



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne. Dieterich Buxtehude
O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing. Jean-François Dandrieu
At Eastertide Charles Villiers Stanford

Introit :: “Revelation 19” A. Jeffrey LaValley

*Hallelujah, salvation and glory, honor and power unto the Lord our God;
for the Lord our God is mighty, yes, the Lord our God is omnipotent.
The Lord our God, he is wonderful; all praises be to the King of kings and the Lord of lords.*

*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: Rejoice! There is great news! Christ is risen!

People: The cross is empty, the stone has been rolled away. Christ is risen!

Leader: Christ enters our locked spaces and calls us to forgiveness.

People: Jesus tells us, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.”

Leader: Christ enters our closed hearts and breathes new life into us.

People: Jesus tells us, “Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Leader: Christ is alive, and love is stronger than death!

People: The tomb is empty and Christ is with us even still!

Let us worship the living God!



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

***Hymn 248** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

You have shown yourself to us, O God,
by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood,
yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ.
Have mercy on us; forgive us.
Enter into our lives and cast out our fear
so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “Simple Gifts” Shaker melody; arr. Marie Pooler

*’Tis the gift to be simple, ’tis the gift to be free, ’tis the gift to come down where you ought to be;
and when we find ourselves in the place just right, ’twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed; to turn, turn,
will be our delight, till by turning, turning, we come round right.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 118:14–29

*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.*

Scripture Lesson John 20:19–31

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 254** “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.

From every weapon death can wield,
your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide.

Introduction of 2022 Confirmands

†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 :: "Shout On" F. C. Wood; arr. Alice Parker

I know that my redeemer lives, glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives, glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found, glory, hallelujah!
He lives, triumphant from the grave, glory, hallelujah!
He lives, eternally to save, glory, hallelujah!
He lives and while he lives, I'll sing, glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my prophet, priest, and King, glory, hallelujah!
He lives, all glorious in the sky, glory, hallelujah!
He lives, exalted there on high, glory, hallelujah!

***Offertory Response** The Hymnal, 251 (*verse 5*)

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Accept our gifts, generous God, as your grateful Easter people.
May our money, our time and commitment, our very lives,
be of service to you and with all our neighbors,
through the empowerment and leading of our risen Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 245** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude :: Prelude and Fugue in B Major Marcel Dupré

*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.*

Confirmation

TODAY THE 2022 CLASS of eighth-grade confirmands is being recognized and welcomed into the wider life of the congregation. Please keep these youth in prayer as they continue with us on their faith journey.

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| Caroline Cochrane | Kira Gallenbeck | Morrison Luban |
| Christopher Cupps | Francesca Gustafson | James McMillan |
| Eve Daniels | Jacob Kozlowski | Jack Ramsey |
| Samuel Deverman | Kate Kozlowski | Laura Supinger |
| Alexa Farrar | Ava Lin | Jack Zeiger |

Please also join us in giving thanks for the faith-filled dedication of the confirmation leaders, who accompanied the youth on their journey this past year: Kjirstin Almos, Jeff Gallenbeck, Amy Pagliarella, Olivia Skaff, Anne Stelle, Eric Wu



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. ✳ In the Sanctuary, the **front section on the pulpit side 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.



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

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If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 4:00 p.m. for our Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. 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 to the Gratz Center. ✨ **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.



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. ✨ We also gather on Wednesdays 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 9:45 a.m. on Wednesdays and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For Zoom details, 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. ✨ We invite you to use our **Eastertide devotions**, written by members and staff, **as a resource for meditation and reflection**. These devotions are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive the meditations daily via email, simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions



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. ✨ 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. ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org.

We are delighted that this morning **Nancy Benson-Nicol is joining us in worship leadership** for the first time. As she begins her ministry among us as Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation, please take a moment in the days and weeks ahead to extend a warm Fourth Church welcome to Nancy!



