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## Gathering around the Word

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Prelude ♫ Prelude in E-flat Major. . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit ♫ “Mache dich, mein Herze” from *St. Matthew Passion* . . . . . J. S. Bach

*Make thee clean, my heart, from sin, unto Jesus giving welcome.*

\*Doxology (*sung*)

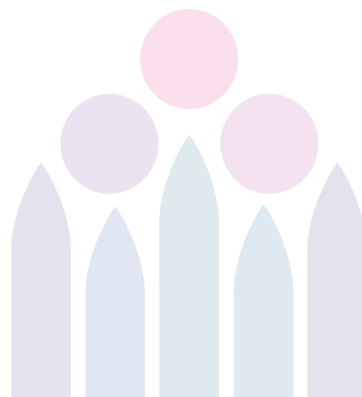
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Prayer of Praise

Hymn . . . . . “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you.  
By your gospel true and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.



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<sup>†</sup>Or “praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
 lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
 till your Spirit breaks our night,  
 filling us with light unclouded.  
 All good thoughts and all good living  
 come but by your gracious giving.  
 Glorious Lord, yourself impart,  
 Light of Light, from God proceeding.  
 Touch our lips and ears and heart;  
 help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
 Hear the cry your church now raises;  
 hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

#### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, we want to see you.  
 We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus;  
     but not only that, we want to be people  
     who have your covenant written on our hearts.  
 Why do we feel so far away from that at times?  
 What went wrong? Where did we lose our way?  
 Could you, would you, once again write on our fragile hearts?  
 We would be so grateful. Amen.

#### Extinguishing the Fifth Lenten Candle

#### Declaration of Pardon

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

#### Anthem ♪ “Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake” . . . . . Richard Farrant

*Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past  
 and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,  
 that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

Psalter . . . . . Psalm 51:1–12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.  
Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak  
and right in your judgment.  
Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.  
Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.  
Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

### Gloria Patri (*unison*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup> as it was in  
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson . . . . . John 12:20–33

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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<sup>†</sup>Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

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## Responding to the Word

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Hymn . . . . . “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure,  
truest friend to me; ah, how long I’ve panted,  
and my heart has fainted, thirsting, Lord, for thee!  
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb:  
nothing in the world can hide thee; naught I ask beside thee.  
In thine arm I rest me; foes who would oppress me cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking, every heart be quaking,  
Jesus calms my fear; lightnings flash and thunders crash:  
yet, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.  
Hence, all fears and sadness!  
For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in:  
God, who dearly loves us, from all trial saves us;  
gives sweet peace within; I have borne this worldly scorn;  
still in thee lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

### 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 :: “Ich habe genug” from *Cantata No. 82*. . . . . J. S. Bach

*It is enough, for now with mine eyes have I seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared for our consolation; he is the Redeemer and Savior. Thy word I believe and trusting thy promise my heart is at rest. Today shouldst thou call me, with gladness would I take my departure; it is enough.*

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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Hymn ..... “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

Let the whole creation cry,  
“Glory to the Lord on high.”  
Heaven and earth, awake and sing,  
“Praise to our almighty King.”  
Praise God, angel hosts above,  
ever bright and fair in love;  
sun and moon, uplift your voice;  
night and stars, in God rejoice!  
  
Men and women, young and old,  
raise the anthem loud and bold;  
join with children’s songs of praise;  
worship God through length of days.  
From the north to southern pole  
let the mighty chorus roll:  
“Holy, holy, holy One,  
glory be to God alone!”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude ♯ Fugue in E-flat Major (“St. Anne”) ..... J. S. Bach



**Each Sunday during Lent we are extinguishing a candle** during worship. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath 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.

Throughout the Lenten season we receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**. This special offering supports the work of **Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center;** and the work of **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs**. To make a One Great Hour of Sharing gift, use the designation “OGHS Lenten Offering” when giving at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) or write it on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

You can **honor or memorialize a loved one** with a contribution toward the **Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary for our online Easter service. A list of those individuals remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at [www.bit.ly/FPCgifts](http://www.bit.ly/FPCgifts); contributions must be received **by next Sunday, March 28** for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, email Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)).

