



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Three African American Spirituals

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me arr. Calvin Taylor

There Is a Balm in Gilead arr. Joe Utterback

My Lord, What a Morning arr. Robert Lau

Introit :: “He Has Done Marvelous Things” Anonymous

He has done marvelous things, praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.

***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 gather this day to worship the living God.

People: Our hearts brim with anticipation!

Leader: We come as those who know a distant land;

People: we long to be brought into the presence of Christ.

Leader: Call us home, O God, from our prodigal wandering.

People: Yes, we run with joy to your open arms! Let us worship God.



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

***Hymn 440** (*congregation sings while masked*). “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
Safe into the haven guide. O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, even as we profess to follow Christ, we stray.
Like the prodigal, we squander our time and talents;
hollow pursuits blind us to your truth.
Like the righteous brother, we resent mercy shown to the wayward.
Forgive us our judgments of one another.
Remind us that Christ walks with each of us
and that our journey begins and ends only with you.
Grant us wisdom and sure-footedness back to Christ and to each other. 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 :: “Love Bade Me Welcome” Roland E. Martin

*Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning if I lacked anything.
“A guest,” I answered, “worthy to be here.” Love said, “You shall be he.”
“I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.”
Love took my hand and smiling did reply, “Who made the eyes but I?”
“Truth, Lord, but I have marred them; let my shame go where it doth deserve.”
“And know you not,” says Love, “who bore the blame?” “My dear, then I will serve.”
“You must sit down,” says Love, “and taste my meat.” So I did sit and eat.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 32

***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 Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 771** (*congregation sings while masked*) “What Is the World Like”

What is the world like when God’s will is done?

Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive;
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God’s will is done?

Witness the wandering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

What is the world like when God’s will is done?

No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

What is the world like when God’s will is done?

Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day’s begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts,

filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God’s will is done.

***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.

New Members

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 :: “Greater Love Hath No Man” John Ireland

*Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own
self bare the sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto
righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the
praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I beseech you,
brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable
unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

***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** *(unison)*

Holy God, from your compassionate heart
you offer us the choicest of gifts:
life, health, and strength to love.
As we have freely received these gifts,
we freely give so all would share
in what your hand has provided. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 804** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong

as ocean’s surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
the psalms of ancient days. (*Refrain*)

Yes, on through life’s long path,

still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe: (*Refrain*)

At last the march shall end;

the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. (*Refrain*)

Then on, ye pure in heart!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King. (*Refrain*)

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude :: Fanfare. Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

*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, know that we are hard at work determining what our life together will look like when we do! *Please do watch our website and our email newsletter for all the latest updates on this.*”



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.



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

Each Sunday during Lent we are **extinguishing a candle** at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion. ✱ **The season of Lent** calls Christians to embrace the **faith journey** by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the **gifts of faith**—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross ✱ 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 weaving together scripture, prayer, and blues 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/rhythmandwordemail



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, April 13, 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 **“Israel and Palestine: How We Talk about the Conflict.”** The class, which is led by Nanette Sawyer, is held both in Room 5G and via Zoom and this week will begin following the congregational meeting. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/adultediandp2022



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. This week **eighth-grade Confirmation** meets at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G, **Junior High Youth** at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, and **Senior High Youth** who are traveling with us to Memphis this summer at 12:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For youth group details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). ✱ The **Fourth Church Day School** is currently accepting applications for fall enrollment in our half-day preschool programs. For more information and an application, contact Director Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; khager@fourthchurch.org).

You are invited to **remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary and Chapel. A list of individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by next Sunday, April 3 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org).



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 congregational meeting. ✱ **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** will gather via Zoom this Wednesday evening, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and a discussion led by Nanette Sawyer on what the Bible really says and does not say about sexual diversity. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ Charles Schaefer, Professor of History and International Studies at Valparaiso University, will present a program on **Ukraine, Russia, and Putin** this Friday evening, April 1 at the **Cornerstones** online gathering for those fifty and over. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones422 ✱ Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** continue with oboist Ashley Ertz and pianist Josephine Yang presenting our in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. this Friday, April 1. Our concerts are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✱ **For resources and additional ways to connect** with Fourth Church and one another, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and **Facebook** (facebook.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 **learn more about Fourth Church or become a member**, please contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement.



The **First Tuesday Book Club** invites you to join **bestselling author Parker Palmer** for a Zoom discussion of his book **On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old** on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday422 ✱ The topic of the next **Books by Women** discussion will be **Isabel Allende's A Long Petal of the Sea**. For Zoom details for this 6:00 p.m. conversation on Tuesday, April 12, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ **"SoulCollage® and Poetry: Making Space for Your Soul"** will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Saturday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details for this workshop, register at www.bit.ly/soulcollage422 by Wednesday, April 6.

The Session of Fourth Church has called a **congregational meeting for today, Sunday, March 27**, following 10:00 a.m. worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to **receive and act on their recommendation of a candidate to serve this congregation as Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation**. The meeting will be held both in person in the Sanctuary and via Zoom at www.bit.ly/fpcmeeting32722. The candidate will be present for the meeting, and information about that person will be shared at that time, as we respect the necessary confidentiality until then, as the individual is currently employed elsewhere.



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, 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. ✳ 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 requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✳ 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." ✳ **Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers** to help with a variety of projects—opportunities that can be done at home, behind the scenes at church, or by interacting with our guests. See Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers), to learn more. ✳ Those who would like to serve as a **chaperone for a youth mission trip** this summer—for Junior Highs (St. Louis, June 26–July 1) or Senior Highs (Memphis, July 9–15)—are asked to fill out the application at www.bit.ly/youthtripleaders22 ✳ Those interested in **volunteering with our Jail Ministry** are asked to attend one of two information meetings on either Sunday, April 3 or Sunday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link is www.bit.ly/jailministryspring22; for additional details, email jailministry@fourthchurch.org ✳ **Benevolent Guild**—which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets in person this Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. To register, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith, Ned Morley, Joseph L. Morrow, Shannon Kershner

The Music Today

Gospel Choir; Morning Choir

Bryan Johnson, Gospel Choir Director; Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

TODAY THE NEW FOURTH CHURCH GOSPEL CHOIR, directed by Bryan Johnson, joins us in worship leadership for the first time. They will be singing the Introit from the lower chancel area, since gospel music is about more than text and pitches: it's also about seeing the expression in people's faces. It is about listening for the elements of improvisation as well and engaging with the congregational response, such as clapping—so you are welcome to sing and clap along! If you are interested in joining the Gospel Choir, please contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

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

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Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

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