This morning is also **Jeff Doane's last Sunday as Parish Associate** at Fourth Church. We are deeply grateful for Jeff's dedication and care in his seven-year ministry with Fourth Church older adults and, most recently, caring ministries and spiritual formation. Please join us—whether in person or by email (jdoane@fourthchurch.org)—in expressing gratitude to Jeff and wishing him Godspeed in his retirement!



Fourth Church's **Michigan Avenue Forum** Steering Committee would appreciate your input! As they plan future events that feature important religious and secular thinkers discussing current civic, ethical, and religious issues, they would like to hear **what topics and formats would interest you**. Please take a moment to complete their brief survey at www.bit.ly/forumsurvey22



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, April 27, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. * **Books by Women** will discuss **Flights** by Olga Tokarczuk on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details for the Bible studies or Books by Women, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * A new "**Earth-Keeping as a Spiritual Practice**" adult education class begins today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and also via Zoom. For Zoom details and information about this four-week class led by Amy Pagliarella, register at www.bit.ly/earthkeeping22 * Nanette Sawyer will lead our online **First Tuesday Book Club** discussion on Bari Weiss's **How to Fight Anti-Semitism** on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday522



To **learn more about Fourth Church** or **become a member**, email member@fourthchurch.org or register at www.bit.ly/inquirersclass522 for a one-session Inquirers' Class taught by Rocky Supinger on Sunday, May 8 at 9:00 a.m.

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 worship. ✨ **New Zoom Small Groups** will start in May. 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). ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** will gather via Zoom this Tuesday afternoon, April 26 at 4:00 p.m., and **Benevolent Guild**—which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets in person this Wednesday morning. For details about connecting with either group, also email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Cornerstones**, a group for those fifty and over, will gather via Zoom for fellowship and a **program by Susan Smith, of Keep America Beautiful**, on the protection and beautification of the environment, specifically public spaces. For Zoom details about this 5:30 p.m. gathering on Friday, May 6, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones522



Those interested in **volunteering with our Jail Ministry** are asked to attend an information meeting today 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**—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 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 **Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of men’s pants**, either new or gently used. Particularly needed are sizes 36, 38, and 40. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk (*enter via the Chestnut Street doors*) or shipped, if ordered online, to Chicago Lights Social Service Center, c/o Theresa Thornburg, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.2014.



Fourth Church Day School is currently accepting applications for fall enrollment in **our half-day preschool programs**. For more information and an application, please contact Director Kathy Hager (312.640.2579).

Those who are interested in singing with our **Fourth Church Gospel Choir** are invited to join the choir's rehearsals, which are held on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in Room 4F. The **Chancel Choir** also welcomes those interested in singing with Fourth Church. It rehearses on Thursday evenings in Anderson Hall at 6:00 p.m. For more information about these choirs, email John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** continue with our **organist, John Sherer**, presenting our in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. this Friday, April 29. Our concerts are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



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 **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).



Shannon Kershner will begin her three-month **sabbatical** on Sunday, May 8. While she is away, we look forward to welcoming three guest preachers: **Barbara Lundblad** on Sunday morning, May 15; **Amantha Barbee** on Sunday morning, June 5; and **Patrick Daymond** (*whom many will remember as serving Fourth Church as a Pastoral Resident*) on Sunday morning, July 10. During Shannon's time away, Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor, will serve as Head of Staff. For more information about this sabbatical time, see www.fourthchurch.org/about/sabbatical.html



For additional 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 **receive the latest updates** from Fourth Church, including our **weekly email newsletter**, subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Eric Wu, Jeffrey Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Gospel Choir; Chancel Choir; Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist

Bryan Johnson, Gospel Choir Director

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

TODAY'S POSTLUDE was written by French composer Marcel Dupré (1886–1971), who succeeded Charles-Marie Widor in 1934 to become organist of St. Sulpice Church in Paris. The Prelude and Fugue in B Major is a youthful work, composed in 1912, and is an exuberant burst of light and energy. Dupré performed more than 2,000 organ concerts throughout his career, including in ten concerts in 1920 the complete organ works of Bach from memory.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry and Worship

Jeffrey Doane Parish Associate

Maggie Shreve Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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