



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Allegretto Charles V. Stanford

All Glory Be to God on High Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit :: “Behold, God Is My Salvation” Eric H. Thiman

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

*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) “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

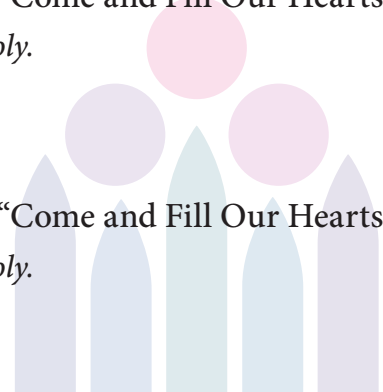
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

*Call to Worship

*Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!



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

***Prayer of Confession** (*responsively*)

Leader: *The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.*

All: Yet we cling to what we have as if there will not be enough.

Leader: *God leads us to green pastures and still waters,*

All: which trouble with the turmoil of our busy days.

Leader: *God leads us in the right paths,*

All: though we are always trying to make a path for ourselves.

Leader: *God is with us, even in the darkest of valleys.*

All: And still we doubt.

Leader: *Forgive our wanting, our worrying, and our walking away, O God.*

All: For surely your goodness and mercy are following us still. Amen.

***Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Hymn** (*congregation is invited to hum*). “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

Anthem :: “Jesu, Joy of All Desiring” Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesu, joy of all desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright;

drawn by thee, our souls, aspiring, soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned

striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying, round thy throne.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*sung by the choir*) “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” (Psalm 23)

*The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e’en for his own name’s sake.*

*Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
for thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*

***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 Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

Sermon Joseph L. Morrow

Responding to the Word

Anthem ♪ “How Lovely Are the Messengers” from *St. Paul* Felix Mendelssohn

*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.*

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

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

God of holiness and hope, on this day may the gifts we give
bring good news to the poor, hope to those who despair,
light to those living with fear, and Christ's healing to this world that waits,
yes, waits for Christ's gospel of joy! Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn (congregation is invited to hum). “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

*The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.*

*Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.*

*Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ’s sacrifice, and clothed in Christ’s humanity.*

*For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.*

*We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ’s liberating word.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Thanks Be to God. Healey Willan

*We invite you to enjoy the postlude.
If you need to leave prior to the end of the postlude,
please do so quietly out of respect for those who choose to stay.*



We are glad to be worshiping 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 worshiping 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.



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 Fourth Church Jazz Quartet. To receive the videos by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail

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The annual School Supply Drive is underway! Again this year we are collecting supplies (*via Amazon wish lists*) for Chicago Light's Urban Farm, Dance Academy, and Summer Day programs. **Wish list links** can be found on our website at www.bit.ly/fpcschooolsupplydrive; **monetary contributions** for purchase of the supplies can also be made by check, payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or given online (www.fourthchurch.org/give-online). For more information, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The **Good Neighbors Street Outreach** program of the Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **volunteers to take food and supplies to people in the neighborhood** who are experiencing homelessness. **Also in need of volunteers** is **Fourth Church Meals Ministry**, which is looking for individuals 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 needs, please let us know via **VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform** at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers



Donations of clean, gently used adult clothing can again be dropped off for the Chicago Lights Social Service Center beginning this Monday, July 19. Particularly needed are clothing items in sizes L, XL, XXL, and XXXL. (*We are not accepting children's clothing, household supplies, or used underwear or used socks at this time.*) Donations can be dropped off inside the entrance at 126 E. Chestnut on Sundays through Fridays (*not Saturdays*) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please do not leave any donations on the church steps. Upon arrival, ring the receptionist bell to be buzzed in and directed to where to leave the donations. *Masks are required while on the campus.*



To purchase fresh produce and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, stop by their **Farmstand on Fridays** between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. (444 W. Chicago Ave.). *Guests are required to wear a face covering and to practice social distancing while at the Farm.*

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Our **Music by the Fountain** series of outdoor, in-person concerts continues with guitarist Andy Brown this Friday, July 23 at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. While we are not livestreaming our outdoor concerts this summer, if you would prefer to enjoy music from Fourth Church online, we encourage you to explore the concert offerings on our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/fpcvideos



TwentiesThirties gathers for casual games of **volleyball at Oak Street Beach** every other Monday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The next volleyball gathering will be next Monday, July 26; look for the sign saying Fourth Church!



Registration is open 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 1–15, 2022. **Registration** for this trip to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan can be completed online at www.bit.ly/mideast2022; the registration deadline is this September 1, 2021. To learn more about fees, travel arrangements, and other logistics, email John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org) or Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).



Men’s Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** next meets online Wednesday, July 28 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 Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



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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The **Officer Nominating Committee** is gathering recommendations of individuals to serve in positions opening in 2022 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Nominating Committee as well as the Chicago Lights Board. If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please take a moment to offer your leadership recommendations by **completing the online form at www.bit.ly/nominating2022** by September 30.



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.



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).

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As part of our care for our buildings, stone masons are currently repairing some of the 107-year-old decorative stonework on the Cloister as well as some of the finials on the Loggia. 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.



Those attending a Fourth Church worship service in person are entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur on behalf of Fourth Church—including the weekly live stream of the Sunday morning service. By entering the worship service, you consent to the non-commercial use of the resulting visual and audio records; you waive all rights you may have to any claims of compensation for the use of these records; you release Fourth Church from any liability for the use of these records; and you waive the right to inspect or approve any of these records.



Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith, Laura Sterkel, Matt Helms, Joseph L. Morrow

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

Richard Clemmitt, Guest Organist

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S OPENING HYMN, "Come and Fill Our Hearts," was composed in 1982 by Jacques Berthier for the Taizé monastery in Taizé, France. Berthier composed many short chant-like pieces for the Taizé worshiping community so that they could be easily sung and even memorized. The Taizé monastery, founded in the 1940s, is an ecumenical community of Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Christians seeking a place of meditation and refuge. Thousands of people visit each year, and the Fourth Church Morning Choir sang there in worship during their 2003 trip to France.

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Maggie McGuire on behalf of Women at Fourth's annual School Supply Drive.

OFFERING GIFTS to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering boxes 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

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