



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Benedictus Max Reger

Rising Mischa Zupko

Introit

“O Taste and See” Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blest is the one that trusteth in him.

***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: *Gather us, O God*

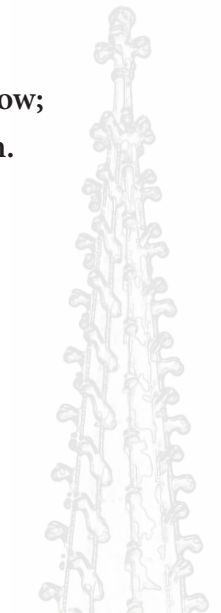
People: **There is room for us all.**

Leader: *Dwell with us, O God.*

People: **Show us the way.**

Leader: *Guide us, O God.*

People: **We give thanks and praise for Christ as our way, truth, and life.**



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

***Hymn 321** “The Church’s One Foundation”

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate.
Forgive our fear and our excuses.
We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise.
We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame
and fail to shine your light for all to see.
Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. 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

Anthem

“Thou Wilt Keep Them in Perfect Peace” Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace, whose minds are stayed on thee. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to thee are both alike. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live and it shall praise thee, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forevermore.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 4

***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 Ephesians 2:11–22

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

“I believe . . . in the holy catholic church”

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 300** “We Are One in the Spirit”

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land: *(Refrain)*

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride: *(Refrain)*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *(Refrain)*

***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.

Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning of Church Officers

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 Old Hundredth Psalm Tune" R. V. Williams
All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him, and rejoice. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, without our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take. O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do. For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore, from us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. 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)*

You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God.
Use these tithes and offerings for your glory.
Let this, your church, be faithful to your calling to be the light of the world,
bringing hope to every life we touch.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 733** “We All Are One in Mission”

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.

We all are called for service to witness in God’s name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude

Partita on “The Church’s One Foundation” Andrew Johnson

Officers of Fourth Presbyterian Church

Following the action of the congregation and the Session of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, the following persons will be ordained, installed, and commissioned to church office this morning. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this important ministry.

Session (*the church's governing body, which conducts the work of the church as its spiritual leaders*):

Cate Cupps (*youth*), Lisa Dagher, Gavin Daniels (*youth*), Margaret Douglas, Nikki Drake, Rhonda Faulkner, Jill Fenstermaker, Gary Graham, Janet Love, Kash Morgan, Gretchen Wahl, David Wilson, Christine Zrinsky

Board of Trustees (*those elected by the congregation to manage Fourth Church's financial and physical resources*): Vern Broders, Carolyn Brougham, Patsy Habicht, Annie Person, Stacey Shonkwiler, Ken Walker, Toni Yang

Board of Deacons (*often described as "the heart of the church," those involved in the care of the congregation and various outreach ministries*): Anne Canfield, Ruby Fairman (*youth*), Jeff Gallenbeck, Roberta Harper, Lyndsi Hay, Margaret Izzo, Larry Kerley, Will Kozlowski (*youth*), Jim Lacy, Joanne Leech, Val Lober, Nancy Curtis Morel, Daniel Park, Hilary Richardson, Mary Zeltmann

Please also keep in your prayers those officers who are continuing their terms of service.

Session: Rick Artwick, Alan Bath, Susan Boggie, Kristina Bonesteel, Cynthia Casteel, John MacKenzie Clum, Marilyn Ezri, Laura Fairman, Jeannine Forrest, Jenny Giblin, Marsha Heizer, Anthony Hipp, Jerry Johnson, Judy Kerch, Rachel Lechter, John Marr, Arlene Raine, Kent Stevens, Lisa Stracks, Devlin Su, Katie Truesdell, Jessica Wang, Cornell Wilson III, Eric Wu

Trustees: Blake Anderson, John Borovicka, Kathryn Burkhardt, Ranjan Daniels, Michael DeVries, Kerry Grady, Jeanne Griffin, Tom Hawkins, Chris Horsman, Diane Meister, Don Nelson, Wayne Oberschelp, Anne Stelle, Gretchen Van Natta

Deacons: Akiko Ikeda, Margo Anderson, Nicholette Andrews-Maggio, Anita Balodis,* Carole Bekken, Samantha Borow, Carol Carpenter, Esmeraldino Celestino, Connie Chang,* Kim Douglass, Stacia Edwards, Craig Endicott, Joanne Gaines,* Greg Geuther, Liz Gilbert, Susan Graham, Dawn Kulich, Laura Lee Larson, Gini Lloyd, Brenda Mauldin, Suzanne Mills, Michelle Mohammadi, Justin Myers, Decima Panitch, Kaylyn Patterson, Samantha Psimoulis, Karen Sabine, Tim Schellhardt, Sally Sharp, Rob Sinclair, Carrie Stern, Susan Wuleczyn

**Extending term*

Fourth Church extends a heartfelt thank-you and its sincere appreciation to those who this month complete their term of service as officers and whose many contributions we celebrate today.

