



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah*. Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said thy foot shall not be moved; thy keeper will never slumber.

***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 water, all you who thirst:*

People: let God’s life-giving grace renew our souls.

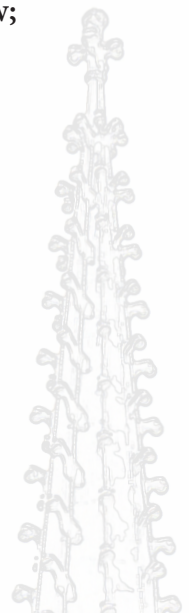
Leader: *Come to the water, all you who are weary:*

People: may the Christ give us peace and rest.

Leader: *Come to the water, all you who long for justice:*

People: may the Spirit of God strengthen us to love and serve all who suffer.

Leader: *Let us worship God!*



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

***Hymn 49** “The God of Abraham Praise”

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
In prophet’s word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Tenderhearted God, you seek us out and embrace us.
You are a well of love and grace.
But we close off our hearts to you,
doubtful that anyone could care for us as you claim to do.
And our hearts of stone turn to clenched fists, greed, and violence
as we mirror the unhealthy and false paths in our societies.
Forgive us for failing to recognize your closeness
and refusing to share your goodness with our neighbors.
Open our hearts so that we may love, protect, heal, and share as you do. 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

The Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem

“All Who Are Thirsty, Come to the Spring”. George Frideric Handel
All who are thirsty, come to the spring which shall never run dry. Drink deep of the spring of eternal life. Come to the spring, the word of God. Drink deep of the spring of eternal life, which is the living word of God.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 145:8–14

Leader: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

***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 Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67

Leader: *Holy wisdom, holy word.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 30.** “O God, in a Mysterious Way”

O God, in a mysterious way great wonders you perform.
You plant your footsteps in the sea and ride upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill,
you treasure up your bright designs and work your sovereign will.
O fearful saints, fresh courage take. The clouds you so much dread
are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.
Our unbelief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.
You are your own interpreter, and you will make it plain.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

“Praise, Lord, for Thee in Zion Waits” Eric H. Thiman
Praise, Lord, for thee in Zion waits; prayer shall besiege thy temple gates. All flesh shall to thy throne repair and find through Christ salvation there. How blest thy saints, how safely led! How surely kept, how richly fed! Savior of all on earth and sea, how happy they who rest in thee. Thy hand sets fast the mighty hills; thy voice the troubled ocean stills. Evening and morning hymn thy praise, and earth thy bounty wide displays. Amen.

***Offertory Response** Hymn 717

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

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

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God.
Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear.
May these gifts of time and labor therefore embody our desire to share and contribute
to your coming reign among us. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 611** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Fanfare Percy Whitlock

Baptized in Today’s Service

Charlotte Dohrmann, child of George and Katie Dohrmann

Georgina James Escobar, child of Paul and MacKenzie Escobar

Vivian Elise Martin, child of Brad and Stephanie Martin

Luca Joon Schmid, child of James and Hyelee Schmid

Boulden Matthew Wood, child of Taylor and Grace Anne Wood

Campbell Wickman, child of Andrew and Alyssa Wickman

George Wickman, child of Andrew and Alyssa Wickman

Reaffirmation of Baptism for

Augustus Gaylord Donnelley, child of Christopher Kelly and Shawn Donnelley

(baptized in the Church of England in Cambridge, February 2, 2020)

News and Opportunities

July 9–15, 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.



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 each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. ✧ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. There are three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (*through the glass Loggia doors located between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. ✧ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 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. ✧ In the Sanctuary **worship can be heard** through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✧ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



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 available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✧ **Sunday School** meets at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor as well.

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.**

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. ✨ Following the service, those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour**, which during the summer is held outdoors if weather and air conditions permit or in Anderson Hall and the Commons.



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 the front of the Sanctuary. ✨ Also following the service **Deacons are available in Stone Chapel** (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with those 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 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. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For labyrinth details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being hosts virtually a **Sacred Pause time of meditation** at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and also on 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.

The School Supply Drive is underway! This annual effort organized by Women at Fourth gathers school supplies for children taking part in the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Summer Day, and Tutoring programs. For lists of items needed, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Come enjoy the outdoor concerts of our Music by the Fountain series on July and August Fridays at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard! Wonderful musical artists from across the Midwest and beyond will treat us to an hour of great music, song, and joy throughout the summer. **Solo guitarist Andy Brown** will perform this Friday, July 14, with the **Elaine Dame vocal jazz ensemble** in concert the following week on July 21. A full concert listing is available at www.fourthchurch.org/concerts, with details posted weekly at facebook.com/fourthchurch. ✨ While the outdoor concerts are not livestreamed, those looking for online concerts during the summer are invited to **explore videos of our previous Noonday concerts** archived on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



The **Center for Life and Learning (CLL) Summer Session** for adults 60 and over begins this Monday, July 10. To register for the summer session, which includes exercise classes as well as online and in-person opportunities, see www.fourthchurch.org/cll



Knitting and Crocheting meets in person next Sunday, July 16 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B and via Zoom on Tuesday, July 25 at 4:00 p.m. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ The CLL and Knitting and Crocheting are but two ways in which to build community with others through Fourth Church. For **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources and opportunities**, 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



Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. The next **Horizons Women's Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday, July 12. For summer gathering times and—for either study—Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The **Fourth Church Day School has openings in its preschool programs** this fall. For enrollment details, contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org).

Join Fourth Church conversations on Threads (www.threads.net/@fourthchurch) by following us at [@fourthchurch](https://www.instagram.com/fourthchurch). ✨ We also invite you to follow us on **Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)) for news, updates, photos, and favorite quotes from recent devotions, sermons, and prayers. You can also find us on **Instagram** ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://www.instagram.com/fourthchurch)) and **Twitter** (twitter.com/fourthchicago).



Our July “Rhythm and Word” video series, focusing on the beauty of creation, offers ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer **led by Nanette Sawyer**. A new video, with music by the Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble, is released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on YouTube, where you can also view videos from previous “Rhythm and Word” series; to receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmmandwordemail; you can also subscribe to our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✨ Our **daily devotions** (fourthchurch.org/devotions), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are also available as a **resource for your personal meditation and prayer**. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions



The scaffolding on the Fourth Church campus is to enable tuckpointing, flashing, and window repair over the next two months.



The **Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC)** is at work identifying and having conversations with candidates to consider for the role of Interim Pastor. The Interim Pastor, who will be hired by Session, 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. You can read about the IPNC work and find the latest transition updates at fourthchurch.org/transition ✨ If you have **questions or comments about the transition**, please email them to transition@fourthchurch.org



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. Also on September 10 our afternoon service, which is currently taking a summer break, will resume. Until then, and through the summer, we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Andrea Schwartz, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

The Women's Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE WOMEN'S CHOIR for sharing their musical talents during our worship services the first half of the summer. The Men's Choir will sing on Sundays July 16 through September 3. To sing with that choir or other choirs at Fourth Church, contact John Sherer at jsherer@fourthchurch.org.

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

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