



# Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Concerto in B-flat Major ..... Johann Georg Albrechtsberger  
Allegro moderato—Andante

Introit :: “Sing to the Lord!” ..... Deborah Govenor

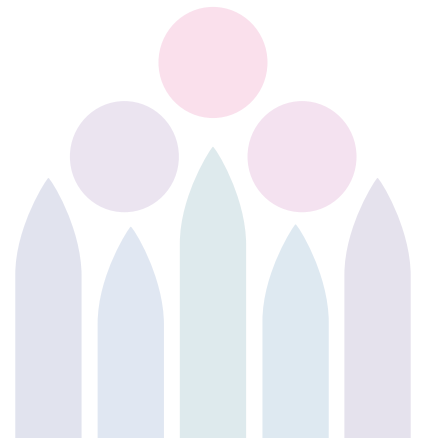
*Sing to the Lord, bless his holy name, hallelujah!*  
*Shout to the Lord, raise your songs of joy, hallelujah!*  
*For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.*  
*For all his works a song of thanksgiving we raise.*

### \*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



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

Hymn ..... “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing “Holy, holy, holy” to the great God triune.

On you, at earth’s creation the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven.  
And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God’s people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,  
Christ’s living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.  
New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the suffering we have caused,  
the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied.  
Forgive us. Wash us in your mercy and heal us with your grace,  
so that we may follow your way and live the good news of the Gospel. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem :: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ..... Eric H. Thiman

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.  
Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.  
To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.  
Great Father of glory; pure Father of light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All laud we would render; O help us to see ’tis only the splendor of light hideth thee! Amen.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

Psalter . . . . . Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me.  
You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.  
You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.  
For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.  
My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they came to be.  
How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!  
If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

### 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 . . . . . Jeremiah 18:1–11

Sermon Series on Jeremiah: A Prophet of Loss and Hope . . . . . 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 ..... “You Are Before Me, Lord”

You are before me, Lord, you are behind,  
and over me you have spread out your hand;  
such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Then from your Spirit where, Lord, shall I go;  
and from your presence where, Lord, shall I fly?  
If I ascend to heaven you are there,  
and still are with me if in hell I lie.

If I should take my flight into the dawn,  
if I should dwell on ocean’s farthest shore,  
your mighty hand will rest upon me still,  
and your right hand will guard me evermore.

If I should say, “Let darkness cover me,  
and I shall hide within the veil of night,”  
surely the darkness is not dark to you:  
the night is as the day, the darkness light.

Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;  
try me, O God; my mind and spirit try;  
keep me from any path that gives you pain,  
and lead me in the everlasting way.

### 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.

### Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

## Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo :: “Fairest Lord Jesus” . . . . . Silesian folk melody; arr. Patti Drennan

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and God the Son; thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations, Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!*

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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Hymn . . . . . “We Will Walk with God”

We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.  
We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

## Charge and Benediction

Postlude :: Finale from *Concerto in B-flat Major*. . . . . J. G. Albrechtsberger

### **Baptisms in Today’s Service**

Tucker Frederick Bauer and Theodore Benjamin Bauer, children of Graham and Anna Bauer  
Boatwright Delbert Wood, child of Taylor and Grace Anne Wood  
Vivian Rose Gambell, child of Tony and Karin Gambell



### **Stephen Ministers Commissioned in Today’s Service**

Kat Evans, Vivien Lee, Kelley Lynch, Roel Mason-Vivit,  
Arlene Raine, Paul Urbanick, and Deborah Zak



We will be offering **two in-person worship services, beginning next 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**.

Those who would like to worship in person will be asked to **preregister online**, as 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.

**The registration link for in-person worship** will be **posted on Sundays at 5:30 p.m.** (beginning today) **on the Fourth Church website:** [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) (*if you do not see the link on Sunday evening, try refreshing your web browser*).

**For visitors and those without a way to access technology**, a limited number of seats will be available for on-site registration on the day of the service. Those individuals will need to register at the door, in order to provide name and contact information as well as complete the necessary self-certification.

Anyone who can preregister online will find doing so to be the **fastest and easiest way to reserve a seat**.

The reservation system **allots the number of seats but not particular locations**. On the day of worship, specific locations will be assigned by ushers, based on household size and the order in which people are seated.

The reservation system will process registrations on a **first-come, first-served basis**. While there is **no wait list** for seats, spaces will open up if people cancel their reservations. If there are no seats available when you try to make a reservation, you might **check back periodically** to see if any have opened up.

