

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- 1. Overture
- 2. Rondo ostinato
- 3. Sarabande
- 4. Rhythmic Trumpet

Introit

"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" Richard DeLong Come, my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength; such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart; such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

*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	Psalm 19:7-10
One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;	
All: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.	
One: <i>The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;</i> All: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.	
One: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.	
All: They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey.	
Let us worship God!	

*Please rise in body or spirit. [†]Or "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

* Hymn 504	Come as Guests Invi	ited"
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We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine, his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine; the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need, and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed; with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end, we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine, our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine: renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word, the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Kyrie	nn 551
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.	
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Declaration of Pardon

One: *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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: 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 Reading
One: The grass withers, and the flower fades,
All: but the word of our God shall stand forever.
Sermon
When God Is in the Room

Responding to the Word

*Hy	mn 445
	God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn?
	How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn?
	When human loving fails and every hope is gone,
	your love gives strength beyond our own to face the dawn.
	When we have missed the mark, and tears of anguish flow,
	how can you still release our guilt, the debt we owe?
	The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs.
	A priest who shares our human pain, Christ intercedes.
	Who dares to throw the stone to damn another's sin,
	when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again?
	No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.
	As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.
*Aff	irmation of Faith (unison).
	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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Offertory Response	Hymn 224, v. 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.	

Sealing the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you*. People: And also with you. Leader: Lift up your hearts. People: We will lift them up to the Lord. Leader: Let us give thanks to God. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. Prayer Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy We join with angels in singing your praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. *Leader*: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:* Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

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.

The Communion

Communion Anthems

"Hope' Is the Thing with Feathers" (9:30)..... Christopher Tin

"Hope" is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul, and sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all. And sweetest in the gale is heard, and sore must be the storm that could abash the little bird that kept so many warm. I've heard it in the chilliest land and on the strangest sea; yet, never in extremity, it asked a crumb of me.

"Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness" (11:00) George Frideric Handel Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness; leave the gloomy haunts of sadness. Come unto the daylight's splendor; there with joy thy praises render. Unto him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded. High o'er all the heavens reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee. Never to my harm invited, be thy love with love requited. From this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Psalm 23 (unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want; he maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Prayer after Communion (unison)

O God, through this bread and cup you have made us one with you and with each other. May we leave this table of welcome and plenty to be signs of goodness, hope, and reconciliation throughout this world you created and love. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 377	
I want to walk as a	child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the sta	rs to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
Refrain:	
In him there is	no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is th	e light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
I want to see the b	rightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of ri (<i>Refrain</i>)	ghteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
I'm looking for the	e coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have	run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
(Refrain)	
*Charge and Benedic	tion

Postlude

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5. Voluntary

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. The invitation to the table is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." Even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, in which we are assured of God's love and grace. Those who are worshiping with us from home are encouraged to have bread and juice on hand so that we might share in this meal together, wherever we are.



You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church "home"; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone —without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ's life,** we discover hope and even joy, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city.

If you are new to us, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church "home."**

Let us know you're worshiping with us

Please let us know you are here by filling out an information form. Those worshiping 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 worshiping 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.

Joining us online

Each Sunday our worshiping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. We **livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services** on our YouTube channel (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*), where they can be viewed any time after the services begin. (*For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning*) ****** Those **without Internet access** are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m. ****** During the week the Sunday morning **service and sermon is available via podcast** on multiple platforms and at **fourthchurch.org/podcasts **** You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** (*fourthchurch.org/sermons*) **by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons. ******

Joining us in person

If you like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. **** Children** are always welcome in worship. If you need **to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning services **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds. ****** A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship, with **three fully accessible entrances**, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (*through the glass Loggia doors between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. **** Worship can be heard** through "T" or "T-coil" settings of hearing aids. ****** Please silence **electronic devices** during worship. **** Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (*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 ushers.

Prayer and meditation

If you would like to **offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today,** you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. ***** Each Wednesday we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom;** this Wednesday, March 6, we will also gather at 10:00 a.m. for our monthly **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ***** If you would like to **walk the labyrinth**, Buchanan Chapel is open specifically for that purpose between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. ***** You are also invited to a **Sacred Pause time of meditation** offered virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

Pastoral care and a listening presence

New grief groups start March 13 and May 15 and are facilitated, via Zoom, by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. For details, email Sharon Crawford-Tucker (*stucker@fourthchurch.org*). ***** To submit a prayer request to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (*gfleming@fourthchurch.org*) or Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ***** Also email Gloria if you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ***** 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 counseling, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit reploglecenter.org

Observing the season of Lent

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. ***** We invite you to use our daily **Lenten devotions** (*fourthchurch.org/devotions*) as a resource for **personal reflection**. To receive those meditations via email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ***** Also available is a weekly **Lenten "Rhythm and Word" video series.** These ten-minute videos are released on YouTube (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*) on Wednesday evenings. Sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail to receive them by email.

