



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me African American spiritual; arr. Richard Billingham

There Is a Balm in Gilead African American spiritual; arr. Bob Walters

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here Johann Sebastian Bach

Canzona Septimi Toni Giovanni Gabrieli; arr. Robert King

Introit :: “Let Us Build a House” Marty Haugen

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live;
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hope and dreams and visions, rock of faith, and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions. All are welcome in this place.*

***Doxology** (congregation sings while masked)

*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.*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: *We come to worship God in our need,*

All: *bringing with us the needs of the world.*

Leader: *We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,*

All: *and who knows by experience what human life is like.*

Leader: *We come with our faith and with our doubts;*

All: *we come with our hopes and with our fears.*

Leader: *We come as we are because God invites us in,*

All: *and God has promised never to turn us away.*



^{*}Please rise in body or spirit. [†]Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

***Hymn 772** (*congregation sings while masked*) **Live into Hope”**

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God’s own jubilee!
Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.
Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one’s daily bread, to hear God’s word and thus be fed.
Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to serve as your witnesses in a hurting and broken world.
Yet we acknowledge that we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Thomas Dorsey; arr. Arnold Sevier

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand. I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, Lord, and lead me
home. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, at the
river, Lord, I stand, guide my feet and hold my hand; take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 36:5–10

***Gloria Patri** (*congregation sings while masked*)

*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 8:31–36

Sermon :: Things Jesus Never Said: “Follow Your Heart” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 766** (*congregation sings while masked*). “The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound”

The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor’s need,
then we extend the Spirit’s care through every selfless deed.

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

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God who gathers, protects, and cares for the church.
We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes
to bring about justice and true peace among people;
that God, in a world of injustice and enmity,
is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.
We believe that the church must therefore stand by people
in any form of suffering and need so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.
Therefore we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice.
Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory forever and ever.

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

Offertory Anthem :: "We Shall Overcome" . . African American spiritual; arr. Tom Trenney

We shall overcome someday. O deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!
We'll walk hand in hand someday. O deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!
We shall live in peace someday. O deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!
We are not afraid today. O deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!
God will see us through someday. O deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

***Offertory Response** (*congregation sings while masked*) The Hymnal, 712 (verse 3)

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

***Litany of Dedication and Commitment**

Leader: *God of all races and nations, we praise you for all your faithful servants
who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you.
For apostles, martyrs, leaders, and saints and for humble folks
whose names never made the news but are recorded in your book of life,*

All: we give you thanks, O God.

Leader: *Especially this day we thank you for our brother Martin,
for his courage and conviction, for his passion for peace,
and for his tireless quest of a nation that keeps faith with its promises;*

All: we give you thanks, O God.

Leader: *For the countless saints who stood in the front lines and marches,
integrated schools, restaurants, and churches, or sat in buses
and at lunch counters and refused to move,*

All: we give you thanks, O God.

Leader: *For nameless multitudes who suffered the tortures of slavery and the tyranny
of oppression, who were beaten and lynched, and for the nameless multitudes
today whose lives are stunted and cut short by our structures of brutality,*

All: we grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

Leader: *And for our siblings of every race and nation who long for safety, freedom,
and hope in our community and land,*

All: we grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

Leader: *Lead and guide us, that we may follow the way of Jesus Christ, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 339** (*congregation sings while masked*). “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.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

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**

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along (while masked)
with the choir during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude :: Oh Freedom!. African American spiritual; arr. Charles Schuchat

*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.*

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Ninety-three years ago yesterday, on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta. Only thirty-five years later, this pastor and civil rights leader became the youngest individual to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

On this weekend when we join citizens across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King, we read here again the words he wrote from the Birmingham Jail in April 1963, excerpted from his letter, which was first printed in the Christian Century:

“We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be coworkers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. . . .

“If today’s church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. . . . Is organized religion too inextricably bound to the status quo to save our nation and the world? Perhaps I must turn my faith to the inner spiritual church, the church within the church, as the true ekklesia and the hope of the world.

“But again I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom. . . . They have acted in the faith that right defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment.”



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.



All seating for worship is socially distanced, in both the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. and Buchanan Chapel at 4:00 p.m. as we as a community respond to the current COVID-19 surge. ✳ On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, **everyone continues to be required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth.** Anyone not wearing a mask fully covering their nose and mouth will be asked to leave, as we know that some people make the decision to worship with us in person—or participate in other in-person activities—based on the knowledge that everyone will be fully masked. This is but one of the ways we continue to live out our commitment to value the health and safety of all. ✳ 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 during your time on the Fourth Church campus if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



The **congregation is invited to sing while masked.** We encourage those who are concerned about being around those who are singing to join those who worship with us from home via livestream. ✳ **For those who prefer to worship online** or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) and at www.bit.ly/FPCworship; the prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m. The service is also available for viewing afterwards. ✳ **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). ✳ You can also subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons to **receive the sermon text by email.**

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday for a **10:00 a.m. service** in the Sanctuary and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service** in Buchanan Chapel. ✱ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors. ✱ **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. ✱ **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.



