



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 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

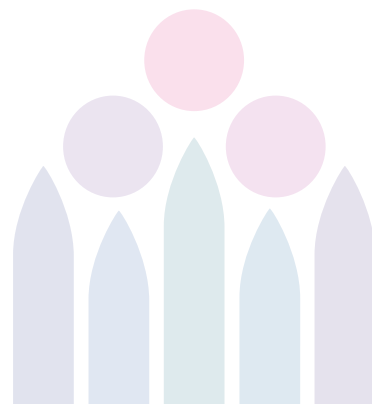
Prelude

- Meditation Theodore Dubois
- Priere from *Suite Gothique* Leon Boellmann
- Prelude T. Dubois

Introit :: “From the Rising of the Sun” Eric H. Thiman
From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same, the Lord’s name be praised.

*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: *Happy are those whose strength is in God;*

All: they bring rain to the dry places.

Leader: *Happy are those whose strength is in God;*

All: they go from strength to strength.

Leader: *Happy are those whose strength is in God;*

All: God will be seen in them.

*Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “Come, Thou Almighty King”

*Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.*

*Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.*

*To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.

You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.

You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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 :: “Hallelujah, Amen” from *Judas Maccabaeus*. George Frideric Handel

*Hallelujah, amen. O Judah, rejoice in songs divine, with cherubim and seraphim,
harmonious join. Hallelujah, amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 84

*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 6:10–20

Sermon Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

Anthem :: “A Gaelic Blessing” John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you; deep peace of the flowing air to you;
deep peace of the quiet earth to you; deep peace of the shining stars to you;
deep peace of the gentle night to you; moon and stars pour their healing light on you;
deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you; deep peace of Christ to you.*

†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.

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*) “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children’s warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude ♪ Grand Chorus T. Dubois

*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

Lyall Alexander Allerton, child of Matthew and Maria Allerton



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** for the foreseeable future, including into the autumn: 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). * For those who would appreciate a fifteen-minute midweek worship experience, we invite you to view our summer 2021 **“Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer”** videos, which you can find on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). An autumn series of these videos—which weave together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet—will launch on Wednesday, October 6. To receive those October videos by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail

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The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **donations of clean, gently used adult clothing and men's shoes**. 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.*



Our **Music by the Fountain** series of outdoor, in-person concerts continues this week with the **vocalist Libby York** performing Friday, August 27 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

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The registration deadline of September 1 is fast approaching 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.”** Registration for this trip to Israel and the Palestinian territories—which is planned for June 1–15, 2022—can be completed online at www.bit.ly/mideast2022; 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 this 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 at 7:30 p.m. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



TwentiesThirties 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 this 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 evening, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (*rather than in person*). Register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday0921 for Zoom details. The book’s co-author Catherine Meeks, who is also Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing, will lead our discussion.



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

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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.



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/inquirersclass0921; 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



We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry this year. Thank you! This monthly generosity report summarizes those contributions to Fourth Church as of July 31, 2021.

Fourth Presbyterian Church Generosity Report — Contributions as of July 31, 2021				
<i>YTD = Year-to-Date</i>	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Variance	2021 Budget
Pledged contributions	\$1,701,634	\$1,772,000	(\$70,366)	\$3,135,000
General contributions	\$294,361	\$366,000	(\$71,639)	\$1,964,000
Restricted contributions	\$501,388	\$369,795	\$131,593	\$706,147
Total contributions	\$2,497,383	\$2,507,795	(\$10,411)	\$5,805,147

On September 12, our annual **“Get Connected” Sunday** will kick off a series of Zoom gatherings that will each highlight a different area of opportunity at the church—areas in which you are invited to learn more, become engaged, get involved, and connect with one another. Those present in person on September 12 will be able to pick up a schedule for these **Zoom “Reconnect, Renew, and Reawaken” gatherings**, which will be held on weeknights in the days following September 12. Those worshipping with us online that day will be able to access the schedule and information on our website. Stay tuned for details in the weeks ahead as we make time to connect with friends both new and familiar this fall!



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).



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.



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

Joseph L. Morrow, Suzanne Morgan, Jeffrey Doane, Matt Helms

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

Gretchen Adams, Carla Janzen, Bill McMurray, Brett Potts

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

Worship Notes

TODAY'S CLOSING HYMN, "God of Grace and God of Glory," was used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York City in 1930. The text was written by Harry Emerson Fosdick, who was then the pastor of Riverside Church. The Welsh tune with which it is commonly paired was written in 1907 and honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire, Wales.

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

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

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