

# **Fourth Presbyterian Church**

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

## Gathering around the Word

#### **Prelude**

Reverence

All Nature Sings

A Refuge

Every praise is to our God, every word and worship with one accord.

Sing hallelujah to our God, glory hallelujah is due our God.

God my savior, God my healer, God my deliverer, yes, he is.

God my savior, God my healer, God my deliverer, yes, she is.

#### \*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: The earth has brought forth its increase.

People: God, our own God, has blessed us.

Leader: Let your way be known upon the earth, your saving health among all nations.

People: Let the people praise you.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

People: Pray to God. Praise God. Be glad and sing for joy.

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or spirit. †Or "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

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Come sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name.

God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane.

Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain, yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.

In my success I felt secure; how good you've been to me.

I said that this is my own work, ascribing all to me.

But when you turned aside your face, my life was filled with fears.

I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bitter tears.

What good is gained by my disgrace, what profit in defeat?

My grave cannot confess your name, nor praise for you repeat.

Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry; be merciful to me.

Accept my longing heart's request and from death set me free.

You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sorrows you destroy.

In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.

And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your goodness raise.

You are my God, forevermore. My life shall sing your praise.

#### **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Merciful God, we confess all the ways

we overlook the needs of those around us

and put our own needs first.

For our selfishness and self-centeredness,

those times when we prefer to stand by

instead of stirring up the status quo, forgive us.

Help us to learn from our mistakes,

and strengthen us so that we don't make them again. Amen.

#### **Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Minute for Mission**

As Jesus spoke to his disciples he said, "Do not be afraid.

*I give you peace; through me the love of God abides in you each day.* 

I am the vine, you are the branches; abide in me as I abide in you

and you will bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The love of God will shine forth in you.

As the Father has loved me so have I loved you; remain in me and keep my commands.

And this I command you: love one another that your joy may be full."

### Listening for the Word

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup> as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson . . . . . . . . John 5:1–9

**Sermon** . . . . . . . . . Fourth Church Youth

### Responding to the Word

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless: In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play, call to mind the word of Jesus, "You must work while it is day." For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still, drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill. Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair? Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name "The Lord is there!" 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 : "Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge" . . . . . Ralph Vaughan Williams

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting and world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction; again, thou sayest "Come again ye children of man," for a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that is past as a watch in the night. O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. As soon as thou scatterest them, they are even as a sleep and fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and groweth up, but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered. For we consume away in thy displeasure and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation. For when thou art angry all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end as a tale that is told; the years of our age are three score years and ten, and though men be so strong that they come to four score years, yet is their strength but labor and sorrow. So passeth it away and we are gone. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last. Be gracious unto thy servants. O satisfy us with thy mercy and that soon. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting and world without end. And the glorious majesty of the Lord be upon us. Prosper thou, O prosper thou the work of our hands; O prosper thou our handywork.

### \*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)

Gracious and generous God, thank you for our many blessings.

We thank you for providing us with supportive friends and family.

Please bless our gifts, time, and talents to provide joy and comfort to others.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

### Bearing the World into the World

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.

In this free land by thee our lot is cast.

Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense. Thy true religion in our hearts increase. Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.

Lead us from night to never-ending day.

Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

### \*Charge and Benediction

#### **Postlude**

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.

# **News and Resources**

May 22-28, 2022

We are glad to be worshiping 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.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be a mask-welcoming campus, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. With the COVID risk level in Chicago increased to "medium," we are going a step further to **not just encourage but to recommend** (though not require) that individuals wear masks while on campus. This is consistent with city health officials recommending that—in light of the "medium risk" level—individuals wear masks indoors when they are not certain of the vaccination status of others present. As a mask-welcoming—and now recommending—campus, we also remain committed to ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church. \* Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus choose to require masks. \*\* Additionally, while we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, **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.

**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 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 Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@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 \*\* During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday 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



In the pew racks you will find a **Connection Card, which we invite you to fill out** and place in the offering plate. It provides opportunity for you to let us know in what ways you would like to connect with Fourth Church, to update your contact information, and to share prayer concerns.

\*\* **Shannon Kershner is on sabbatical** and will return August 15. We hold Shannon in our prayers during this time of renewal and this fall look forward to learning from her experiences. During Shannon's time away, Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor, is serving as Head of Staff.

Those worshiping with us in person are invited to greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall or the Commons following worship. \*\* Women at Fourth meets this morning at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5G for a time of crafting with the Benevolent Guild while working on projects to support area dementia organizations and HelloBaby. Beginning crafters are especially welcome! \*\* Knitting and Crocheting also meets in person today at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5B and will include opportunity to pick up yarn for the next project. Knitters and crocheters will then meet again, this time via Zoom, on Tuesday, May 24 at 4:00 p.m. \*\* Benevolent Guild—which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets in person this Wednesday morning. To sign up for these activities email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Brown Taylor's book *The Luminous Web*, which looks at the dialogue between science and faith. This class, which will continue on June 5, 12, and 19, will meet at 11:15 a.m. in person and via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/luminousweb22 \*\* 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, May 25, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. \*\* Books by Women will meet via Zoom to discuss *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernadine Evaristo on Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. Email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*) for Zoom details about Bible study or Books by Women gatherings. \*\* Cornerstones, a group for adults fifty and over, will meet via Zoom on Friday evening, June 3 for an interview with Morgan Simmons, former Fourth Church organist, sharing his reflections on our congregation's history. For details register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones622 \*\* On Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. the First Tuesday Book Club will discuss via Zoom Fortune: How Race Broke My Family and the World—and How to Repair It All with author Lisa Sharon Harper. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday0622



