



Fourth Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Out of the Depths I Cry to You Johann Sebastian Bach
Cantabile César Franck
Ah, Holy Jesus Johann Crüger; arr. Jason W. Krug

Introit :: “Behold, God Is My Salvation”. Eric H. Thiman

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

***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: This is the season of Lent,
the time when we begin the long walk of faith to the cross of Jesus.*

People: We are ready to walk the walk.

*Leader: This is the gathering of God’s people in worship,
a day when our hearts wait upon God, who never fails us.*

People: We are ready to hear God’s voice.

*Leader: This is the hour when we hold before God our very lives:
heart, mind, soul, and strength.*

People: With courage and commitment we bring our whole self to this day.

Leader: Let us worship the living God!

People: We are ready, by God’s grace, to worship. Praise be!



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

***Hymn 166** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, in the community of your church and in the presence of all your people,
we confess to you that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and what we have left undone.

We have not loved you, cared for your world, or respected your people as we should.
We own our responsibility and pray for your pardon.

Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our wrongdoing.

Enter our lives with your persistent and loving grace.

And strengthen us for the days ahead. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

(Please hold silence.)

Kyrie (*congregation sings while masked*) The Hymnal, 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “Prayer” René Clausen

*Help me spread your fragrance wherever I go. Flood my soul with your Spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that my life may be only a radiance of yours.
Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I know will feel your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me but only you. Amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16

***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 Luke 4:1–13

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 618** (*congregation sings while masked*) “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals’ sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew, for us, the tempter overthrew.

For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent the Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

[†]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

Offertory Anthem :: "Quam dilecta tabernacula tua" Charles-Marie Widor

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed, it faints for the courts
of the Lord, my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy
are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through
the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
O God, look on the face of your anointed.*

***Offertory Response** (*congregation sings while masked*) The Hymnal, 224 (verse 4)

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Abundant God, in this wilderness and on the sacred journey to the cross,
you call us to share the love and nourishment given by your hand.
Accept our offering, given in gratitude,
so that what you have placed in our stewardship
might become abundance and blessings for all on life's journey. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 167** (*congregation sings while masked*) "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?
Then if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail,
victor in the wilderness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.
Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude

Suite Gothique Léon Boëllmann
Toccata

*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 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. ✳ **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 as well as Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast). ✳ You can also receive the previous Sunday's **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

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

In the weekly News @ Fourth Church email newsletter (*subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc*), we shared the following note **in light of the City of Chicago lifting its mask mandate in most settings**: “As Shannon Kershner wrote in her congregational email in late February, ‘until you hear otherwise, please assume that **we will keep doing what we are doing now—masks required, restricted campus access and hours, etc.** I thank you for your patience.’ The wide range of programs, activities, and participants that are part of our Fourth Church and Chicago Lights community make how we move forward around masking complex, particularly given the number of vulnerable populations we serve—from preschoolers to older adults to those with insufficient access to health care—and given the range of staff and volunteers who work with them. So while we have not yet lifted our mask mandate, please know that we are hard at work determining what our life together will look like around masks, in-person programs, and more!”



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.



Following the 10:00 a.m. service, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with **individuals who would like to offer prayers of praise or concern**. ✱ On Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** 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

In this season of self-reflection and prayer, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection**. To receive the meditations daily via email, **simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions**. ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season is our **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, are released on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmmandwordemail



Men’s Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** will host two online sessions this Wednesday, March 9, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom links or more information about either Bible study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ This morning we continue a three-week class on **“The Book of Job and the Invention of Faith,”** as we look at the behavior of both humans and God in the relationship they share and the covenant between them. Taught by Adam Rose, this class takes place on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5G as well as via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/bookofjob22 ✨ Among the latest episodes in the **“Bible Top Ten” podcast** hosted by Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger are “Top Ten Misused Bible Verses,” “Top Ten Overrated Bible Verses,” and “Top Ten Most Convicting Bible Verses.” You can find the episodes at fourthchurch.org/podcast



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to connect with one another, whether in person or online. Those worshiping with us in person are invited to **greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following the service. ✨ This Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m., women are invited to join an online **Books by Women** discussion of Kimberly A. Hamlin’s ***Free Thinker***, a biography of women’s suffrage activist Helen Hamilton Gardener. ✨ **Benevolent Guild** —which has counted among its projects sewing face masks and making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital— meets via Zoom this Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets online on Tuesday afternoon, March 22 at 4:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these gatherings, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers’ Class next Sunday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church, sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirersclass322; for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Sunday School (ages 3 through grade 5) meets 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 meet on Sunday mornings, with **eighth-grade Confirmation** meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G, **Junior High Youth** at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, and **Senior High Youth** at 11:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. For youth group details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).



Those who are interested in singing with our new Fourth Church Gospel Choir are invited to join the choir's rehearsals, directed by Bryan Johnson, Executive Director of Music at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in Room 4F. ✱ The **Chancel Choir** also welcomes those interested in singing with Fourth Church. Directed by John Sherer, this choir, which is preparing music for Maundy Thursday and other upcoming services, rehearses on Thursday evenings in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more information about the choirs at Fourth Church, contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org). *All singers in Fourth Church choirs must submit proof of COVID vaccination.* ✱ Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** continue with **organist David Schelat** presenting our in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, March 11. Our concerts are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. 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 email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✱ If you would like to **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org.



Fourth Church Shower Ministry is in need of hygiene items, specifically unused travel-size toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, bandages, and combs. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk, to the attention of "Shower Ministry."

The Fourth Church Meals Ministry volunteers invite you to join them in helping our neighbors who are hungry and food insecure. There are several Meals Ministry projects in need of additional volunteers—opportunities that can be done at home, behind the scenes at church, or by interacting with our guests. To learn more about joining one of the oldest and largest outreach programs of Fourth Church, explore the volunteer needs listed on our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers).



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



Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 13. Be sure to set your clocks ahead an hour as we “spring forward”: we don’t want to start worship without you!

Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith, Melanie Oh Pierce, Joseph L. Morrow, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Morning Choir; Handbell Choir

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir; Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

THE TEXT OF THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM, "Prayer," was written by Mother Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu (1910–1997), an Albanian-Indian Catholic nun and missionary who spent most of her ministry in Calcutta, India. Mother Teresa, as she is best known, founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 to help the poor and sick, especially those with HIV/AIDS, leprosy, and tuberculosis. After writing the text of "Prayer," she recited these words every day during her ministry, reminding her—and us—that we must act as Christ did so that others may see him in everything we do.

WE ARE RECEIVING THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, you can use the offering envelopes found in the pew racks, designate "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) when giving at fourthchurch.org/give-online or via Venmo, or write that designation on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

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Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

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