

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.*

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Mass on the Second Tone . . . . . André Raison  
Christ, Have Mercy  
Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

### Introit

“Hallelujah! In His Temple God Be Praised” . . . . . Richard Warner  
*Hallelujah! In his temple God be praised;  
in the high and heavenly places be the sounding anthem raised.*

\*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

Leader: *The God who is greater than we will ever understand*  
People: **is humbled to become one of us.**  
Leader: *The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine*  
People: **gives us more grace than we ever realize.**  
Leader: *The God who is wiser than we will ever know*  
People: **teaches us all we need to become God’s children.**

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 360 . . . . . “Christ Is Coming!”

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\*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

In this moment, remembering God,  
we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people:  
we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive;  
we cast our lots with those who worship power and success;  
we offer insults rather than words of grace to those we encounter;  
we scoff at your words which call us to a different way of living.  
Forgive us, God of mercy, for not knowing  
what we do to you, to others, to ourselves.  
Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our brother and our Savior,  
who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*  
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: “The Call” ..... Kenneth Jennings

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter ..... Psalm 17:1-9

Leader: *Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.*

People: Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Leader: *Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down;  
you will find no impurity in me.*

People: I have not regarded what others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

Leader: *My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path, and my feet do not slip.*

**People:** I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

**Leader:** *Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.*

**People:** Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,

**Leader:** *from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.*

\*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.

Scripture Lesson :: Isaiah 65:17–25 . . . . . Old Testament, page 654

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 373 . . . . . “O Day of Peace”

\*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.

New Members (11:00)

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

## 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 :: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" . . . . . Edwin Fissinger

*Hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.*

### Offering

#### Offertory Anthem

"The Battle of Jericho" . . . . . African American spiritual; arr. Moses Hogan

*Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, and the walls come tumbling down.*

*Talk about your kings of Gideon, go on, you can talk about your men of Saul,  
but none like good old Joshua at the battle of Jericho.*

*Right up to the walls of Jericho, he marched with spear in hand.*

*"Go blow that ram horn!" Joshua cried, "cause the battle am in my hand."*

*Then the lamb, ram, sheep horns begin to blow, and the trumpet begins to sound.*

*Joshua commanded the children to shout, and the walls come tumbling down.*

#### \*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*)

For the gifts offered this day and every day, we give thanks, O God.  
Make us good stewards of all you have entrusted to our care.  
May these gifts be used to speak aloud your hope  
and to make that hope tangible for all. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 357 ..... “The Days Are Surely Coming”

\*Benediction and Response

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude ♯ Toccata in D Minor ..... Max Reger

**“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

*Celebrating Thanksgiving with Fourth Presbyterian Church*

**COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP**

Tuesday, November 26 • 7:00 p.m. • In the Sanctuary

This annual interfaith service brings together the faith communities of Chicago Sinai Congregation, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Holy Name Cathedral, LaSalle Street Church, and others in our community for a time of joint worship and thanksgiving.

**THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP**

Thursday, November 28 • 11:00 a.m. • In the Sanctuary

*Victoria G. Curtiss and Kent Organ preaching*

Each year members and friends of Fourth Church gather in the Sanctuary on Thanksgiving morning for a time of worship and giving thanks

**THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER**

Thursday, November 28 • 12:15 p.m. • In Anderson Hall

Renew old acquaintances and make new friends at this traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Space is limited; dinner tickets (required) are available at [www.bit.ly/thanksdinner2019](http://www.bit.ly/thanksdinner2019) or by contacting Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Jeff Doane, Robert Crouch, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Jeff Doane, Roger Wilson, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PRAY WITH A DEACON, to offer joys or concerns, are invited to a time of prayer in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) immediately following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

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