



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands. Johann Sebastian Bach
Chorale in A Minor César Franck

Introit

“Clap Your Hands” (9:30) Sally Albrecht
Clap your hands all ye mighty people; shout unto the earth. Clap your hands all ye mighty people; sing out with joy and clap your hands! Let the seas roar; let the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains sing out for joy!

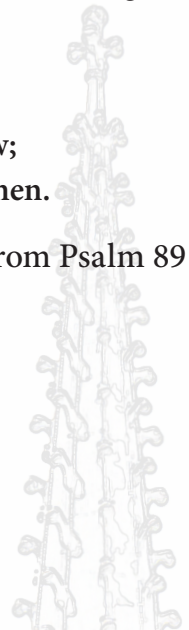
“Psallite, Exsultate” (11:00) Douglas E. Wagner
Rise up to sing your song with joy and rejoice today!

***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** adapted from Psalm 89

One: *Let us sing of God’s steadfast love forever!*
All: **We proclaim God’s faithfulness to all generations!**
One: *God’s steadfast love is established forever;*
All: **God’s faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**
One: *Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God’s throne;*
All: **steadfast love and faithfulness go before our God.**



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

***Hymn 297.** “In Christ Called to Baptize”

In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ’s death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel; God’s love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ’s ways.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

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

One: *Friends, believe the good news.*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

“Ubi Caritas” Ola Gjello (9:30) / Maurice Duruflé (11:00)
Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God, and from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 133

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(9:30) Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri.

***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.

(9:30) Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

Scripture Reading Acts 9:36–43

One: *The grass withers, and the flower fades,*

All: **but the word of our God shall stand forever.**

Sermon

The Miracle of Kindness Tom Are Jr.

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 324**. “For All the Faithful Women”

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly
while Pharaoh’s vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;
for Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,
who pledged to serve and worship Naomi’s God till death.

We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan
while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.
We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb
and found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.
O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,
that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

Confirmation (9:30)

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

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In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. 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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Take My Life, That I May Be” (9:30) Aaron David Miller
Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for thee.

“Now Is the Hour of Darkness Past” (11:00) Walter L. Pelz
Now is the hour of darkness past; Christ hath assumed his reigning power. Behold the great accuser cast down from the skies, to rise no more, alleluia! ’Twas by thy blood, immortal Lamb, thine armies trod the tempter down. ’Twas by thy word and powerful name they gained the battle and renown, alleluia! Rejoice ye heavens, let every star shine with new glories ’round the sky! Saints, while ye sing the heavenly song, raise your redeemer’s name on high, alleluia!

***Offertory Response Hymn 251, v. 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 sins forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, we thank you for the abundant generosity, love, and kindness
that you have showered on us.
Receive now our offerings, that your love and grace may be expanded
through our ministries of service, kindness, and justice. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 309 “Come, Great God of All the Ages”**

Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone;
help us form the church eternal; may your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way;
urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.

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Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call;
through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall
ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;
challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God;
in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;
as we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Regal Parade Tim Knight

Baptized today at 9:30: Michael Mueller Khurtsidze, child of Kristen Mueller
Quinn Emery Black, child of Patrick and Kelly Black
Baptized today at 11:00: Vivienne Claire O’Neill, child of Anthony and Emilie O’Neill

Confirmation

Today the 2024 class of eighth-grade confirmands is being recognized
and welcomed into the wider life of the congregation. Please keep these youth
in prayer as they continue with us on their faith journey.

Louisa Amberg	Maeve Lingenfelter	Max Poole	Tyler Shaffer
Samantha Borg-Breen	Sabine Lundgren-Flath	Max Riva	Grace Siurek
Emily Findler	Alec Nunziati	Sadie Ruhana	Hailey Skowlund
Nina Griesbeck	Henry Poole	Charlie Shaffer	Miles Trost

Please also join us in giving thanks for the faith-filled dedication of the
confirmation leaders, who accompanied the youth on their journey this past year:
Caryn Borg-Breen, Amy Pagliarella, and Michael Tax.



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 worshipping with us

Please 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.

Joining us online

Each Sunday our worshipping 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*) * **Links** to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the video as well as on our website. * Those **without Internet access** are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

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, meditation, and sermons

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**; on the first Wednesday of the month (May 1) we 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 for that opportunity 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 ✱ During the week the Sunday morning **service and sermon is made 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 bit.ly/fpcsermons.

