



Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Choral No. 2 in B Minor César Franck

Introit

“This Is the Day” Anonymous

“Rejoice in the Lord Always” Evelyn Turner

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.

*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.† Amen.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Prayer of Praise

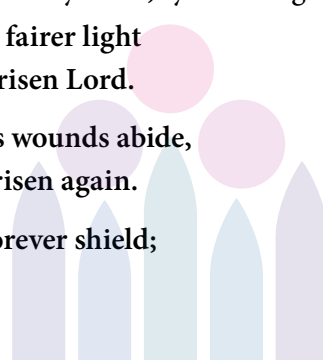
Hymn “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.

From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield;

O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.



†Or “praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.
We confess in the name of Christ, the Risen One. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem :: “Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded” Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi

*Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread! Day of all wonder,
day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead! Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;
sing of the seed from barren earth greenening; sing of creation, alleluia! Sing of the stream from
Jesus’ side flowing; sing of the saints in water made holy; sing of salvation, alleluia! Day of delight
and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread! Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,
praise Christ risen from the dead! Sing now of mourning turned into dancing; sing now the
mystery, hope of our glory; sing with thanksgiving, alleluia! Sing now of fasting turned into
feasting; sing the Lord’s favor lasting forever; sing, all things living, alleluia!*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 133

How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

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 20:19–31

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Hymn “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke:
“My peace be with you here.”

We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, “My Lord and God!”

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Introduction of 2021 Confirmands

[†]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 Got Me Flowers" from *Five Mystical Songs* . . . Ralph Vaughan Williams

I got me flowers to strew thy way; I got me boughs off many a tree;

but thou wast up by break of day, and broughtest thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East, though he give light, and the East perfume;

if they should offer to contest with thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this, though many suns to shine endeavor?

We count three hundred, but we miss; there is but one, and that one ever.

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West"

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude :: Tambourines from *Aspects of Glory* Libby Larsen

Confirmation

TODAY THE 2021 CLASS of eighth-grade confirmands is being recognized and welcomed into the wider life of the congregation. Please keep these youth in prayer as they continue with us on their faith journey.

Rebecca Besecker
Jackson Bossert
Aidan Castette
Kelsey Castette
Teddy Chong
Zachary Findler
Nolan Foley
Kate Grissom

Miles Grusin
Oliver Grusin
Sam Haley
Jackson Hutchison
Andrew McMillan
Nate Nichols
Brennan O'Connell-Miller
Andrew Phelps

Sofia Picciola
Henry Ramsey
Lee Ruppel
Harper Rzepczynski
Flynn Scoggin
Harrison Stracks
Vera Tax
Jane von der Sitt

Please also join us in giving thanks for the faith-filled dedication of the confirmation leaders, who accompanied the youth on their journey this past year: Kjirstin Almos, Luke Beasley, Carole Bekken, Jeff Gallenbeck, Marsha Heizer, Ned Morley, Jill Prater, Karen Sabine, Olivia Skaff.



A time of **online fellowship** takes place each Sunday following the postlude. All are invited to join us for this **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom** at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship (Zoom details are also posted at 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#.

A new adult education class, **“Paradigm Shift: An Artist’s Story” with Gerald Griffin**, meets this Sunday, April 11 and next Sunday 18 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. This class with the painter of “The Ascension,” the stunning artwork hanging in our Commons, will focus on **the topic of racial identity** and includes **remote video tours of Mr. Griffin’s South Side studio** as he is **interviewed by Cynthia Johnson**. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/paradigmshift0421
* The **“Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible”** Zoom class resumes this Sunday at 12:30 p.m. with **Rocky Supinger** launching a three-week series on **“Love Letters: 1, 2, 3 John.”** For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcf20

A four-week series **“Generosity as a Spiritual Practice,”** begins this Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. **Lucy Forster-Smith** will lead the first week’s conversation, which will focus on **“Spirit: Stewarding Spiritual Gifts,”** the sixth chapter of *Beyond the Offering Plate: A Holistic Approach to Stewardship*. For details, including the Zoom link, register at www.bit.ly/generosity0421 * **“Why Do Presbyterians Do Interfaith?”** will be the topic of a Zoom conversation led by Nanette Sawyer on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/interfaith041321

Men’s Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets this Wednesday, April 14 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these Bible studies, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will meet via Zoom this Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss **Olive Again** by Elizabeth Strout. Email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom details. * **Rethinking Incarceration: Advocating for Justice that Restores** is the topic of the **First Tuesday Book Club** conversation with author Dominique Gilliard on Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. For the Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks

Sunday School and family activities meet online. For details about these children and family opportunities, email Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). * For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, email Katie Patterson (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) or see www.fourthchurch.org/cll

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). This week the online concert will feature our **organ scholar, Laura Bottei**.

Our **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** group will meet for online happy hour on Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. * **Women at Fourth** will gather online on Thursday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. for a program by Chris Norton on **the array of concerts that take place at Fourth Church and what goes into making that happen**. * **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet online on Tuesday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these gatherings, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

If you are looking for a resource for personal meditation and prayer, **we invite you to join the more than 4,000 people who use the daily devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff. These reflections are available by email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) as well as online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago).

On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for details. * **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570). * **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. * **To explore options for teletherapy**, 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.

We are looking for church members to serve as **adult volunteer leaders with youth ministry** (for grades 6–12). Those interested in learning more are invited to sign up at www.bit.ly/youthleaderinfo2021 * **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** is also looking for volunteers. **To sign up to help**, please use VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform, at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers * The **Benevolent Guild**, which has been making face masks, meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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*), the service is available via **Facebook Live** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **YouTube** (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); you can also receive our sermons **by email** (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for resources and ways to connect. Online events are posted on the church calendar at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

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

Lucy Forster-Smith, Pamela Spann, Rocky Supinger, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Members of the Children's Choir

Cora and John Gambell; Isaac, Grant, and Juliet Hodges

Members of the Morning Choir

Jeanne Bishop, CeCe Hastreiter, Laura Kubelka, Craig Palmer, Les Ventsch

Bill McMurray, Soloist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Laura Bottei, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

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Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry

David Handley Interim Minister for Caring Ministries

Jeffrey Doane Parish Associate for Older Adults

Maggie Shreve Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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