
Gathering around the Word

Call to Worship

Prayer of Praise

Hymn :: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm

MUSIC: William Marion Runyan

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*



Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe.

God of grace, forgive us.

You incite us to hope, but we fall back in fear.

God of grace, forgive us.

You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.

God of grace, forgive us.

You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.

God of grace, forgive us.

God of grace, increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and awaken us to the wonders you work in the world every day. Amen.

Extinguishing the Fourth Lenten Candle

Kyrie (*unison*) Tune: Land of Rest

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*unison*) Psalm 131

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things too great
and too marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,

like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and for evermore.

Gloria Patri (*unison*)

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 Psalm 23

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

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 and Prayer of Dedication

Bearing the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Hymn :: “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd’s care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

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



In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, where the service is available throughout the week, we make the service and sermon available via **podcast: www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast**; we also invite you to sign up to receive our sermons **by email: www.bit.ly/fpcsermons**

On Wednesday mornings we gather online at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**.

If you would like to join staff in this time of praying for Fourth Church members and those in need, please email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the Zoom information.

If you are looking for a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**, we invite you to use our Lenten devotions. You can receive the devotions in your inbox daily (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or on Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago).

During this season we remain committed to caring for the most vulnerable. ✨ Fourth Church **Meals Ministry** is providing “to go” packaged meals for Sunday Night Supper and “to go” bag lunches for the Tuesday-through-Thursday Bag Lunch program. These are being served outside in the Cloister, so as to limit lines and in-person gatherings. ✨ The Chicago Lights **Social Service Center** is also providing essential services on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm. by offering “curbside” pickup of emergency clothing; hygiene, incontinence, and menstruation items; inclement weather gear; and pre-assembled bags for scheduled Food Pantry appointments. ✨ To assist in providing these services, **donations of the following items are particularly needed and can be ordered and shipped directly to the church** (Fourth Presbyterian Church, Attn. Social Service Center, 126 E. Chestnut, Chicago, IL 60611). *We are unable to accept individual drop-off donations from households at this time.*

- Men’s jeans (sizes 34+)
- Sweatshirts/hoodies (L–3X)
- Women’s jeans (sizes 8+)
- Sweatpants (M–XXL)
- Men’s underwear (sizes M–3X)
- Women’s underwear (M and up)
- Socks
- T-shirts (L–3X)
- Hats
- Gloves
- Travel-size sanitizer and hand wipes
- Canned and dry goods of all kinds (fruit, vegetables, soup) with pop tops
- Individually wrapped snacks and juice
- Packs of mini-sized bottled water

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/newsfrompfc

Our commitment to caring for those in need and remaining connected while apart depends on all of us. How can you help? **If you are available to reach out via phone or email** to those in our community who might be feeling isolated or lonely, please let our Pastoral Care Office know by contacting Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). She is collecting names of those willing to help in this way.

As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another and remaining together while apart, **we very much we want to hear from you!** Our pastors, Deacons, Stephen Ministers, and other volunteers are available to connect with you by phone and email. Please let us know by contacting our Pastoral Care Office (callerton@fourthchurch.org)—

- ▶ **if you are—or someone you know is—in self-quarantine or feeling isolated, lonely, anxious, or sick**
- ▶ **if you are a medical professional or are a provider of essential services**, as we want to reach out and care for you as well in what we know are difficult days for you and your colleagues
- ▶ **if you have a prayer request**; Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org), our Interim Minister for Pastoral Care, is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries
- ▶ **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570) and your request will be forwarded to someone on the pastoral staff. If you would like to be **in phone contact with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365 or contact Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org).

In this time while we are not in the same place, we continue to explore new opportunities for all of us to be community and church. ✨ Instructors in our **Center for Life and Learning** program for adults sixty and over are sending out links to exercise and music, emailing assignments and offers for conversation, and even taught yoga via Zoom! ✨ **Chicago Lights Tutoring** staff are facilitating virtual relationships between mentors and students, supplying educational and engagement tools, and creating content for e-learning. ✨ **Sunday School lessons and crafts** to do at home are posted at www.bit.ly/fpcsundayschool. ✨ Information about **online youth group** and **recently-home-from-college gatherings** is listed at www.fourthchurch.org/youth.

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for additional resources and ways to connect. We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch).

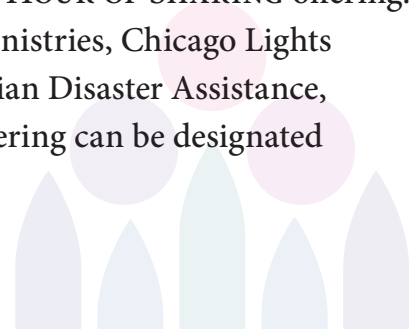
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Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT WE ARE EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath leading up to Christmas 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.

YOUR GIFTS TO FOURTH CHURCH MATTER NOW MORE THAN EVER! When we do not pass a plate, it is easy for our offering to decrease. But our expenses continue as we remain committed to feeding our hungry neighbors and to paying our staff. Your generosity in this time makes a big difference! You can **give online** at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the **“To Make a Gift”** button on our website: www.fourthchurch.org); **via Venmo** (@Fourth-Church); or via a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church and mailed to 126 E. Chestnut, Chicago, IL 60611.2014.

THROUGHOUT LENT WE ALSO RECEIVE GIFTS FOR THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering. This annual offering supports Fourth Church Meals and Shower Ministries, Chicago Lights Social Service Center and Tutoring, as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. Gifts to this offering can be designated online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online



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TO NOTIFY PASTORAL STAFF of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization, or deaths or to request prayer, contact David Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3360). (Please note: hospitals do not inform churches when a member is admitted.) Those experiencing difficult times are invited to consider meeting with a Stephen Minister: leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.