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## Gathering around the Word

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Prelude # Beloved ..... David Lanz

### Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: *This is the good news we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,*

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: *That Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day.*

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: *The risen Christ comes to us on this day with astonishing good news.*

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

### Prayer of Praise

Hymn ..... “Christ Is Alive!”

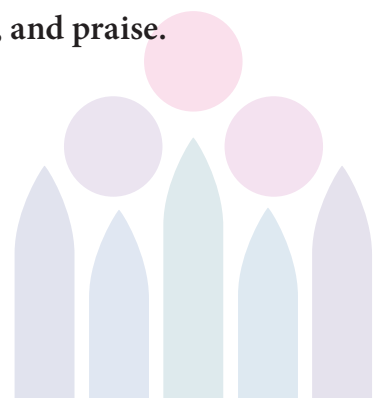
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.



Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave  
you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and hungry and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter :: “I Love the Lord” (Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19) . . . . . Laura Perkett

*I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray, save my life!” What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,  
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.  
O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.  
You have loosed my bonds.  
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!*

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 ..... Luke 24:13–35

Sermon ..... Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

Hymn ..... “Be Not Afraid”

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia!  
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia!

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.

Recognition of Volunteers

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

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

Offertory Solo :: “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” . . . . . French melody

*Alleluia! O Sons and daughters, let us sing with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;  
today the grave has lost its sting. Alleluia!*

*That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!*

*An angel clad in white they see, who sits, and speaks  
unto the three, “Your Lord will go to Galilee.” Alleluia!*

*That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their Lord most dear  
and said “My peace be with you here.” Alleluia!*

*On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise  
in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!*

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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Charge and Benediction

Hymn . . . . . “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is risen today! Death’s mighty stone is rolled away.  
Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude :: Andante sostenuto . . . . . Felix Mendelssohn



In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship), where the service is available throughout the week, we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify: [www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)**; we also invite you to sign up to receive our sermons **by email: [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://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](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)) for the Zoom information.

Our daily devotions are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can receive them in your inbox (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)) or read them online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)), or on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/fourthchicago](http://www.twitter.com/fourthchicago)). ✨ Opportunities to join in a virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** are offered by our Replogle Center on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) and Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

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](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org))—

- ▶ **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](mailto:dhandley@fourthchurch.org)) 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 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.

Watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) for additional resources and ways to connect. We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and **Instagram** ([www.instagram.com/fourthchurch](http://www.instagram.com/fourthchurch)) for updates and glimpses of our life together while apart.

**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/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry this year. Thank you! This **monthly generosity report** summarizes those contributions to Fourth Church as of March 31, 2020.

<b>Fourth Presbyterian Church Generosity Report — Contributions as of March 31, 2020</b>				
<i>YTD = Year-to-Date</i>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budgeted</b>	<b>YTD Variance</b>	<b>2020 Budget</b>
Pledged contributions	\$836,447	\$979,286	(\$142,839)	\$3,111,000
General contributions	\$344,652	\$422,244	(\$77,592)	\$2,270,929
Restricted contributions	\$113,165	\$103,698	\$9,467	\$573,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,294,263</b>	<b>\$1,505,228</b>	<b>(\$210,964)</b>	<b>\$5,955,029</b>

Stephen Ministry is here to help you in this difficult time. If you would like to be in **phone contact with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

As part of our commitment to caring for the most vulnerable, 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. \* Fourth Church **Meals Ministry** is providing “to go” packaged meals for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and “to go” lunches for the Tuesday-through-Thursday Bag Lunch program. These are being served outside, so as to limit lines and in-person gatherings. \* For ways you can **order and ship items needed for these ministries** see [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)

As was highlighted in the congregational email this past week, at the April Session meeting the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee enthusiastically reported that—after a national search and conversations with final candidates—the committee unanimously **recommends Joe Morrow for the newly defined position of Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement**. Session will call a congregational meeting—as early in the fall as is feasible—in order for the congregation to hear the report from the APNC and to act on the recommendation to elect Joe as Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement.

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. \* **Sunday School lessons and crafts** to do at home are posted at [www.bit.ly/fpcsundayschool](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsundayschool). \* Information about **online youth group** and **recently-home-from-college gatherings** is listed at [fourthchurch.org/youth](http://fourthchurch.org/youth). \* Details about connecting with various online **TwentiesThirties** opportunities are available from Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)).

## Worship Leaders

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Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor  
Nanette Sawyer, Associate Pastor  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Laura Perkett, Soloist

## Worship Notes

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THE MUSICAL SETTING OF PSALM 116 sung in this morning's service was composed by Laura Perkett, a member of the Fourth Church Morning Choir.

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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) (or via the **"To Make a Gift"** button on our website: [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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.



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**Nanette Sawyer** Discipleship and Small Group Ministry  
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**Maggie Shreve** Parish Associate for Jail Ministry  
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