

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020 • 11:00 A.M.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

The Strife Is O'er Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
March in D Major Franz Joseph Haydn

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *This is the Good News—
the grave is empty, Christ is risen!*

People: **Hallelujah!**

Leader: *This is the Good News—
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.*

People: **Hallelujah!**

Leader: *This is the Good News—
once we were no people; now we are God's people!*

People: **Hallelujah!**

Leader: *Let us worship our Easter God.*

Prayer of Praise

Hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!



Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, our plans and priorities do not always make space for your interruptions.
 Have mercy on us.
 We are accustomed to death and disappointment.
 We are well acquainted with cynicism and disillusionment.
 Have mercy on us.
 We are slow to believe your good news.
 We are scarred by false hopes.
 Grant us your peace.
 We confess our lack of trust, our limited vision,
 our uneasy comfort with spitefulness, our apathy to injustice.
 We believe. Help our unbelief.
 And yet you, O God, have created us for covenant keeping.
 You have created us for resurrection spotting.
 You have created us to live your Easter good news with everything we've got.
 Forgive us. Forgive us and help us live as a people
 shaped by your voice, your hope, your reign. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Solo ♪ Fanfare on "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" arr. Matthew Lee

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.
 Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."
 The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
 Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
 "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly! The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
 The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.
“This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”
I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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 John 20:1–18

Sermon Series: Questions Jesus Asked

A Question of New Life: “Whom Are You Looking For?” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Hymn “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

[†]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.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” from *Messiah*. George Frideric Handel
*I know that my redeemer liveth and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.*

Bearing the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Postlude ♯ Hallelujah from *Messiah*. George Frideric Handel

Thank you to those who responded to the Easter Flowers appeal prior to our March 12 suspension of in-person worship. These gifts supporting Easter worship flowers have been made in memory and in honor of family, friends, and loved ones.

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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 daily devotions. You can receive the devotions in your inbox (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).

As part of our commitment 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 providing essential services on Tuesdays (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) and Wednesdays through Fridays (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) by offering “curbside” pickup of emergency clothing; hygiene items; and pre-assembled bags for scheduled Food Pantry appointments. See www.fourthchurch.org for ways you can **order and ship items needed for these ministries**.

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). ✿ If you are able to help our Benevolent Guild **sew face masks** for health professionals and others providing essential services, please contact Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

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)—

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- ▶ **if you are—or someone you know is—feeling isolated, lonely, anxious, or sick**
- ▶ **if you are a medical professional or are a provider of essential services**, as we want to 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).
- ▶ **If you would like to explore options for tele-therapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, the Center invites you to call them at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.

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. ✨ Easter **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 fourthchurch.org/youth. ✨ Details about connecting with various online **TwentiesThirties** opportunities are available from Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Instructors in our **Center for Life and Learning** program for adults sixty and over are emailing assignments and leading some classes via Zoom. For details, email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Chicago Lights Tutoring** staff are facilitating virtual relationships between mentors and students, supplying educational and engagement tools, and creating content for e-learning. ✨ Opportunities to join in a virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is offered by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. online at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

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) for news, updates, and glimpses of our life together while apart.

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Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor
Matthew Lee, Trumpeter
Kimberly Gunderson, Soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

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.

WE ARE ALSO RECEIVING 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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