For those who are seeking a time for prayer, on Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. In January we are also holding **in-person Morning Prayer** on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Also during January, Buchanan Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Zoom details or information about walking the labyrinth or in-person Morning Prayer, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✱ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday mornings (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday mornings (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ✱ Devotions written by church members and staff for you to use as a **resource for meditation and prayer** are available **daily by email** (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) and at fourthchurch.org/devotions



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, please 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 at 312.787.4570. ✱ **If you have a prayer request**, Jeff Doane (jdoane@fourthchurch.org), our Parish Associate for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation, is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries.

This morning we continue our four-session class on “The 1619 Project,” discussing slavery’s continuing legacy of injustice and inequality. It takes place at 11:15 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel (*seating is socially distanced*) and via Zoom. (*For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/1619class; the class will also be available for viewing on our website in the days ahead.*) Guest speakers will lead conversation about the history of slavery; cultural and religious practices brought to America from Africa; the history of the Great Migration in Chicago; the 1919 race riot and its origins; and present-day socioeconomic struggles in America’s and Chicago’s Black community. We are honored to welcome back to Fourth Church as **this morning’s speaker Natalie Moore**, WBEZ journalist and author of *The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation*. In the weeks ahead we will also hear from David Daniels III, Professor of Church History at McCormick Theological Seminary, and Bradford Hunt, History Department Chair, at Loyola University.



Sunday School (*ages 3 through grade 5*) meets on Sundays **via Zoom** at 9:00 a.m. (*email Briana Belding-Peck at bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org for details*) and **in person** at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. ✱ Youth programs also meet on Sunday mornings, with **eighth-grade Confirmation** meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G, **Junior High Youth** at 9:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, and **Senior High Youth** at 11:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. For details about youth groups, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). ✱ Youth ministry has three trips planned for this summer; a **Junior High mission trip to St. Louis** (June 26–July 1), a **Senior High mission trip to Memphis** (July 9–15), and the **Presbyterian Church (USA) Youth Triennium** (July 24–27). The **registration deadline for the trips is January 31**. Details and registration links are available at www.fourthchurch.org/youth



For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org), **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch). ✱ Online events are posted on our **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar ✱ To ensure you **receive the latest updates from Fourth Church**, including our **weekly email newsletter**, add your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc ✱ 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, February 6 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirersclass221; for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to **connect with one another online**. In response to the COVID surge, we will not be inviting in-person worshipers to greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons following the 10:00 a.m. service. Instead we **encourage you in the coming week to make a point of reaching out and connecting with someone via text, a phone call, or a written note**—be it someone from Fourth Church, someone with whom you have not been in touch for a while, or someone you think might be feeling lonely or isolated. ✨ **Men's Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** will host two online sessions on Wednesday, January 26, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For details for these studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Cornerstones**, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. for a presentation by Joe Morrow, Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Community Engagement, and Jose Morales, Professor of Church History at Chicago Theological Seminary, about **recent debates over Critical Race Theory**. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones221



Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, is in need of donors of **unique items and services for the silent auction of the Gala of Hope 2022**, which will be held on Friday, March 4. If you have something you would like to offer, please email Laura Woods (lwoods@chicagolights.org). ✨ The Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center is in need of **men's pants, sweaters, coats, gloves, scarves, and backpacks**. They are accepting new and gently used donations that are clean and free from any rips, stains, or tears. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (*except Monday, January 17, when the church office is closed*). If you have clothes to donate but are unable to do so during these times, please reach out to Lynn Milligan (lmilligan@chicagolights.org) to coordinate a drop-off time.



Our congregation is celebrating its sesquicentennial! During this 150th anniversary year we encourage you to visit the web page www.fourthchurch.org/150 to read **historical accounts** and **view videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church** as they share memories of their time with our congregation. These collections continue to grow, so do check back periodically! ✨ **On Sunday, February 13, 2022**, we will conclude our sesquicentennial year with a festive service of worship at 10:00 a.m. **John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus, will preach** that morning, and we hope that current and former members and staff will come together in worship that day—whether online or in person—as we celebrate this congregation's legacy and look toward our future.

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Robert Crouch, Jeffrey Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Tower Brass; Members of the Morning Choir; Michael Rees, Organ Scholar
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

BOTH ANTHEMS SUNG TODAY are based on songs that were favorites of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who often asked that “Precious Lord” be sung at his rallies and services. The gospel song “We Shall Overcome” became the anthem of the civil rights movement and was sung in many important marches because of its message about overcoming racial injustice.

THIS MORNING’S AFFIRMATION OF FAITH is adapted from the Confession of Belhar, one of our Presbyterian Confessions. These words were adopted by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986, during apartheid. The confession calls the church to unity, reconciliation, and justice as the cornerstone of our commitment to one another in the body of Christ.

OFFERING GIFTS to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering plates, which will be passed at the time of the Offering, or, after the service, 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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