



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 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

Suite breve Tom Trenney

1. Petit Plein-jeu
2. Andante cantabile
3. Scherzetto
4. Quickstep
5. Toccata brevis
6. Benediction

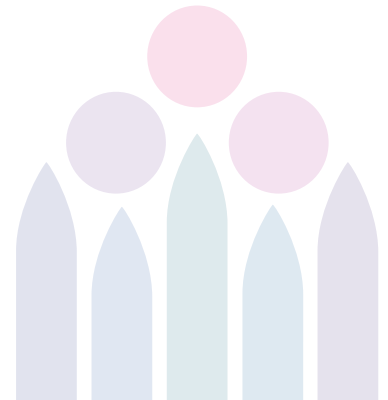
Introit :: “O Taste and See” Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blest is the one that trusteth in him.

*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



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

Call to Worship

Leader: *From the foundation of the world, God calls us to be a people of holy purpose.*

All: We are called together to worship the living God!

Leader: *Why do we worship?*

All: Because we are members of God's household,
fully included, overflowing with gifts of the Spirit.

Leader: *On this day may the God of glory, Jesus Christ,
the one who brought salvation and the Holy Spirit, fill us with praise.*

All: May all we do be to the glory of God. Let us worship God!

*Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (verses 1 and 2)

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We come before you, O God, as people of such promise.

We have your imprint, your image within us.

And yet, Most Holy One, we have run from your goodness.

When you ask that we hold those in pain, we seek our own comfort.

When those who are lost reach for our hand, we brush it away.

When others admit their fear, we hold bravado like a shield.

O God, we admit before you this day our own lostness, our pain, our fear.

Take our faces into your holy hands and lift our eyes

to catch a glimpse of your forgiveness, your love, your perfect joy.

For in Christ, we are made whole, made new.

Yes, with Christ's promise we stand ready to be seen for who we are
and held for whose we are—that is, yours, O God. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (verses 3, 4, 5)

*Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.*

Sacrament of Baptism

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 51:1–12

*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 Ephesians 1:1–14

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Anthem ☩ “The Lord Is My Shepherd” Allen Pote

*The Lord is my shepherd; nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,
leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life, leads me in the
paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord’s name. And even though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff will comfort
me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my
head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life; and in the house of my God I will live forever.*

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

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.

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 :: "Laudate Dominum" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples! For great is God's steadfast love toward us and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world without end. Amen.

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

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn (*congregation is invited to hum*). "Lord of All Good"

*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.*

*We give our minds to understand your ways; hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
heart with the flame of your own love ablaze, till for your glory all our powers combine.*

*Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude :: "Hold On!" African American spiritual; arr. Calvin Taylor

*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.*

Baptized in Today's Service
Elliot James Beiler, child of Joshua and Alison Beiler



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, including in worship, **everyone is required to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.** Anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19 is also required to practice social distancing. * 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 practice social distancing if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



We are offering **two in-person worship services**: 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 practice social distancing**, with seating by households. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating, with masks required wherever one sits. 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. * **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 or Chapel. * Following the morning service, those who would like to do so are invited to **greet one another outside** in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

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! We are continuing to collect supplies (*via Amazon wish lists*) for students participating in Chicago Light's Urban Farm programming. Their **wish list link** 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 Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **donations of clean, gently used men's shoes and adult clothing**. Particularly needed are laced men's shoes in sizes 7-1/2 and larger that are good for walking and 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.*



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



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 this week with **drummer Juan Pastor** performing Friday, August 6 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



Registration is open through September 1 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 and the Palestinian territories can be completed online at www.bit.ly/mideast2022; the registration deadline is September 1, 2021. To learn more about fees, travel arrangements, and other logistics, email John Sherer (jsherer@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, August 11 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). * **TwentiesThirties** also gathers every other Monday evening for casual games of **volleyball at Oak Street Beach** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The next volleyball gathering will be Monday, August 9; look for the sign saying Fourth Church!



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.

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The Fourth Church Day School has openings in Together We Play (for those 12–30 months) as well as its preschool classes for those ages 2–5. If you'd like to know more about the learning and growing opportunities at our Day School, email Kathy Hager (khager@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



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 life's challenges, **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.

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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!** 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 continue to grow, so be sure to check back periodically.



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.



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

Matt Helms, Julia Roberts, Rocky Supinger, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE, Suite breve ("Brief Suite"), was composed by Tom Trenney as a tribute to Fourth Church member Hugh F. Halverstadt (1939–2020). Based upon the hymn tune SURSUM CORDA, the suite's six movements are each inspired by a single verse of Psalm 139, beginning with verse 5 and running sequentially through verse 10.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER during worship this morning. Those worshipping in the Sanctuary who did not receive individually prepackaged Communion elements upon entering the Sanctuary can request those elements from an usher prior to Communion; after the service, please drop off the recyclable cup and packaging at the exit. Those worshipping at home are encouraged to have bread and juice on hand as we share in this meal together.

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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Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

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