



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- O There's a Sight That Rends My Heart Margaret Sandresky
- Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty! Calvin Hampton
- Sicilienne Gabriel Fauré
- Minuet Georges Bizet

Introit

“Praise We Sing to Thee” Franz Joseph Haydn /arr. Morten J. Luvaas
Praise we sing to thee, thou mighty ruler, King forever. Praise we sing to thee, dear Lord, and we will fail thee never. All the joys of nature tell us of thy wonder-working power. Still thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour. Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forevermore. Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts thou dost ordain, Lord of hosts, who over the wondrous realm of heaven doth reign. Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forevermore.

*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: *God's Spirit gathers us.*

People: We are not alone.

Leader: *God's Spirit calls us.*

People: We are called to discern together God's will.

Leader: *God's Spirit sends us.*

People: We are charged to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior.



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

***Hymn 403** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O enter thou; let it be thy temple now.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God, we are a people who are always concerned about ourselves.
We worry about what is ours and are concerned with getting more.
We have not been guided by your Spirit or the teachings of Christ.
Forgive us, we pray, and gently guide us back to your way.
Help us to think of others and share what we have with the world. 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

“My Lord, What a Morning” African American spiritual/arr. R. Lee Gilliam
*My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall. You’ll hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground, looking to my God’s right hand, when the stars begin to fall.
You’ll hear the sinners mourn, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God’s right hand,
when the stars begin to fall.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24

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 28:10–19a

Leader: *Holy wisdom, holy word.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 686** “God of Our Life”

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.

With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.

Lead us by faith to hope’s true promised land. Be thou our guide.

With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith’s fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.

When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.

Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart’s true home when all our years have sped.

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

***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

“Ride the Chariot” African American spiritual / arr. William Henry Smith
*I'm gonna ride in the chariot in the morning, Lord, I'm getting ready for the judgment day,
my Lord. Are you ready, my brother, are you ready for the journey? Do you want to see your Jesus?
O yes, I'm waiting for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go. Are you ready, my sister, are you ready for
the journey? Do you want to see your Jesus? O yes, I'm waiting for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to
go. I never can forget that day all my sins were taken away. My feet were snatched from the miry
clay. I'm gonna ride in the chariot in the morning, Lord, I'm getting ready for the judgment day,
my Lord. I'm gonna ride in the chariot to see my Lord.*

***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*)

Giving and compassionate God, with our offerings this morning we also present ourselves:
all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we shall become—
as we resolve once more to walk in your ways.

We give, trusting that through our gifts, and through the gift of your Holy Spirit,
your love will continue to be at work in this world. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 65** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: Caprice Cuthbert Harris

News and Opportunities

July 23–29, 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 Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@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.). ✨ In August, the Chapel will be open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. (*It is not available for walking this week due to Chicago Lights Summer Day use of the Chapel.*)



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.

Our annual School Supply Drive, 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, see www.bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc; monetary contributions for the team to purchase supplies can be made by designating either a check (*payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church*) or an online gift (www.fourthchurch.org/give) to “School Supply Drive.” For more information, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Our World Mission and Social Justice Council invites you to learn how “**Violence Interrupters**” **reduce gun violence**. Next Sunday, July 30, Damien Morris, Chief Program Officer of Violence Prevention at Breakthrough Urban Ministries, will talk about violence interruption and share how he and his staff have intervened in violent situations with more than 360 young people in Chicago’s East Garfield Park neighborhood. We hope you will join us for this time of questions and answers at on July 30 at 11:15 a.m. in Room 4G.



Come enjoy the outdoor concerts of our Music by the Fountain series on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard! Wonderful musical artists from across the Midwest and beyond are treating us to great music, song, and joy throughout the rest of this month and August. **Jazz vocalist Libby York** will perform this coming Friday, July 28, with the **vocal jazz ensemble Peppermint Patties** in concert the following week, on August 4. 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).



Join Fourth Church conversations on Threads (www.threads.net/@fourthchurch) by following us at at [@fourthchurch](https://twitter.com/fourthchurch). ✨ We also invite you to follow us on **Facebook** (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) and **Twitter** (twitter.com/fourthchicago).



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

This Friday, July 28 you are invited to a Deep Listening Dinner here at the church. There is no charge for the meal, but **reservations are required**. If you are interested in taking part in this opportunity to get to know one another better, RSVP to Simon Crow at scrow@fourthchurch.org ✨ On Sunday, August 13 we will be having a **Church Picnic** in the Michigan Avenue courtyard following worship!