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 grateful to our youth for leading us in worship this morning! \*\* On Sunday morning, June 5, we will welcome as our guest preacher Amantha Barbee, Senior Pastor of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia. A leader in the PC(USA), Amantha Barbee sits on the Board of Trustees for Montreat Conference Center as well as the Strategy Team for NEXT Church and is the chairperson of the PC(USA) General Assembly Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. She holds a Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, where she earned the E.T. George Award for Excellence in Homiletics and Worship.



**Adult chaperones are needed for our youth summer trips** June 26–July 1 (junior highs to St. Louis) and July 9–16 (senior highs to Memphis). For details, see www.bit.ly/chaperone4youth; if interested, email Katie Patterson (*kpatterson@fourthchurch.org*). \*\* Those who would like to **take part in Fourth Church Jail Ministry** are invited to an informational meeting today at 11:15 a.m. in Room 4F (or email jailministry@fourthchurch.org). **\*** As we look to open the Sanctuary on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday afternoons for those seeking a place of respite and prayer as well as those curious to learn more about Fourth Church, we are in need of Sanctuary hosts (five to six per afternoon) to commit to being a welcoming presence. If you can help make this **opening possible by volunteering,** please contact Tiffany Holmes (tholmes@fourthchurch.org) or sign up for "Sanctuary Opening" via VOMO (our Volunteer Ministry software platform) at www. bit.ly/fpcvolunteers **\*\*** The **Chicago Lights Social Service Center** is seeking volunteers to **unload** food trucks on the second and fourth Monday every month. Volunteers are needed from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. to transfer food from the Greater Chicago Food Depository truck onto food pantry shelves. If you can lend a hand, please email Jill Keiser (jkeiser@chicagolights.org). \* The World Mission and Social Justice Council of Fourth Church is seeking volunteers to assist sponsored **refugee families** coming from conflict areas around the world. Also needed will be items to help these families settle into a new home. Those who are interested in helping are asked to email refugeeproject@fourthchurch.org \*\* The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is also in need of the following items, either new or gently used: especially doubled brown paper grocery bags; large cloth bags for groceries and clothing; adult backpacks; push carts for groceries; suitcases; men's jeans and casual pants (sizes 34-42 waist); white socks (sizes L and XL); men's tennis shoes (sizes 10–14); and women's tennis shoes (sizes 8–13). 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.

As we return to more on-site programming, Fourth Church and Chicago Lights have implemented a new safety and security practice.

Anyone present on the Fourth Church campus is required to wear a campus badge while on site, except on Sundays and for other worship opportunities, concerts, and Meals Ministry meals. Anyone who does not already have a campus badge (except for those exceptions noted above) will be asked to pick up a single-day badge at the 126 E. Chestnut reception desk.

Reusable badges are being issued by some programs with regular, ongoing weekly programming, such as Chancel Choir. These reusable badges are only available from the staff of those programs, not from the reception desk. Anyone who does not bring their reusable campus badge is able to pick up a single-day badge.

To facilitate this process—as well as for safety and security reasons—**all access to the building is through the 126 E. Chestnut entrance only,** except on Sundays and for other worship opportunities, concerts, and Meals Ministry meals. Our ongoing commitment to the safety and security of all on our campus undergirds this practice, which was been under discussion since prior to the pandemic. (Implementation was set aside while the campus was largely closed.)

The campus badges and single-entry access point were strongly encouraged by our safety and security consultants and advisors and are also consistent with practices at other large, spread-out, multi-use buildings with spaces and uses like ours. They enable us to know who is in the building throughout the day. (*Previous unlimited access has at times resulted in unknown individuals hiding in corners of the campus.*) They also ensure that should we ever have to evacuate the buildings, we will know who was on site and needs to be accounted for.

As a congregation, we value radical hospitality and welcome for all, and we believe one expression of that is our care for the well-being of those who are present with us. This safety and security practice is but one expression of that. For those who will be joining us on site as programming on campus continues to expand, we look forward to seeing you!



**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 \*\* To learn more about Fourth Church or become a member, email member@fourthchurch.org

### **Worship Leaders**

Fourth Church Youth

#### The Music Today

Gospel Choir; Chancel Choir; Morning Choir Laura Perkett, oboist Bryan Johnson, Gospel Choir Director Michael Rees, Organ Scholar John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

#### **Worship Notes**

FOURTH CHURCH IS GRATEFUL TO ALL THREE CHOIRS participating in this morning's service: the Chancel Choir, Gospel Choir, and Morning Choir. Today will be their final Sunday of the season. The Men's Choir will sing in worship from May 29 through July 17 and the Women's Choir will sing in worship from July 24 through September 4. Anyone interested in singing during the summer is encouraged to contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

Offering Gifts to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering plates 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 at www.fourthchurch.org).

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