Session: Doug Andrews, Anna Calkins, Rhonda Carlson, Bob Day, Heather Gallenbeck, Armon Haagen, Ruben Harris, Cynthia Johnson, Jean Joslyn, Marc Miller, Sophie Nunziati, Sarah Orwig, Melanie Oh Pierce, Brian Satre

Trustees: Jeanne Bishop, Brian Humphrey, Mark Hurley, Fred Schwartz, Sally Scott, Betsy Zeiger

Deacons: Caryn Borg-Breen, Kay Brungs Laud, Henry Deverman, Rhonda Faulkner, Cathy Flaa, Michelle Hayes, Stephanie Jenks, Ryan Kershner, Sally Lewis, Marcella McGuinn, Kash Morgan, Alisa Rantanen, Emma Richardson, Tony Vitale, David Wilson



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.



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.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays 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 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.

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 for you. 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 (*after exiting full-screen view*); 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 ✨ Those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following 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.



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 labyrinth 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.).



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. ✨ 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.

Today we continue the sermon series “I believe . . .”—an opportunity for us to take a closer look at the Apostles’ Creed, one of our Affirmations of Faith, and to explore what we believe together.



Notes, letters, memories, and photos for Shannon Kershner, thanking her for her ministry among us and wishing her well in her new call to Central Presbyterian Church, are being collected through May 21. They can be **mailed** to the church (*Attn. Memory Box*), **dropped off** at the church reception desk or in Coffee Hour, or **emailed** to memorybox@fourthchurch.org. These **private expressions of gratitude, memories, and well wishes will be presented to Shannon in a memory box** on May 28. ✨ **Shannon’s last Sunday at Fourth Church will be Sunday, May 28.** She will lead us in worship at 10:00 a.m. that morning, and then immediately following the service we will hold a **congregational meeting**, which Session has called for the purpose of formally dissolving the pastoral relationship between Shannon and Fourth Church. The meeting will be both in person in the Sanctuary and livestreamed. Afterwards we will gather in Anderson Hall and the Commons for a festive **reception honoring Shannon**. We hope you will join us for this time of expressing gratitude and well wishes to her and her family as they prepare for the move to Atlanta.



On Thursday, the Congregational Leadership Resource Team emailed the congregation to share that Mark Hurley (*Chair*), Jared Light, Sally Scott, Gretchen Van Natta, and Jessica Wang will serve on the **Interim Pastor Nominating Committee** (IPNC). This five-member committee will be responsible for recommending an Interim Pastor candidate to the Personnel Council and Session. *The Interim Pastor will not be our next Senior Pastor.* Rather they will be **someone to guide us during the year or more when we are searching for the next Pastor**. That Interim Pastor will help us do the kind of preparatory work that is important in advance of welcoming a new leader. ✨ **If you did not receive that email announcement from the Congregational Leadership Resource Team**, subscribe to the Fourth Church email newsletter to ensure you see future updates about the process of hiring an Interim Pastor and the leadership plans for the transition. Sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc or send your email address to news@fourthchurch.org ✨ If you have **questions or comments** about the transition, please email them to transition@fourthchurch.org; you can also find **transition updates and information** at www.fourthchurch.org/transition



A new adult education class begins today at 11:15 a.m. in Room 4G (*in person only*) when Robert Crouch and Jeff Doane will lead us in a discussion of ***Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times*** by Dr. Otis Moss III. Register at www.bit.ly/aedancingdarkness

Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2023 are asked to email their names to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org) no later than Sunday, May 28. Graduate names received by May 28 will appear in the worship bulletin on June 4, which is **Baccalaureate Sunday** at Fourth Church.



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 this Wednesday, May 10. For Zoom details for either Bible study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org)



Books by Women will discuss *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie this Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. * **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW)** gathers for brunch Sunday morning, May 21; those joining in this time of fellowship will meet at the reception desk following worship to walk together to a nearby restaurant. * **Knitting and Crocheting** meets Sunday, May 21 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B and on Tuesday, May 23 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * **The Fourth Church Choral Society and St. James Cathedral choirs** invite you to their **festival choir concert** "Orb and Sceptre: Music for the Coronation" Sunday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at St. James (65 E. Huron). * 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



Borwell Dining Room and some other Gratz Center spaces are temporarily closed as we do spring refreshing of those rooms, which have seen much use since we opened the Gratz Center in 2012!



After Labor Day we will be adding a second Sunday morning worship service. Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will be worshipping at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Until then, and through the summer, we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. * In late May our 4:00 p.m. service will enter a summer sabbatical season of rest and refocusing for the future. We will continue to worship at 4:00 p.m. through and including Sunday, May 21, and then, **beginning Memorial Day weekend, we will not worship at 4:00 p.m. during the summer.** Our afternoon service will resume on Sunday, September 10.

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Alison Thomas, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Leo Zupko, violinist
Mischa Zupko, 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 OF THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE, "Rising," is a narrative of hope, based on Luke's account of Jesus' ascension into heaven. The violin motive in the opening of the work informs almost every gesture in the piece and creates an aural illusion that the piece is always in ascent. As the work approaches its conclusion, the violin makes its final ascent while the piano continues on in a kind of reverie, suggesting the departure of the Messiah and the souls who long for his return. "Rising" was written in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Northfield, Illinois.

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

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