, gracious God.
Open our eyes and our minds to receive your promises,
and open our hearts and hands to share them freely.
We pray this in the name of Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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

Thanksgiving for Volunteers

Ministry Minute

Anthem

“Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One”Healey Willan
*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Romans 12:3–13

***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 Acts 1:6–14

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“I believe in Jesus Christ . . . who ascended into heaven” Nanette Sawyer

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 236** “The Strife Is O’er”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o’er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped;
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death’s dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***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

“Sing Alleluia Forth” Eric H. Thiman
Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise, ye citizens of heaven; O sweetly raise an endless alleluia. Ye powers, who stand before the eternal light, in hymning choirs reecho to the height an endless alleluia. The holy city shall take up your strain and with glad songs resounding wake again an endless alleluia. In blissful antiphons ye thus rejoice to render to the Lord with thankful voice and endless alleluia. Ye who have gained at length your palms in bliss, victorious one, your chant shall still be this, an endless alleluia. There, in one grand acclaim, forever ring the strains which tell the honor of your King, an endless alleluia, while thee, by whom were all things made, we praise forever and tell out in sweetest lays an endless alleluia. Almighty Christ, to thee our voices sing glory forevermore; to thee we bring an endless alleluia. Amen.

*Offertory Response Hymn 251, verse 1

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

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

May the gifts we offer this day, kind God,
bring joy to those whose mornings are hopeless,
feed those whose noontimes are filled with hunger,
and bring peace to those whose nights are surrounded by fears and worries.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 233** "The Day of Resurrection!"

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C. David Johnson

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Cole Seaton	Sean Stanton	Darcy Traynor	Anya Wang	Vincent Wu
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Evelyn Shaevel	Jim Stern	Beth Truett	Margaret Wasieleski	Grace Yang
Andrew Shanahan	Kent Stevens	Stefani Turken	Wendy Wasson	Toni Yang
Peter Shannon	Mary Stewart	Zach Turley	David Watkins	Sue Yellen
Randie Shapiro	Betsy Storm	Henry Turner	Linda Watson	Louis Yolich
Sally Sharp	Deja Stout	Kate Twesten	Bonnie Watt	Chris Young
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Suzanne Shields	John Stracks	Paul Urbanick	Shirley Webster	Carol Ysla
John Shonkwiler	Lisa Stracks	Michael Usiak	William Wee	Shawna Yu
Stacey Shonkwiler	Joseph Struck	Carolyn Utz	Robert Weiss	Deborah Zak
Lisa Shorney	Devlin Su	Jaime Valle	Susan Weller	Betsy Zeiger
Maggie Shreve	Elizabeth Sullivan	Uma Valverde	Lorie Westerman	Mary Zeltmann
Lynn Shultz	Laura Supinger	Judy Van Dam	Becky White	Alison Zepp
Joe Sifferlen	Rocky Supinger	Susan van der Muelen	Deborah Whitmore	Sarah Zhang
Kelsey Sigman	Nancy Sutherland	Sarah van der Ploeg	Julie Whitted	Michael Zientara
Betty Signer	Madison Swanson	Ken Vander Wee	Leslie Whittet	Kathy Zoeller
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News and Opportunities

April 16–22, 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 via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the livestreamed 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 who are worshipping with us to **let us know you are here by filling out an information form**, which also ensures we have current contact information. Those worshipping with us via livestream will find **a link to the online form—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!**—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**, this week in Stone 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. this Tuesday. For labyrinth details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org

Today is Volunteer Recognition Sunday at Fourth Church, a day when we give thanks for the many individuals who so generously give of their time and talent to bring to life the mission and ministry of Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights. For all of you who share of your gifts in this way, thank you! ✨ **If you are a volunteer** and you did not receive a volunteer badge when entering the church this morning, please ask one of the ushers for a badge or stop by the Volunteer Ministry table during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall. ✨ **If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities** at Fourth Church or if you would like to know more about **getting connected with the Fourth Church community**, please stop by Connection Corner or the Volunteer Ministry table during Coffee Hour. You can also explore volunteer opportunities by visiting VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers), our Volunteer Ministry software platform, or by contacting Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382), Director of Volunteer Ministry. There are numerous ways to engage in the life of Fourth Church!



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).



This morning a new Sunday adult education class begins: Annette Mileski and HD Mitchell will be leading **“Aging and Spirituality,”** which takes place at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5F and via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/aeaging ✨ Our **Center for Life and Learning (CLL)**—a **weekday community education and fellowship program** open to people aged sixty and older—offers classes and events in different formats and on various topics, including arts, music, fitness, health, nutrition, literature, singing, and dancing. To learn more about opportunities with the CLL, visit www.fourthchurch.org/cll or call the CLL office at 312.981.3389. ✨ Opportunities to engage in Bible study include **Men’s Bible Study**, which meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings 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, April 26. For Zoom details for either Bible study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



You will notice over the next few weeks that **Borwell Dining Room and some other spaces in the Gratz Center will be temporarily closed**. This is so that we can do some spring refreshing of those rooms, which have seen much use since we opened the Gratz Center more than ten years ago!

Our Easter season “Rhythm and Word” video series, which offers a ten-minute midweek worship experience, is **led by Shannon Kershner**, with a new video released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.; to receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail ✨ Our **daily devotions** (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available as a **resource for your personal meditation and prayer**. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions



We offer a variety of ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church. Included among them are **Benevolent Guild**, which meets this Wednesday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets on Tuesday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom; for Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Women at Fourth** will gather via Zoom on Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. for a program on the **Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center**. For the Zoom link, register at www.bit.ly/waf0423 ✨ **Cornerstones** will be hosting an **intergenerational Deep Listening Dinner** on the evening of May 5 in Borwell Dining Room, with conversations centered around the theme of generations. There is no charge for the meal, to which all are invited; however, seating is limited to seventy-two people and thus advance registration is required at www.bit.ly/cornerstones523. ✨ 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 **Fourth Church Choral Society** will present a concert on May 21 with St. James Cathedral singers. **All who enjoy singing** are invited to Thursday rehearsals at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ The Morning Choir and Tower Brass will perform, with organists John Sherer and Michael Rees, in this Friday evening’s **Hymn Festival** of the Chicago Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Tickets will be \$20 at the door; the festival takes place in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. on April 21. ✨ Our **free Friday Noonday Concert series** will feature Morning Choir member **Carol Carpenter** this Friday, April 21 at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



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 requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Sophie Nunziati, Shannon J. Kershner, Nanette Sawyer

The Music Today

The Drum Circle; John Doty, Director

The Morning Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

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, and to explore what we believe together.

OUR OFFERTORY RESPONSE is sung to a traditional melody from Tanzania, with words expressing the good news of the resurrection written in 1966 by Bernard Kyamanywa.

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering plates, which will be passed at the time of the Offering, or, after the service, in one of the offering boxes at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

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Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

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