Perhaps you would like to contribute to worship by **servicing as a beadle, usher, liturgist, or member of the Chancel Guild**. Beadles lead our procession into worship each Sunday, while ushers welcome worshipers with warm hospitality. Liturgists read scripture or lead prayers in the service, and the Chancel Guild prepares elements for Communion. You can volunteer to be a **beadle** in September and October by signing up at www.bit.ly/beadle91023; to sign up as an **usher**, visit the Usher table at Coffee Hour after worship today or sign up at www.bit.ly/usherinterest; and to volunteer as a **liturgist**, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). To join the **Chancel Guild** for a Communion Sunday, sign up at www.bit.ly/chancelguildfpc



Fourth Church Meals Ministry is seeking help with translation with our Spanish-speaking guests at all meals, although assistance is especially needed at Monday Night Supper at Catholic Charities (721 N. La Salle). Those wishing to sign up for a **Spanish translator** spot on Monday night can do so at www.bit.ly/fpcmns; other ways in which to assist Meals Ministry are posted on VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry software platform, at www.bit.ly/mealsministryvolunteer



We are **in need of Cookie Table Hosts, Servers, and Hospitality Coordinators** for Coffee Hour. If you would be interested in being a welcoming presence at these Sunday morning fellowship gatherings, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org) or sign up online at app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour ✨ We also invite you to **explore other volunteer opportunities** by visiting www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers or by contacting Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382), Director of Volunteer Ministry.



The fall schedule of Adult Education classes has been announced! You can read about the upcoming classes at www.fourthchurch.org/adult-education, where you can also subscribe to our adult education email newsletter. Everyone is welcome to attend any of these classes, for which there is no charge. The Adult Education Council looks forward to seeing you this fall!

Opportunities to engage in Bible study via Zoom include **Men’s Bible Study**, which meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Women’s Bible Study**, which next meets Wednesday, August 9 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. For Zoom details for these studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Our **daily devotions** (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 ✨ **Our July “Rhythm and Word” video series**, focusing on **the beauty of creation** and our relationship to it, 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/rhythmandwordemail; you can also subscribe to our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



Encore! returns to Fourth Church on Saturday, August 26 at 4:00 p.m. This annual fundraising event for our Center for Life and Learning supports CLL programming and provides scholarships that make it possible for more adults sixty and over to participate in CLL activities. **To join in this evening of fun**, which will feature local singer performer Peter Oprisko and his jazz ensemble, make your reservations at www.fourthchurch.org/ctl; for more information, call the Center at 312.981.3391. ✨ This Wednesday afternoon, July 26, the CLL is having a **Hat Party**, which will include learning about Bill Cunningham, renowned photographer for the *New York Times* and hat designer. Also this week, the CLL will have a **Neurographic Art** session—to explore ways to **slow down, release stress, and be more centered**—on Friday morning, July 28. For details or to register for either of these classes, see www.fourthchurch.org/ctl/special-topics.html, where you can also learn about other upcoming CLL Special Topic classes for summer!



Knitting and Crocheting meets via Zoom this Tuesday, July 25 at 4:00 p.m. and in person on Tuesday, August 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. Email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom details. ✨ The Knitting and Crocheting group is but one way 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

To all who have responded to our Member Census so far, thank you! Knowing who Fourth Church is today as a community will shape our long-range plan and inform the Mission Study that is part of calling a new Senior Pastor. In the weeks ahead we will be reaching out by phone to **any member household that has not yet responded to the census**. These calls will come from our longtime calling partners J. Milito & Associates, and their calls will show as originating from a 616 area code. The calls will be brief, and **if you receive a call, we ask that you please take it** to help us ensure we have up-to-date information for you.



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



Two new 10-foot-long banners hang on the pillars in the back of the Sanctuary. Representing Illinois **prairie grasses and sky**, they are part of the Ordinary Time banner collection commissioned in 2021 for our 150th anniversary. Designed by Ellie Cotey, with additional sewing done by members of the Benevolent Guild, **the collection evokes this congregation's call to be a light in the city**. The pulpit parament, which **incorporates a map of Chicago**, is created from 150 pieces, one for each year of our sesquicentennial history. In it, the rays of light radiate from the church location and spread throughout Chicago's neighborhoods, representing an impact that stretches beyond the borders of our great city. The bright colors are inspired by and celebrate **Chicago's native landscape**: the blue of Lake Michigan and the green of prairie grasses encompass a city composed of both the colors of six native wildflowers and the colors present in Fourth Church's logo. The banners hanging from the balconies offer images of those local wildflowers. ✨ **The scaffolding** on the Fourth Church campus is to enable tuckpointing, flashing, and window repair being done this summer.



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

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Ted Davis, Matt Helms, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

Megan Garrett, Flutist

Cole Seaton, Soloist

The Men's Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

THE COMPOSER OF THE FIRST PRELUDE PIECE, Margaret Sandresky, was born in 1921 in Macon, Georgia, and at the age of 102 continues to be an active composer. She has won numerous awards, including a Fulbright scholarship to study in Germany. She also has taught at several universities throughout the country, including at Oberlin and the University of Texas at Austin, and was the founder of the organ department at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

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

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry and Worship

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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