



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 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

Four Quiet Interludes. Lloyd Webber

1. Elegiac
2. Dorian
3. Pastorale
4. Choral

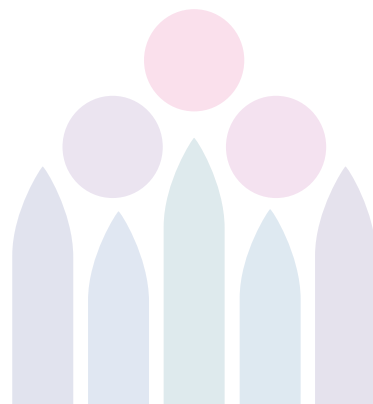
Prelude in a Classic Style Gordon Young

Introit :: “I Will Fill This House with Glory” Eric H. Thiman

“I will fill this house with glory,” saith the Lord of hosts.

*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.*



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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: *O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

All: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!**

Leader: *For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all.*

All: **In God's hands are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are God's also.**

Leader: *The sea is God's, for God made it, and the dry land,
which God's hands have formed.*

All: **O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture,
and the sheep of God's hand!**

***Hymn** (*congregation is invited to hum*) **"We Are One in the Spirit"**

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit;
we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other;
we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other;
we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God, I do not understand my own actions,
for the good I want to do, I do not do; and the harm I do not want to do, is what I do.
I have this impulse within me to turn away from following Christ
and return to my own self-centered ways.
Who is there to save me from myself?
Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ, my Lord! Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem :: “Lord, Thy Servants Praise Thee” Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Lord, thy servants praise thee and sing the glory of thy wondrous name,
and of thy love and thy mercy. Alleluia.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 111

*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 4:1–16

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

Anthem :: “O Pray For the Peace of Jerusalem” Herbert Howells

*O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.*

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

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

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

Call to Offering

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

All good things come from you, O Lord.
The air we breathe, the water we drink, the fellowship we share, the love we feel.
We are beyond grateful for your goodness and your abundant grace.
Receive the gifts we will give from our lives and transform them
into acts of mercy and justice for your world.
We pray in the name of our brother and Savior, Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn (*congregation is invited to hum*). “Lord Make Us More Holy”

*Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy,
until we meet again: holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving,
until we meet again: loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient,
until we meet again: patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful,
until we meet again: faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude ♪ A Festive Trumpet Tune Gilbert M. Martin

*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

Lucy Elizabeth Moore and John Carroll Moore III,
children of John and Elizabeth Moore



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, fully covering the nose and mouth, 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 through August 18 we are releasing a new **“Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer” video** (*plans are also underway for an autumn video series of “Rhythm and Word”*). 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/rhythmandwordemail

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The annual School Supply Drive continues as we 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 the **vocalist Elaine Dame** performing Friday, August 20 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 Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills 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, 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** meets online Wednesday, August 25 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 23; look for the sign saying Fourth Church! * **Knitting and Crocheting** gathers online Tuesday, August 24 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). * **The First Tuesday Book Club**, hosted by the Adult Education Committee, will discuss **Passionate for Justice: Ida B. Wells as Prophet for Our Time** on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5G. Registration at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday0921 is required as is the wearing of masks for all in attendance, regardless of vaccination status. The book’s co-author, Catherine Meeks, who is also Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing, will lead our discussion.

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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.



If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, September 12 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 at www.bit.ly/inquirer0921; for more information, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * For resources and ways to connect, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch) * Online events are posted on the **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



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).



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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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.



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

Rocky Supinger, Roger Wilson, Nanette Sawyer, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

THE OPENING HYMN, “We Are One in the Spirit” was written by Peter Scholtes in 1966.

Scholtes was the priest at St. Brendan’s on the south side of Chicago and needed something for his youth choir to sing at an ecumenical, interracial event so he wrote in a single day the words and music for this piece.

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).

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