



Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude on “Come, Holy Ghost” Libby Larsen
Variations on “Come, Holy Ghost” Maurice Duruflé

Introit :: “Litany to the Holy Spirit” Peter Hurford

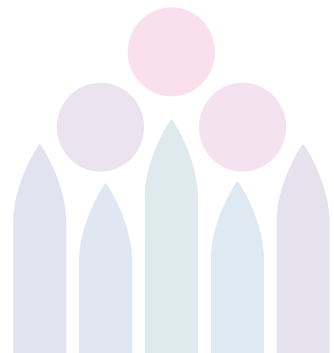
*In the hour of my distress when temptations me oppress,
and when I my sins confess, sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When I lie within my bed, sick in heart and sick in head,
and with doubts discomfoted, sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When the house doth sigh and weep, and the world is drowned with sleep,
yet mine eyes the watch do keep, sweet Spirit, comfort me!*

*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



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

Hymn “On Pentecost They Gathered”

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ’s disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God’s grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life’s ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess to you, Renewing Spirit,
that we confuse unity with uniformity,
and diversity with divisiveness.

We speak and behave as if being a part of your family
means assimilating others to our way of living.

We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person.

We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not always know how.

Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference.

And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Anthem :: “Come, Holy Ghost” Eric H. Thiman

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace;
keep far our foes, give peace at home; where thou art guide no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along this may be our endless song,
praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

**O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.
There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.
All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May your glory, O Lord, endure forever; may you rejoice in all your works.
You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please you; I will rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

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 Acts 2:1–12

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

Responding to the Word

Hymn “Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” African American spiritual; arr. Harry T. Burleigh
*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Up on the mountain my Lord spoke; out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
Jordan river, chilly and cold, chill the body but not the soul.
All around me look so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine.
Ain’t but one train runs this track, it runs to heaven and runs right back.*

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

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn “Come Down, O Love Divine”

Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.

O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.

And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling.

For none can guess God’s grace, till Love creates a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude :: Toccata on “Come Down, O Love Divine” Richard Gore



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#. * **Knitting and Crocheting** gathers online this Tuesday, May 25 at 4:00 p.m. for a time to work on knitting or crocheting projects while sharing in conversation. * This Thursday, May 27 at 6:00 p.m. **Women at Fourth** meets online for a program with Nanette Sawyer on the spiritual side of conversation. Email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom details for these gatherings. * 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 * The Friday, June 4 **Cornerstones online fellowship gathering** for those fifty and over will include a program on “**LGBT+ Pride: Why We Keep Marching**” presented by **Ed Miller, Roger Wilson, and Nanette Sawyer**. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones0621

As we gradually reopen our campus this summer, we will be offering **two in-person worship services each Sunday, beginning Sunday, June 20**. These will be a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. Because there will be limited seating for both services (250 in the Sanctuary)—as well as self-certification requirements—those who would like to worship in person will be asked to **preregister online**. We are currently working on setting up the registration system, and as soon as it is open for use, we will send details to those on our News @ Fourth Church email list (subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc if you do not already receive it weekly) as well as post an easily accessible link on the website. **Masks will be required at all times for all present in the building**, and **social distancing** will also be required. You can read more about the guidelines in place for in-person worship as well as information about continued online opportunities at www.fourthchurch.org/reopening

We will continue to **stream worship** for those who prefer to worship online or are unable to join us in person. We stream our online service at 11:00 a.m. at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, **Facebook Live** (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). That **stream time will change to 10:00 a.m. on June 20**, and the services will continue to be available for viewing immediately afterward and throughout the week for those who prefer to watch at 11:00, in the afternoon, or on another day. * Those without Internet access are invited to **listen to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166** at the time of the service. * During the week we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast).

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

Watch for **“Rhythm and the Word: Midweek Music and Prayer,”** a new online opportunity for perceiving God and the sacred through vernacular forms of music offered by the Jazz at Four Quartet. A weekly summer offering on YouTube, it will weave together scripture, prayer, and American vernacular music, specifically jazz and its related genres blues, soul, and Gospel. Watch your inbox in June for a link to view the first of these online midweek worship experiences, led by the quartet, Joe Morrow, and Rocky Supinger.

Thanks to the generosity of many, **Fourth Church Meals Ministry is expanding!** Beginning Saturday, June 5, we will offer a **to-go breakfast for our guests on Saturdays**, a day when there are very few meals programs in the city. **Three to four volunteers will be needed each Saturday** to assemble and distribute this cold breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know via VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers

Men’s Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets online this Wednesday, May 26 at 12:00 p.m. Email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom details. * **“Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet,”** a class led by David Handley, meets on Sundays (*except May 30*) at 9:30 am via Zoom; for Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/jonah21

If you are looking for **devotional meditations for your personal time of prayer and reflection**, 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 (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Twitter (twitter.com/fourthchicago). * On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. Email Carol (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Our organist, John Sherer, will present this week’s **online Friday Noonday Concert** at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, on Facebook Live, and our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). * **A Music Mission Trip to the Middle East** is being planned for 2022. To learn more or express interest, email John (jsherer@fourthchurch.org) or Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

This afternoon **Kjirstin Almos**, a Confirmation leader who has been a seminarian under care of Fourth Church, will be **ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament**. The 4:00 p.m. ordination service will be livestreamed from the Sanctuary at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms. Please join us in keeping Kjirstin in prayer as she takes this next step in her journey of ministry!

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. * **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 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.

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

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Martha Brown, Rocky Supinger, Nanette Sawyer

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

Carol Carpenter, Daniel Henry, Carla Janzen, Cole Seaton

Brett Potts, Soloist

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

Worship Notes

THE DAY OF PENTECOST celebrates the birth of the church and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples of Jesus. Red, which is the liturgical color for the day, symbolizes the pentecostal fire of the Holy Spirit.

TODAY WE RECEIVE A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR PENTECOST. Gifts to this offering support Fourth Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Church (USA) ministries working with at-risk youth and young adults. To make a gift to this special offering, use the designation “Pentecost Offering” when giving at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online or write it on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. General offering gifts can also be made 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 check.

THE FIRST PRELUDE PIECE today was composed by Libby Larsen, who in 1983 was appointed one of the Minnesota Orchestra’s two composers-in-residence, making her the first woman to serve as a resident composer with a major orchestra. Her numerous awards include a 1993 Grammy.

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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