



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 6, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue Johann Sebastian Bach

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 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: *All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!
Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat!
Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk!*

People: **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God.**

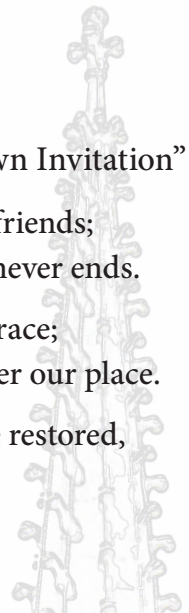
***Hymn 503** (*congregation sings while masked*) . . . “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Lord, we have come at your own invitation, chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication; ours, a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at your table, confirm our intention; give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension, Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.

When, at your table, each time of returning, vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning all that it means to accept you as Lord.

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



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.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Andrew Clarkson

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 58:1–12

***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.*

Second Lesson Matthew 6:19–21

Sermon :: Things Jesus Never Said: “Money Is the Root of All Evil”. . . . Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 509** (*congregation sings while masked*). “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

[†]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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Let Us Break Bread Together” African American spiritual; arr. Robert Lehman

*Let us break bread together on our knees; when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine together on our knees; when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us praise God together on our knees; when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

***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.

Sealing the Word

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.

Prayer

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . . forever singing to the glory of your name:

SanctusThe Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*)The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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

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.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Lord God, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, and these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we shared in this sacred meal and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.
We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 498** (*congregation sings while masked*). "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude

In Thee Is Joy J. S. Bach

*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 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.



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.



In the Sanctuary, the **front section is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing.**

The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. Seating for Jazz at Four is all socially distanced. ✧ The **congregation is invited to sing while masked.** We encourage those who are concerned about being near those who are singing to consider the socially distanced seating section or join those who worship with us from home via livestream. ✧ On the Fourth Church campus, **everyone is required to wear a mask, 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.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. *We are discontinuing availability at www.bit.ly/FPCworship in mid-February and livestreaming only on our YouTube channel.* ✧ **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).

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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**. We are also holding **in-person Morning Prayer** on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. The chapel is also 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 (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ✨ Also available for your midweek reflection is our **“Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, are released on **our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (*They are also available for viewing afterwards*). To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail ✨ 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 ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons



For resources and additional 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 by signing up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

A new adult education class begins today at 11:15 a.m., with Jeff Doane leading an exploration of the **Presbyterian Church (USA)'s A Brief Statement of Faith**. To register for this class, which will meet in person and via Zoom, register online at www.bit.ly/briefstatement222 * **Men's Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** hosts two online sessions this Wednesday, February 9, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For details for these studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Next Sunday, February 13 we will conclude our sesquicentennial celebrations with a festive service of worship at 10:00 a.m. **John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus, will preach** that morning as we give thanks for this congregation's legacy and look toward our future. The service will be followed by the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**, at which we will elect new officers. The meeting will be held in person and via Zoom at 11:15 a.m. on February 13. The Zoom link will be posted on our website closer to the date of the meeting. The recommended slate of officers that will be presented by the Nominating Committee is posted on our website at www.fourthchurch.org



You can **help score a victory in the Souper Bowl of Caring** next Sunday by bringing cans of soup, nonperishable food items, or monetary contributions if you will be worshipping with us in person that day. Our youth will be on hand that morning to collect the donations, which will support Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Social Service Center Food Pantry. You can also make a Souper Bowl of Caring gift online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online



Those interested in joining the new Fourth Church Gospel Choir, which will be directed by Bryan Johnson, Executive Director of Music at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, are asked to contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org). The choir, which will sing monthly in Fourth Church worship services, will begin with Zoom gatherings to get to know one another, and when COVID numbers improve, rehearsals will be held on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.



The annual Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (*160 E. Pearson*) on Friday, March 4. To **reserve tickets or become an event sponsor**, visit bidpal.net/clgala2022; this event supports the work of Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes the **Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm, Dance Academy, and Social Service Center programs**—and the **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**.

The Spiritual Formation Council invites you to travel the “**Path of Discipleship**” with them during Lent. This year’s six-part series will use the book *Back to the Well: Women’s Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel* by Frances Taylor Gench. Led by Nanette Sawyer and Joe Morrow, the series will take place via Zoom on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 8. For the Zoom link, register at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2022 ✨ Prior to “Path of Discipleship,” **Dr. Gench will talk about her book *Back to the Well*** on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Register at www.bit.ly/genchpfc222 for this presentation about the study of women’s encounters with Jesus in the Gospels and insights to interpretive issues that will open new angles of vision upon these ancient stories.



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to connect with one another, whether in person or online. Those worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following the service. ✨ **Whether you have participated in a Fourth Church small group or not**, our Small Group Ministry team would **appreciate your participation in a brief survey**: www.bit.ly/fpcsmallgroupsurvey22 ✨ **New Zoom Small Groups for Lent** will start the week of February 27. If you would like to connect with five to seven other people via Zoom for a time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation or simply want to learn more about our small-group opportunities, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom this Tuesday evening, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *The Girl Who Wrote In Silk* by Kelli Estes. ✨ **Come Alive!**®, a seven-session program for women, will take place via Zoom on Saturday mornings beginning February 19. Participants will practice the how-to of making long-term well-being changes while also enjoying fellowship with one another. For information about these various small group opportunities, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org)



Caring Ministries invites **veterans in our church community** to join Chaplain Mark Schimmelpfennig in exploring creating a group to meet periodically to give veterans and family members opportunity to share their experiences and concerns in a safe and confidential space. To learn more or join the initial Zoom gathering on Tuesday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m., contact Jeff Doane (jdoane@fourthchurch.org). ✨ For those facing life’s challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence. To have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, 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, email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation requires immediate attention, call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Jeanette Chung, Matt Helms, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF TODAY'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM, "Let Us Break Bread Together," consisted of only the third stanza, beginning with the words "Let us praise God." The spiritual was apparently used as a gathering song for secret religious gatherings held before sunrise by those enslaved in Virginia. Sometime after the Civil War the first two stanzas were added, and it became a hymn for use during communion.

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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