**Staff does not have the capacity to make reservations on behalf of individuals**. All registrations will need to be made by individuals or families preregistering themselves online or at the door prior to the worship service.

**Confirmation of reservations** will be sent by email or text. **If confirmation is not received**, the reservation is not complete and the name will not appear on the list of those with reservations for worship.

Individuals who find their plans change after making reservations are asked to **cancel any reservation they will not be using** so that space opens up for others.

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**For those who will be joining us in person next week:**

**Masks will be required at all times for all present** in the building, regardless of vaccination status.

**Social distancing** of 6 feet between individuals and those not in their household will also be required at all times.

**Seating will be by households only**, and ushers will direct worshipers to and from specific seating to ensure the maintenance of social distancing.

**Doors will open a half hour before the service**, and there will be **no seating after the service begins**.

Access will be by **Michigan Avenue doors only for the morning service** and by the **Delaware doors to the Gratz Center only** for the Jazz at Four service.

**Nursery care and child care will not be available**; Sunday School will continue to be held online.

There will be **no congregational singing**, though humming is permitted.

There will be **no in-person Coffee Hour**; it will continue to be held online via Zoom immediately following the morning service.

We are **not checking vaccination status**, but by **coming on site you will certify** that you do not currently have COVID-19, are not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, and have no reason to quarantine.

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](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship)**, **Facebook Live** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and **YouTube** ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://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 around 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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)).

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Those **graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2021** are asked to email their names to Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)) no later than Sunday, June 20. Graduate names **received by June 20** will appear in the worship bulletin on June 27, which is Baccalaureate Sunday at Fourth Church.

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](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#.

**“Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet,”** a class led by David Handley, concludes today at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom; for Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/jonah21](http://www.bit.ly/jonah21) \* **Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and **Horizons Bible Study for women** next meets online on Wednesday, June 23 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for either study, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).

**Knitting and Crocheting** on Tuesday, June 22 at 4:00 p.m. for a time to work on knitting or crocheting projects while sharing in conversation. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* **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](http://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 this Tuesday, June 15.*)

We are **commissioning new Stephen Ministers** this Sunday. Through one-to-one relationships that are confidential, Stephen Ministers extend the pastoral care of Fourth Church clergy staff by providing regular spiritual support for **those who are facing one or more of life’s many challenges or transitions**. 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](mailto:dhandley@fourthchurch.org)) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries.

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If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a **one-session Inquirers' Class this 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](http://www.bit.ly/inquirer0621) for Zoom details. **For more information about becoming a member** of Fourth Church, please email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).

**Organist Meg Cutting** 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](http://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**. To register or learn about fees, travel arrangements, and other logistics for this trip to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan, email John Sherer ([jsherer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jsherer@fourthchurch.org)) or Nanette Sawyer ([nsawyer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nsawyer@fourthchurch.org)).

On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. Email Carol ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)) as well as online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Twitter ([twitter.com/fourthchicago](https://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](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

As part of our care for our buildings, stone masons are currently assessing the condition of the 107-year-old decorative stonework on the Sanctuary and Cloister. The **scaffolding on campus** is part of that work.

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## Worship Leaders

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Rocky Supinger, Claudia Winkler, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Members of the Morning Choir

*Melissa Arning, Micah Dingler, Kacey Kurpinsky, Sean Stanton*

Members of the Children's and Youth Choirs

*Aria and Eva Koshy*

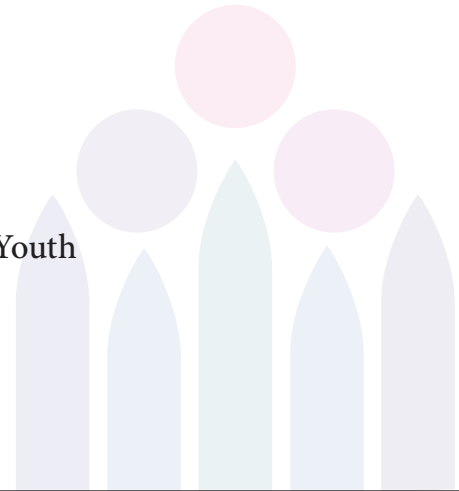
Ignacio del Rey Tomás-Biosca, Alto Trombonist

Cole Seaton, Soloist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

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



## Worship Notes

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WE CLOSE OUR TIME OF WORSHIP TOGETHER with “We Will Walk with God,” a song from Swaziland and arranged by John Bell from the Iona Community in Scotland, that sings of commitment and sending forth.

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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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