**Next Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday.** As we celebrate online with loud hosannas, we invite you to download, print, and color **a palm from our website** ([www.bit.ly/palmcolor](http://www.bit.ly/palmcolor)). Then take a photo of your palm, or of you and your palm, and share it on social media, **tagging @FourthChurch**. Together we can create a virtual crowd welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem!

Our Palm Sunday celebration will lead us into Jesus’ Passion and **Holy Week**. We hope you will join us online as we pause to observe those solemn days. Our **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae** service, with Communion, will take place online Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. Our online **Good Friday service** on Friday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. will include the pastors sharing short meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ. And the **Easter Vigil** on Saturday, April 3 will take place via Zoom at 8:00 p.m. and will include the celebration of Communion. (The vigil will take place only via Zoom; for the link, sign up at [www.bit.ly/eastervigil21](http://www.bit.ly/eastervigil21); all other services will be online at [www.bit.ly/FPC](http://www.bit.ly/FPC) worship, Facebook Live, and our YouTube channel.) We encourage you to have **bread and juice on hand** during worship on Thursday, Saturday, and Easter Sunday as we share in the Lord’s Supper from our homes.

Our **festive Easter service online** will include Communion as well as the joyous music of brass and organ, handbells and jazz, and the hymns of Easter. This online celebration of the resurrection takes place on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. We hope you and those you know will not only mark this and the Holy Week dates on your calendars but also **invite others to join us in worship online** as our journey takes us to the cross and eventually the empty tomb!

Each Sunday we host a **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom**, which begins immediately following the postlude. You can join this time of fellowship at [www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship](http://www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship) (Zoom details are also posted at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)). You can take part in Coffee Hour **by phone** as well: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#.

The class **“Pandemics, Biblical Reflections, and a Christian Call to Action”** concludes this morning, March 21 at 9:30 a.m. **Walter Breuggemann’s recent book** *Virus as a Summons to Faith: Biblical Reflections in a Time of Loss, Grief, and Uncertainty* guides the conversation. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/summonstofaith](http://www.bit.ly/summonstofaith) \* **Men’s Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets this Wednesday, March 24 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these Bible studies, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)). \* For your personal meditation and study, we invite you to join the more than 4,000 people who use the daily **Lenten devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff. These are available by email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)) as well as online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/fourthchicago](http://www.twitter.com/fourthchicago)).

**Sunday School and family activities** meet online. For details about these children and family opportunities, email Briana Belding-Peck ([bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org)). \* For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)). \* Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the **Center for Life and Learning**; for details, email Susan Quaintance ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)) or see [www.fourthchurch.org/ccl](http://www.fourthchurch.org/ccl)

**Women at Fourth** will hold a Zoom gathering this Thursday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. The evening’s theme, “Rise Up,” will include an anticipation of Easter and a welcoming of spring. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)). \* The **First Tuesday Book Club**, hosted by the Adult Education Committee, will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss ***Just Faith: Reclaiming Progressive Christianity*** with its author, Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons; for Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks](http://www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks) \* **Cornerstones**, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, next meets via Zoom on Friday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. The program that month will feature **Andrea Denney**, Executive Director of Operational Ministries, **talking about “Our House: Managing and Caring for Fourth Church’s Physical Spaces.”** For the Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/cornerstones0421](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones0421) \* **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ***Olive Again*** by Elizabeth Strout. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** take place at 12:10 p.m. each week at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms) as well as via Facebook Live and on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)). This week the online concert will be presented by our **organist John Sherer**.

If you are interested in learning about **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers’ Class on Sunday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), sign up online at [www.bit.ly/inquirer0421](http://www.bit.ly/inquirer0421) to receive Zoom details.

**Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom on Tuesday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m., and on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. the **Benevolent Guild**, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom. For details for either, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)). \* We are looking for church members to serve as **adult volunteer leaders with youth ministry** (for grades 6–12) in one of three roles during the 2021–2022 program year: **Sunday Morning Leader, Zoom Small Group Leader, and Committee Member**. Those interested in learning more are invited to sign up at [www.bit.ly/youthleaderinfo2021](http://www.bit.ly/youthleaderinfo2021) \* **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** is looking for people to assist with Bag Lunch distribution, sandwich making, Monday Night Supper, Sunday Night Supper, the Baking Team, and bulk item breakdown and special projects. **To sign up to help**, please use VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform, at [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers) (*in order to allow as many people as interested to help out, prior to Friday, March 26 please do not sign up for more than two dates per month*). \* **Fourth Church's Employment Network**, which works in partnership with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center on the South Side, is **looking for volunteers** to support job-preparedness workshops and **internship to job opportunities**. For details, email [employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org](mailto:employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org)

On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)) for details. \* **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). \* **Those looking for personal support who would like to explore options for teletherapy** are encouraged to call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. \* If you would like to have a **one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship) (*where the service is available throughout the week*), the service is available via **Facebook Live** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and **YouTube** ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. \* Those without Internet access are invited to **listen to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166 (toll-free)** at the time of the service (*the prelude begins around 10:45 a.m.*). \* During the week we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** ([www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)); you can also receive our sermons **by email** ([www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)).

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## Worship Leaders

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Rocky Supinger, David Handley, Shannon J. Kershner

## Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

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Shannon and Rod Gedey and Family

## The Music Today

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Members of the Morning Choir

*Kate Cole, Bill McMurray, Marshall Rollings, Laura Perkett*

Sean Stanton, Soloist

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

## Worship Notes

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TODAY'S MUSIC CENTERS AROUND JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH, born on this day in 1685. The prelude, solos, and postlude were all written while Bach was Cantor at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany, from 1723 until his death in 1750. Bach is one of the most influential musicians ever to live and one of the greatest composers of all time. His music summed up all that came before it and changed all that came after it, and yet when he was hired to be the Cantor of St. Thomas Church the minutes of the meeting state he was their third choice and they "had to settle" on Bach since the other candidates turned them down.

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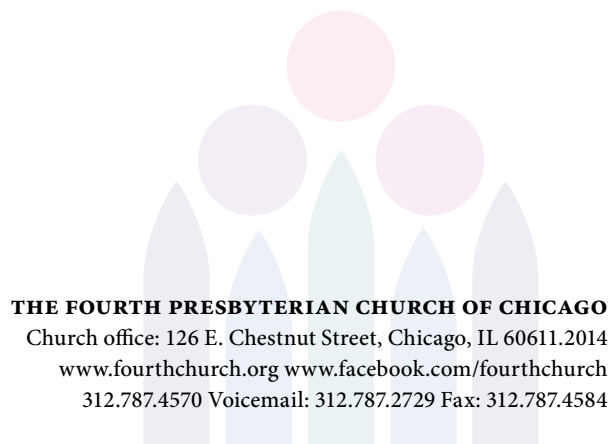
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## **“Drawn to Love”**

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by John 12:20–33 | Paper lace

I love borders. I place them in my artwork so that I can break them. They set up a reiteration of balance; they allow for a secondary or tertiary focal point. They introduce a conversation. In this image, the border allows for variation in the foreground and separation in the sky. The wheat breaks through the border. The horizon continues past the border. What are the metaphors within this imagery?

People are drawn to Jesus, drawn to love. I portray God’s voice with cumulonimbus clouds, the clouds of thunderstorms. As they move upward toward the heavens, they become wheat and doves. The image incorporates a border representing the loving constraints that Jesus’ ministry places on our lives and choices. What would Jesus do? Jesus would love.

The wheat grows beyond the border of life; the wheat brings forth a standard of daring love. “Those who love their life lose it” (John 12:25). The wheat breaks the border; it dances with the voice of God. It is not cautious; it is not scarce. It is love.

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