Sunday opportunities

If you are worshiping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by **Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall following the service to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church. **If you are a young adult**, please visit the Young Adult Ministry table there to connect with others in their twenties and thirties. ****** This morning's Adult Education class at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room is based on **Jon Meacham's** *And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle*, looking at how spirituality influenced Lincoln's decision on the Emancipation. **** Sunday School** for children from three years old to fifth grade meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ****** Eighth-grade **Confirmation** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G. **Junior High** (*grades 6–7*) gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High** meets at 11:00 a.m. ****** Rehearsing on Sundays are **Children's Choir** (*kindergarten–grade 5*) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4G; **Cherub Choir** (*ages 3 and 4*) at 10:15 a.m. in Room 4B; **Youth Choir** (*grades 6–12*) at 10:30 a.m. in Room 4G; the **Handbell Choir** at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft; and **Voices of Light**, our gospel choir, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. ****** Following the 11:00 service a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary ****** We invite you to join us this afternoon for **The Gathering: Communion at 2:00**, a casual, intimate service (*also livestreamed*).

Celebrating the arts

If you have not done so already, take a moment to stop by the Loggia Gallery, where you will find the art exhibition **"The Boldness of Being: The Work of Natalie Jackson and Natasha Giles Somerville,"** two African American women artists, whose work was on display for Black History Month and now Women's History Month. ****** You won't want to miss the stirring performance in the Sanctuary on Monday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. when the **Morehouse College Glee Club**, whose distinguished history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be in concert. A suggested \$20 freewill donation will be received at the door. ****** Our **Organ Scholar Michael Rees** will present this week's free **Friday Noonday Concert** at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary (*also livestreamed*).

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**

Easter flowers

You are invited to **remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made at www.bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by Sunday, March 17 for names to be listed. For details, contact Gloria Vicente (*gvicente@fourthchurch.org; 312.252.3571*).

Get connected

Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. *Horizons* Women's Bible Study meets via Zoom on Wednesday, March 13 at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (*scrow@ fourthchurch.org*). *** Knitting and Crocheting** meets on Tuesday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. *** "The Sacraments"** is a new two-week Adult Education class, **taught by Nancy Benson-Nicol**, that will begin next Sunday morning, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at www.bit.ly/aesacraments324 for details. *** Books by Women** discusses *Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day* by Winifred Watson on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. ***** To **become a member of Fourth Church**, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class in person on Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers324*) or via Zoom on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers424*). For more information, contact Matt Helms (*mhelms@ fourthchurch.org*). **** Tom Dozeman** will talk about "Christian Nationalism: How Did It Evolve, and What Does It Mean Today?" when Cornerstones—a fellowship group of those fifty and over—meet on Friday evening, April 5 in Borwell Dining Room. Register (required) at www.bit.ly/cornerstones424

Stay connected

You can find details about **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, on our website: **www.fourthchurch.org**, where you will also discover various **resources and opportunities. *** To see all that is going on at Fourth Church, we encourage you to bookmark our **online church calendar**, which is accessible from our website's home page and at **fourthchurch.org/calendar *** Look for information, updates, and **snapshots of life at Fourth Church** in our weekly email newsletter, to which you can subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Restoring ceiling panels

A few small, lightweight pieces of the trim surrounding the **1914 Bartlett ceiling panels** at the back of the Sanctuary fell to the floor earlier this week. Those particular panels are scheduled to be restored this year; a protective canopy has been installed below them in the meantime.

Spring forward!

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10. Be sure to set your clocks ahead an hour as we "spring forward": we don't want to start worship without you!

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Justin Myers (9:30), Lisa Stracks (11:00), Joseph L. Morrow, Tom Are Jr.

The Music Today

Morning Choir (9:30); Chancel Choir (11:00) Michael Rees, Organ Scholar John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

WE ARE RECEIVING THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING (OGHS) throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs. To make an OGHS gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or designate "One Great Hour of Sharing" when giving at fourthchurch.org/give or on the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

THE ANTHEM "'Hope' Is the Thing with Feathers" was composed by Christopher Tin, who was born in 1976 to parents who emigrated from Hong Kong to California. Tin is a two-time Grammy award-winning composer of concert works, film, and video game scores. With his music exceeding 100 million views on YouTube, he is one of the most listened-to and performed hybrid artists straddling the contemporary classical and media worlds. "'Hope' Is the Thing with Feathers" was written in 2018 for the one-hundredth anniversary of his high school in Palo Alto, California, and is based on a poem by Emily Dickinson.

Tom Are Jr. Interim Pastor

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