



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

Due to health concerns about the transmission of COVID-19, we are not engaging in congregational singing. During hymns, worshipers are invited to hum along with the choir members if they like.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: Three African American Spirituals

- My Lord, What a Morning arr. Robert Lau
- There Is a Balm in Gilead arr. Joe Utterback
- Swing Low arr. Dan Locklair

Introit :: “I Was Glad” Eric H. Thiman

*I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord;
our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.*

*Doxology (congregation is invited to hum)

*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 Announcements

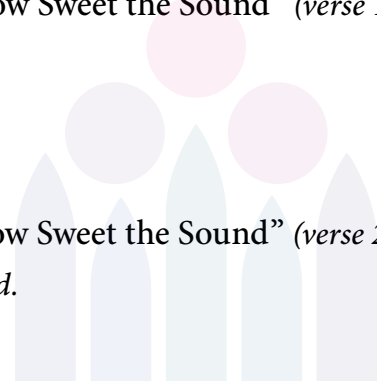
Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (verse 1)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

Call to Worship

Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (verse 2)

*’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*



*Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We come before you, O God, with a realization
that we are far from you so much of the time.
Even when we try very hard to respond to your call to be your people,
we find ourselves in a distant land.
We strive to be a neighbor to others but find ourselves turning away.
We seek to bring your good news to others
but find ourselves preoccupied with all that is wrong, in this world and in us.
You call us to be people of courage, standing up for justice,
but we shrink back when the going is rough,
making excuses for taking the path of least resistance.
O God, forgive us when we fail you and one another.
Fill us with your remarkable courage, your unending passion for justice,
your release from all that keeps us bound up.
This is our prayer. This is our trust in you, Most Holy Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Hymn (*congregation is invited to hum*) “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (*verse 5*)

*When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.*

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem :: “Praise, All You People!” Bradley Ellingboe

*Praise, all you people, the name so holy of him who does such wondrous things! All that has
being, to praise him solely, with happy heart its amen sings! Blessed, O, blessed are they
forever whose help is from the Lord most high; whom from salvation naught can sever,
and who in hope to Christ draw nigh. Trust not in rulers for they are but mortal; earthborn
are they and soon decay. Vain are their counsels at life’s last portal, vain is their help on judgment
day. Praise, all you people. Praise the Almighty, my soul adore him! Yes, I will laud him all
my days; with song and anthem I come before him singing the Lord a song of praise! Praise the
Almighty, my soul adore him! Yes, I will laud him all my days; with song and anthem I come before
him singing the Lord a song of hallelujah!*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*antiphon sung by soloist*) Psalm 8

*Antiphon: The Mighty God, with power speaks, and all the world obeys;
from dawn until the setting sun, God's wonder earth displays.*

*O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.*

*When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, what are mere mortals
that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?*

Antiphon

Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

*you have put all things under their feet: all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.*

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Antiphon

*Gloria Patri (*congregation is invited to hum*)

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 36:1–8, 21–23, 27–31

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

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

Responding to the Word

Anthem :: “O Be Joyful” Philip Stopford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God. It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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!

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Minute for Mission

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn (*congregation is invited to hum*) “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

*Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude ♪ We Shall Overcome African American spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood

Baptisms in Today’s Service

Cameron Hurley and James Boyd Hurley, children of Jeff and Chelsea Hurley



We are glad to be worshipping with you today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church!

* Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. * We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God’s grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



On the Fourth Church campus, **masks and social distancing** are required for anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19; for worshipers on site who have received the COVID vaccine, the wearing of masks during worship is optional. * For those worshipping with us in person, we are not checking vaccination status, but **by entering the Fourth Church campus you certify** that (a) you do not currently have COVID-19; (b) you are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) you have no reason to quarantine; and (d) you will wear a mask and practice social distancing if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



We are offering **two in-person worship services** throughout the summer as we gradually reopen our campus: a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. * In the Sanctuary, **the front section is for those required to or choosing to wear masks**, with socially distanced seating by households. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating, with masks optional. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. * Due to health guidelines, **congregational singing is not permitted in the Sanctuary or Chapel**; those who would like to hum while the choir members sing the hymns are invited to do so.



Nursery care is not available at this time. Sunday School continues to meet via Zoom; for details, email Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). * **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. * Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary.

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**

For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, Facebook Live (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) The service is also available for viewing after the service, including later in the week. * **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning 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).



The church campus remains closed as we continue to develop our reopening plans. * On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (*a half hour before each service starts*). For the morning service, access is only by the Michigan Avenue doors. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center.



Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher.



While there is **no in-person Coffee Hour**, a time of online fellowship takes place each Sunday morning following the postlude (*around 11:00 a.m.*). All are invited to join us for this **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom** that takes place at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship (*Zoom details are also posted at www.fourthchurch.org*). You can take participate in Coffee Hour by phone as well: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#.



Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2021 are asked to email their names today to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). Graduate names received **by the end of the day Sunday, June 20** will appear in the worship bulletin next Sunday, which is Baccalaureate Sunday at Fourth Church.

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You are invited to “**Embracing Racial Equity: A Congregational Conversation**” this Tuesday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. During our time together, members of Session will talk about our ongoing work in support of the Strategic Direction to “Embrace Racial Equity: Fourth Church will purposely include all people, striving for radical hospitality and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas.” The evening will include time to ask questions and engage in small group discussion. For Zoom details, **register at www.bit.ly/racialequity0622**



The Fourth Church Legacy Society is made up of friends of Fourth Church who have chosen to make a **commitment to the church’s future mission and ministry** by remembering the church in their estate plans. Those who are interested in learning more about supporting Fourth Church and Chicago Lights as well as other estate-planning opportunities are encouraged to explore the online resources on our website at www.bit.ly/fpclegacyinfo or contact Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org).



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.



The congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago was officially dedicated in worship on the morning of February 12, 1871. Thus on the second Sunday of February 2021 we kicked off **our sesquicentennial celebration!** (You can watch that February 14 worship service online on our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/fpcvideos.) We encourage you to visit the web page devoted to our 150th anniversary—**www.fourthchurch.org/150**—where you can read our short monthly historical accounts and letters from Chicago’s faith leaders. There you can also hear greetings from Fourth Church friends from across the globe and view videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church as they share their memories of their time with our congregation. These collections will continue to grow over the coming year, so be sure to check back periodically.

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The Farmstand opens this week at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Ave.). To purchase fresh produce and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills, stop by the Farmstand on **Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.** *Guests are required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing while at the Farm.* * **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 with one or more of these meals, please let us know via VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers * **Knitting and Crocheting** meets online this 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).



Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets online this Wednesday, June 23 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).



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). * 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 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) or Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).



On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. For details, email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). * Also each Wednesday we release a new "**Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer**" video. These fifteen-minute worship experiences on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) weave together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the Jazz at Four Quartet. To receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail

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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 ✱ Written by members and staff, **daily 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).



For those who are facing one or more of life's many challenges or transitions, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. 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** or notify the pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, 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.



If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, please email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ 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**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



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Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Jim Garner, Joseph L. Morrow, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

Beena David, Cole Seaton, Sean Stanton, Sarah van der Ploeg

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

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Beverly Washington and Ed Miller on behalf of the Fourth Church Legacy Society.

THE CLOSING HYMN, "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING," began as a poem written by James Weldon Johnson for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1900. Five years later Johnson's brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, wrote the stirring music to go with the powerful words. Recognized as the Black National Anthem, this text and tune have gained widespread devotion, not only within the African American community but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

OFFERING GIFTS to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in an offering box at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the "To Make a Gift" button on our website: www.fourthchurch.org).

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

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Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry

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