

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer William Bradbury; arr. Jason Krug
Intermezzo Johannes Brahms
Passacaglia in C Minor Fred Gramann

Introit

“Open to Me the Gates of Righteousness” Eric H. Thiman
Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them and I will praise the Lord.

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Minister: *We come to this place seeking something . . .*
People: **But we also come as people who are sought by the One
whose other name is Love.**
Minister: *So let us enter this time of worship with hearts and minds open.*
People: **Come, let us worship God.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 463 “How Firm a Foundation”

Litany of Confession (*unison*)

Minister: *God of wisdom and mercy,
you have created a world of beauty, a world where
each person has an honored place in your love.*
People: **But we do not always honor ourselves or one another
as your beloved people.**
Minister: *O God, for all the times when we have known of the suffering
of others but turned away from it . . . in your mercy,*
People: **forgive us.**
Minister: *O God, for all the times when some of us have seen pain
and blamed it on those who suffer . . . in your mercy,*
People: **forgive us.**

Minister: *O God, for all the times when some of us have not seen your image in our own faces . . . in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Minister: *O God, for any time in which we have heard cries of pain and not believed them . . . in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Minister: *O God, for all the times when we alone, or as a church, have not sought to bring about your justice . . . in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Minister: *Loving God, you alone know how these burdens weigh on our souls.*

People: **Forgive us, free us, and show us the paths of love you would have us choose. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

“Jubilate Deo” Orlando di Lasso
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God.

First Lesson

1 John 4:7–13. New Testament, page 226

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

**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

Psalm 22 Old Testament, page 473

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 372 “O for a World”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). from Isaiah 65:17–25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. . . .
Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons (9:30)

Commissioning of Trustees (11:00)

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.

Prayer Response

“Amen” Clarence Dickinson

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Venite, Exultemus Domino” Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
 with these fruits of time and la-bor, with these gifts that are your own:
 here we of-fer, Lord, our prai-ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
 Give us grace to love and serve you, liv-ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

We offer ourselves to you, O God our Creator. We offer our hands.
 We offer our hearts. We offer our laughter and our tears.
 We offer our faith, our hope, and our love. We offer these gifts.
 And we pray you will use it all for your work of healing in this world.
 Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fanfare William Matthias

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 and installed 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 meets monthly to conduct the business of the church*):

Blake Anderson, Emily Childers Jurgens, Lola Coke, Michael DeVries, Arlene Faulk, Anneliese Garner (*Youth*), Chris Horsman, Bobbie Huskey, Corey McPherrin, Don Nelson, Cris Ohr, Bill Patterson, Besty Zeiger

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Board of Deacons (*often described as "the heart of the church," those involved in the care of the congregation and various outreach ministries*): Kristina Bonesteel, David Douglas, Kristin Ellertson, Linda Gibbon, Jennifer Gordon, Randy Huizenga, Julie James, Jared Light, Allison Maxwell, Henry Moore, Alison Van Vark-Naish, Christine Sagath, Tim Schellhardt, Patrick Spence, Betsy Storm, Mark Warner, Nadia Yonan (*Youth*), Sarah Younger

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

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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 at today's Coffee Hour.

Session: Kathi Bates, Ron Bottrell, Martha Brown, Elinor Hite, Joe Jeffery, Tom Leach, Molly McGaan, Bev Pace, Brad Pierce, Arlene Raine, Gary Rayl, Rick Sabol, Ken Walker

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Worship Leaders

Layton Williams, Ed Miller, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Handbell Choir; The Morning Choir;

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

Worship Notes

A SPECIAL DISASTER RELIEF OFFERING is being received today to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance meet the needs of those affected by the recent earthquake in Nepal. Gifts to this offering may be made by using the Disaster Relief envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing “Disaster Assistance” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

THE BULLETIN COVER photograph depicts the 115 E. Delaware entrance to the Westminster House building during its demolition in 2011 to make room for the Gratz Center. The Celtic cross that had been removed before photographing (*top*) is now mounted on the west exterior wall of the Sanctuary over the Walter Family Courtyard. The doorway arch that had been removed from this entrance (*bottom*) is now mounted over the indoor passageway between the Gratz Center and the Parish House, across from the reception desk.

The bulletin cover quote is from Stacey Gleddiesmith’s essay “Identifying with Christ: Why We’re Called to Lament for Our Suffering World.”

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