



Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- CanonGeorg Philipp Telemann
- Be Still My Soul Jean Sibelius; arr. Lloyd Larson
- Lamb of GodTwila Paris; arr. L. Larson

Introit :: “Agnus Dei/Sanctus” from *Missa Gaia: Mass for the Earth*. Libby Larsen

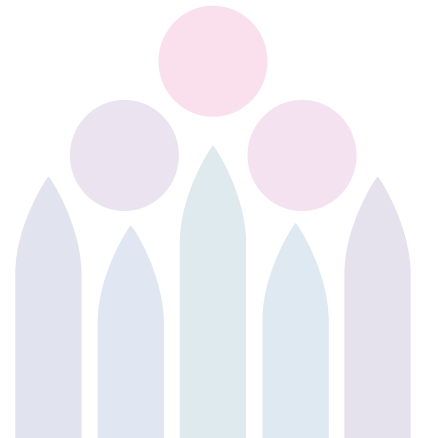
*How lovely are thy holy groves, God of heaven and earth.
 My soul longs and faints for the circle of thy trees.
 My heart and my flesh sing with joy to thee, O God of life.*

*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 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, you are always speaking, giving us instructions,
directing our attention, and telling us your love.

But we confess that sometimes we are not very good listeners.

We aren’t sure what is your voice, and what is ours, and what is just noise.

We are easily distracted. We like our own ways.

But even when we are too busy, you still call.

We admit that we find you difficult to hear, and we ask for your help.

Open our minds and hearts. Tune our ears to your voice.

Help us to listen to what you have to say,

and then help us to follow wherever you lead. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 71:1–6

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.

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 Jeremiah 1:1–10

Sermon Series on Jeremiah: A Prophet of Loss and Hope Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Hymn “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We will lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .

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.

The Communion

Communion Anthem :: "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord" Carl Schalk

*I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.*

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

*And thus, with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here.*

*Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.*

Psalm 23 (*unison*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo :: "How Beautiful" Twila Paris

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful is the body of Christ. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful is the body of Christ. And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice: that we will live just as he died, willing to pay the price. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful is the body of Christ.

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.

I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude :: "O God, Beyond All Praising" Gustav Holst; arr. L. Larson



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#.

We will be offering **two in-person worship services each Sunday, beginning Sunday, June 20** as we gradually reopen our campus this summer. 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 morning in the Sanctuary; 65 in the afternoon in the Chapel)—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; 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). We will also post an easily accessible link on the website.

A limited number of seats will be available for on-site registration **for visitors and those without a way to access technology**. Those individuals will need to register at the door—a process that will include recording name and contact information as well as completing the necessary self-certification—so **anyone who can preregister online will find that to be the fastest and easiest way to reserve a seat**.

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 currently stream our online-only 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 for those who prefer to watch at 11:00, in the afternoon, or another day.)* * Those without Internet access are invited to **listen to the service 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).

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“Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer” is a new fifteen-minute worship experience on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) that weaves together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the **Jazz at Four Quartet**. You can **watch the first of these weekly offerings**, led by Joe Morrow and Rocky Supinger, on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). A new video is made available on YouTube each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.; you can **receive them by email by signing up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail**

“Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet,” a class led by David Handley, meets on Sundays at 9:30 am via Zoom; for Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/jonah21 * **Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets online on Wednesday, June 9 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for either study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

On Tuesday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. **Books by Women** will meet online to discuss **As Bright As Heaven** by Susan Meissner. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@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

Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers to help with Saturday breakfast to-go, the weekday Bag Lunch program, Sunday Night Supper, and Monday Night Supper. If you are able to help, please let us know via VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform online at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers (To ensure that there are enough volunteer slots for anyone interested, we ask that you do not sign up for more than two dates per month until after June 15.)

The Chen Family string quartet will present this week’s online **Friday Noonday Concert** at 12:10 p.m. at [www bit ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms), on Facebook Live, and our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). * Registration is open through September 1, 2021, for those interested in joining Fourth Church and our interfaith partners for **“Peace and Compassion: A Music and Travel Seminar Trip to the Middle East,”** which is being planned for **June 2022**. Whether a singer or fellow traveler, member or friend of Fourth Church, you are invited to register for this trip to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan to share the gift of music, to learn about daily life in the Middle East, and to build community among travelers and those encountered along the way. To register or learn about fees, travel arrangements, and other logistics, email John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org) or Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

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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 next Sunday**, June 13 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/inquirer0621 for Zoom details.

On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. Email Carol (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for details. ✨ Written by members and staff, **devotional meditations for your personal time of prayer and reflection** 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). ✨ A virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted by our Replogle Center on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

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

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Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith, Anthony Hipp, Matt Helms, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Karen Suarez Flint and Greg Flint, French Horn

Sarah van der Ploeg, Soloist

Members of the Morning Choir

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

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

Worship Notes

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER during worship this morning, so we invite you to have some juice and bread or a cracker on hand so that we might together take part, from our own homes, in this shared meal.

OFFERING GIFTS can 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 a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

TODAY'S CLOSING HYMN was originally created in the Sotho language in South Africa and serves as a powerful sending hymn for connecting what happens at the Lord's Table with our mission in the world.

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