
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude on “Land of Rest” Leo Sowerby
It Is Well with My Soul Sandra Eithun

Introit :: “I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness” Antonin Dvorak

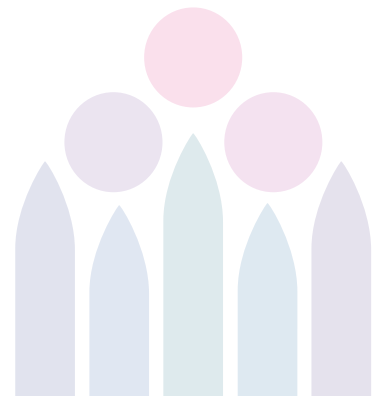
*I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah’s praises, upon a ten-stringed psaltery.
Every day will I extol thee and will bless thy holy name. Great is God and great his mercy;
who shall tell of all his greatness? Who shall his power declare? My song shall be of praise and
honor and of thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yea, all shall tell
of thy great kindness and of thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud thy glory.*

***Doxology** (*sung*)

**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.**

Welcome and Call to Worship

Prayer of Praise



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

Hymn “How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose;
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice;
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.
You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty;
I closed them, because I did not want to see.
You asked for my life, that you might work through me;
I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—
only when it is convenient to do so, only when it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Forgive me, renew me, and help me to live more fully as a disciple of Christ—
your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Solo :: “Laudate Dominum” Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Praise the Lord, all nations; praise God, all people.

For God has bestowed mercy upon us and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 85:8–13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.
Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

First Lesson 1 Kings 19:9–13

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.

Second Lesson Matthew 14:22–33

Sermon Matt Helms

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

Responding to the Word

Hymn “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

New Members

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 :: “Look to Your Heart” Gwyneth Walker

I cannot walk an inch without trying to walk to God. I cannot move a finger without trying to touch God. Perhaps it is this way: He is in the graves of the horses. He is in the swarm, the frenzy of the bees. He is in the tailor mending my pantsuit. He is in Boston, raised up by the skyscrapers. He is in the bird, that shameless flyer. He is in the potter who makes clay into a kiss. Heaven replies: Not so! Not so! I say thus and thus and heaven smashes my words. Is not God in the hiss of the river? Not so! Not so! Is not God in the ant heap, stepping, clutching, dying, being born? Not so! Not so! Where then? I cannot move an inch. Look to your heart that flutters in and out like a moth. God is not indifferent to your need. You have a thousand prayers, but God has one.

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger’s hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe’er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude :: Fanfare Aaron David Miller



For the foreseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**.

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 on iTunes and Spotify** (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast); you can also receive our sermons **by email** (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

Do you miss connecting with people before and after worship? If so, plan to join us online today following the postlude for the first of our experimental **virtual Coffee Hours via Zoom!** Stephen Ministers will be our Zoom hosts this week. In addition to time for sharing in conversation and greeting one another during today’s online Coffee Hour, for those who are interested there will also be opportunity to learn more about Stephen Ministry. We hope to see you online after worship at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship (Zoom details are also posted at www.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!** **If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries. **✳ If you would like to explore options for teletherapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, the Center invites you to call them at 312.787.2729, ext 2260. **✳ If you would like to have a phone conversation with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. **✳ If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570).

The Officer Nominating Committee is gathering recommendations of individuals to serve in the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board for terms beginning in 2021. If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please take a moment to offer your leadership recommendations by completing the online form at www.bit.ly/nominating2020

We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry. Thank you!

This monthly generosity report summarizes contributions to Fourth Church as of June 30, 2020.

Fourth Presbyterian Church Generosity Report — Contributions as of June 30, 2020				
<i>YTD = Year-to-Date</i>	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Variance	2020 Budget
Pledged contributions	\$1,566,002	\$1,626,670	(\$60,667)	\$3,111,000
General contributions	\$860,226	\$932,827	(\$72,602)	\$2,270,929
Restricted contributions	\$238,212	\$262,939	(\$24,727)	\$573,100
Total contributions	\$2,664,440	\$2,822,436	(\$157,996)	\$5,955,029

An **online town hall gathering** will be held on Sunday, August 23 at 12:15 p.m. to discuss the boards' recent decisions about the ways in which we will be church in the days ahead, as we continue to serve those in need and to build connections with one another during this pandemic. There will be time for questions as well as opportunity to hear more about the plans. We hope you will join us at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms

Our LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome group will meet for an online happy hour Tuesday, August 11 from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. For the Zoom details, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * A **Zoom conversation with our neighbors at Chicago Sinai Congregation** will be held Wednesday, August 19 at 6:00 p.m. as a time to make new friends and deepen bonds. Preregister (*required*) at bit.ly/fpccsc81920 * **Noonday Concerts** are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at bit.ly/fpcprograms (where they are available during the week). This week's concert features an annual audience favorite, the cabaret duo of Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael. * **TwentiesThirties** offers opportunities for young adults. For details, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * **The Center for Life and Learning** offers online exercise classes, lectures, and virtual tours for those sixty and over. For details, contact Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org).

To purchase fresh produce and support the community, stop by the **Farmstand at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm** on Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Guests are required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing while at the Farm (*444 W. Chicago Ave.*).

As part of our commitment to caring for the most vulnerable, Fourth Church **Meals Ministry** is providing—via outdoor pickup—"to go" meals for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and "to go" lunches for the Tuesday-through-Thursday Bag Lunch program. * Tuesday through Friday mornings the Chicago Lights **Social Service Center** offers "curbside" pickup of emergency clothing; hygiene items; and pre-assembled bags for scheduled Food Pantry appointments. * For ways to **order and ship items needed for these ministries** see www.fourthchurch.org

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) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or on Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago). * On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for details. * A virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted by our Replogle Center on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) and Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for 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 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

Worship Leaders

Lois Snavelly, Margaret Laing, Joseph L. Morrow, Matt Helms

The Music Today

Laura Perkett, Soloist

Briana Belding-Peck, Handbell Soloist

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

Worship Notes

TODAY WE WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF FOURTH CHURCH: Karl Ahlm, Warren Arnold, Holly Golcher, Valerie Hobbs, Briana Lee, William Lloyd, Virginia Lloyd, and Eric Wu. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of Fourth Church, we invite you to contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

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 even while our expenses continue. Your generosity in this time makes a big difference! You can **give online** at 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.

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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.