



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Toccata, Chorale, and Fugue Francis Jackson

Sarabande Henry Purcell; arr. Mark Schweizer

Introit :: “Rest in the Lord” Eric H. Thiman

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy heart’s desires.

***Doxology**

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 meet in the presence of God,

People: who knows our needs and hears our cries.

Leader: We gather in the love of God,

People: which heals our wounds and forgives our iniquities.

Leader: We are redeemed by the mighty acts of God,

People: who offers mercy in our brokenness and justice that reconciles us.

Leader: We bring our whole selves before God,

People: whom we worship, honor, and adore, this day and forevermore.



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

***Hymn 629** “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast.
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all.
O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show.
The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.
Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be.
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, you love us unconditionally.
Yet, within that love, we lose sight of you in our daily lives.
We make selfish choices; we take the easy route;
we fail to recognize what is truly worthy of our attention.
We are easily overwhelmed.
Anoint us with your healing forgiveness, O God,
so that, renewed, we can boldly go forth into the world,
reflecting the light and love of Jesus Christ to all we meet. Amen.

(Please hold silence.)

Kyrie 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 :: “The Lord Is My Shepherd” Allen Pote

*The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie down in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.
The Lord is my shepherd who restores my life,
leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord’s name.
And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me.
You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and in the house of my God I will live forever.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 43:16–21

*Gloria Patri

*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 John 12:1–8

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 201** “A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar”

A prophet-woman broke a jar, by Love’s divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room, presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar, the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room, preparing Christ for dying.

A faithful woman left a tomb by Love’s divine commission.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb, with resurrection gospel.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, apostle to apostles.

Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth, for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten, and unheard, derided and forbidden,
the Spirit’s breath, the Spirit’s fire, on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls, our shame and sadness mending.

The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, by Love’s divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead, their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, from women, men, and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead. Rejoice, and make them welcome!

***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 :: “Love of Love and Light of Light” William H. Harris

*Love of love and Light of light, heavenly Father, all maintaining,
wisdom hid in highest height, to thy creature fondly deigning,
maker, wonderful and just, thou hast called my heart to trust.
What are life’s unnumbered cares, sorrow, torment, passing measure?
O’er my short-lived pains and fears, surely ruleth thy good pleasure.
Boundless is thy love for me, boundless then my trust shall be.
Every burden weigheth light, since in thee my hope abideth;
sweetly bright my darkest night, while on thee my mind confideth.
Give thy gift I thee implore, thee to trust forevermore.*

***Offertory Response** 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.

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:*

Sanctus (*sung*)The 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 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)*

Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another. Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until all is finally made well. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 630** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

***Charge and Benediction**

Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.

Postlude = Toccata in E Minor. Johann Pachelbel

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 worshiping 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 worshiping 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.



On the Fourth Church campus, **masks are welcome but not required**. As a mask-welcoming campus we affirm that mask wearing continues to be an effective preventative measure for individuals. Thus we not only encourage the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one, but we are also committed to ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at the church. ✳ Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus may still choose to require masks. ✳ Additionally, we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, but **anyone coming on site certifies** by doing so that (a) they do not currently have COVID-19; (b) they are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) they have no reason to quarantine; and (d) they will wear a mask and practice social distancing if they are not vaccinated against COVID-19. ✳ We are **singing during worship**. We invite those who are concerned about others singing unmasked to either worship with us, masked, in the socially distanced seating section or join us in worshipping online. ✳ In the Sanctuary, the **front section is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask**. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. Seating for Jazz at Four is all socially distanced.



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).

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 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (and \$18 for up to 12 hours) 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.



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 can be found on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



Following worship, 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 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 the labyrinth, 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 Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

Today is the last day to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the flowers that will decorate the Sanctuary and Buchanan Chapel on Easter. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by this Sunday, April 3 for names to appear in the bulletin. For details, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org).



Next Sunday, April 10 is Palm/Passion Sunday. Our 10:00 a.m. service that day will include a palm processional; those worshiping with us online are encouraged to download, print, and color a palm from our website (www.bit.ly/palmcolor). Our Palm Sunday celebration will lead us into Jesus' Passion and **Holy Week**. We hope you will join us as we pause to observe those solemn days. ✨ On April 14, **Maundy Thursday**, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a 12:10 p.m. Communion service and a 7:30 p.m. **Tenebrae** service, also with Communion; the 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. ✨ On April 15 we will observe **Good Friday** with a Good Friday service at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a 5:30 p.m. program in Buchanan Chapel for children and families; and a 7:30 p.m. **Choral Service** featuring the Morning Choir singing "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Théodore Dubois; the 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. ✨ On Easter Sunday we will gather for four services: **6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service** with Communion at Oak Street Beach; **9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter services** in the Sanctuary; and **4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz at Four** with Communion in Buchanan Chapel. **The 11:00 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed.** ✨ **Entrance for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services** will be via the glass Loggia doors on Michigan Avenue, next to the courtyard. **Seating will begin a half hour prior** to each of those two services. ✨ There will be **no socially distanced seating at any of the Easter services**. We invite those who prefer to practice social distancing to join us in worship outdoors for the sunrise service or online for the 11:00 a.m. service. ✨ An **Easter program for children** will be held in the Gratz Center at 9:00 a.m. on Easter; **nursery care will not be available**. For more about observing Holy Week and Easter with Fourth Church, please see www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter



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 conclude "**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 at 11:15 a.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/adultediandp2022

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*** this 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 this Saturday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details for this workshop, register at www.bit.ly/soulcollage422 by this Wednesday, April 6.



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.



Those interested in **volunteering with our Jail Ministry** are asked to attend one of two information meetings either **today, 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 ✨ 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



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. ✨ **For resources and 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 fourthchurch.org/calendar ✨ To **learn more about Fourth Church** or **become a member**, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Michelle Hayes, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Chancel Choir; Handbell Choir; Morning Choir

Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

TODAY'S PRELUDE was written by Francis Jackson, the longtime organist of York Minster in England.

Jackson, who died earlier this year at the age of 104, was one of the most prolific composers of church music of the last century.

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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