Resources for your personal reflection

We invite you to use our daily Eastertide devotions (fourthchurch.org/devotions) for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them daily on Facebook and Instagram. ✱ **Weekly “Rhythm and Word” videos**—released on Wednesday evenings—are available via email as well. Sign up online at bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail or subscribe to our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos ✱ Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger invite you to tune in to their **“Bible Top Ten” podcast** (fourthchurch.org/podcasts). This lively, informative, and occasionally funny podcast explores the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Sunday opportunities

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by Anderson Hall following the service for our **special Coffee Hour today** at which we will enjoy cake and celebrate our confirmands! There will also be opportunity 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 in Coffee Hour to connect with others in their twenties and thirties. ✱ **Sunday School children** from three years old to fifth grade join their parents in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship today before departing to classrooms with their teachers. At 11:00 a.m. children gather on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✱ **Junior High** (grades 6–7) worships at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary; **Senior High** (grades 8–12) meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. ✱ The Adult Education class “**Troublesome Texts and Gender: Interpretive Strategies across the Abrahamic Faiths**,” taught by Susan Ross, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at bit.ly/aetexts424 for details. ✱ Join us following the 11:00 service for “**Sermon Discussion and Fellowship**” at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Registration for the discussions (*in person only*) on upcoming Sundays is requested at bit.ly/sermondiscussion424 ✱ 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.

Get connected

Three Bible studies meet via Zoom: **Men’s Bible Study** at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and **Horizons Women’s Bible Study** on Wednesday, April 24 at 12:00 and at 6:30 p.m. Email Simon (scrow@fourthchurch.org) for details. ✱ **Benevolent Guild**, which creates sewn and crafted items for those in need, meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. *Sewing experience is not necessary.* ✱ **Women at Fourth** gathers on Thursday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room to view and discuss the short film **There Are No Words**. Register at bit.ly/waf424 ✱ All who enjoy singing are invited to join the **Fourth Church Choral Society** in rehearsing on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 25 in preparation for singing in worship on Sunday, May 19. ✱ A “**Specialist in Aging Ministries**” program of the Center for Gerontology of Concordia University will be offered on Fridays, April 26–May 10, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. To register for this free opportunity led by Beth Truett, contact Amy Pagliarella (apagliarella@fourthchurch.org). ✱ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom on Tuesday, April 30 at 4:00 p.m. Email scrow@fourthchurch.org for details. ✱ Fourth Church is cosponsoring an October 18–27 **Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage** to New Orleans, Jackson, Montgomery, and Birmingham. To learn more about this pilgrimage, see the trip description at www.bit.ly/civilrightstrailinfo2024

Thank you, Volunteers!

Next weekend we look forward to celebrating **Volunteer Appreciation Sunday**, when we recognize and give thanks for all who give of their time and talent to connect others with God's love. ✨ You can learn about **our volunteer opportunities** at fourthchurch.org/volunteer ✨ Particularly needed are individuals to serve as **Coffee Hour hosts**. For details, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). Also needed is an individual with **digital marketing expertise** to help the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. If interested, please contact Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org), Director of Volunteer Ministry.

Walk for hunger

Join Fourth Church in **walking for hunger with Breakthrough**, one of our community partners. Each walker in the Saturday, April 27 event (9:00 a.m. in Garfield Park) will earn \$27 for Breakthrough's efforts to provide much-needed food for that community. To learn more, stop by the World Mission and Social Justice table in Coffee Hour or email Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

To **become a member of Fourth Church**, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, May 12 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F ([register at bit.ly/inquirers524](http://bit.ly/inquirers524)). For more information, email Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries.

Pastoral care and a listening presence

To **submit a prayer request** to our Deacon Prayer Ministry, email Gloria Fleming (gflaming@fourthchurch.org) ✨ Also email Gloria if you would like to **talk to a pastor** or **notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, 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**, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✨ To **explore options for counseling as well learn about our Grief Groups**, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit reploglecenter.org

Stay connected

You can find details about **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**. ✨ We also invite you to **follow us** on **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch). ✨ 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; you can find our **news archive** at fourthchurch.org/news ✨ 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

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Nina Menelli (9:30), Samme Orwig (11:00), Nanette Sawyer, Tom Are Jr.

The Music Today

The Children's Choir (9:30); The Youth Choir (11:00);
Katy Sinclair, Director; Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist
Morning Choir (9:30); Chancel Choir (11:00)
Michael Rees, Organ Scholar
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THE FIRST ANTHEM FEATURES two settings of the ancient Latin text "Ubi Caritas." The 9:30 piece by Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo (written in 2001) has become one of Gjeilo's most popular anthems. While it is not based on the ancient chant, it draws inspiration from the Gregorian chant tradition. The 11:00 anthem by Maurice Duruflé is one of the French composer's most performed pieces. Written in 1960, it is both inspired by and quotes the original Gregorian chant.

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in the plates passed during the service, or, afterwards, in an offering box at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at fourthchurch.org/give

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