



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Creator of the Stars of Night Plainsong; arr. John G. Barr

Trinitas Eleanor Daley

“And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

“To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of life.”

“And I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.”

Introit :: “Praise We Sing to Thee”. Franz Josef Haydn; arr. Morton J. Lutvaas

Praise we sing to thee thou mighty ruler, King forever.

Praise we sing to thee, dear Lord, and we will fail thee never.

All the joys of nature tell us of thy wonder working power.

Still thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour.

Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forevermore!

Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts thou dost ordain,

Lord of hosts, who over the wondrous realm of heaven doth reign.

Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forevermore!

*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.



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

***Call to Worship**

*Leader: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.*

People: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.

People: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

*Leader: The heavens declare your righteousness,
O Lord, and all the peoples see your glory.*

People: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

*Leader: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.*

***Hymn 361. "O Christ, the Great Foundation"**

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
one holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation, the glory of all things.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “Create in Me a Clean Heart”. Healey Willan; arr. Henry V. Gerike

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter. Psalm 97

*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.*

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

Scripture Lesson John 17:20–26

Sermon :: “Intercession” Nancy Benson-Nicol

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 342** “Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor ”

Judge Eternal, throned in splendor, Lord of lords and King of kings,
with your living fire of judgment purge this land of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion with the healing of your wings.

Still the weary folk are pining for the hour that brings release,
and the city’s crowded clangor cries aloud for sin to cease,
and the homesteads and the woodlands plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, your own endeavor; cleave our darkness with your sword;
feed the faithless and the hungry with the richness of your word;
cleanse the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from The Confession of 1967

God’s sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.

We ascribe to God superlatives of power,
wisdom, and goodness.

But God’s love is revealed in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful people.

The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of love.

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

“Rise Up, Ye Saints of God” William H. Walter; arr. Kenneth Jennings
*Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things;
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long.
Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.
Rise up, ye saints of God! The church for you doth wait;
her strength unequal to her task; rise up, and make her great!
Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod.
As children of the Son of Man, rise up, ye saints of God!*

***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*)

O most merciful and gracious God,
from your open hand we have received much:
accept the offering of your people.
Remember in your love those who have brought it.
Remember those who will benefit from it.
Through your blessing may it promote peace, justice, and goodness for all. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 450** “Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude :: Hold On African American spiritual; arr. Calvin Taylor

*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.



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 “high,” 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 “high 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 **daily 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. ✱ Also available for your reflection is our new **“Rhythm and Word” video series** on the fruits of the Spirit. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, will be released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on June Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail. ✱ 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.

Those worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following worship. ✱ **"Life Together"** will be the topic of a **young adults' small group series on relationships** that will be led by Joe Morrow and begins this Wednesday, June 1. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). ✱ To help evaluate how Fourth Church can **strengthen ministry by, with, and for young adults**, we are **asking that those age eighteen to forty please fill out a survey** at www.bit.ly/yasurvey522 by Friday, June 3. ✱ **Cornerstones**, a group for adults fifty and over, will meet via Zoom on Friday evening, June 3 for fellowship and a video **interview with Morgan Simmons** recorded by Hope Daniels and Joe Morrow, who visited Morgan at his home to reflect on his tenure as Fourth Church Organist and Music Director. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones622 ✱ **Women at Fourth** will gather in person on Thursday, June 23 at 5:30 p.m. for **"Paint and Sip,"** a time of fellowship and instruction in creating individual paintings. Register at www.bit.ly/waf62022 (*space is limited*).



The Sunday morning class exploring **Barbara Brown Taylor's book *The Luminous Web***—which looks at the dialogue between science and faith—is taking this weekend off but resumes next Sunday, June 5 at 11:15 a.m. in person and via Zoom. For details about this class, led by Lucy Forster-Smith and Jim Ford, register at www.bit.ly/luminousweb22 ✱ 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 online at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday0622 ✱ **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom to discuss ***Girl, Woman, Other*** by Bernadine Evaristo on Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. ✱ **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, June 8, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom details about Bible study or Books by Women gatherings, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



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

Next 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. ✱ Those **graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program** in 2022 are asked to email their names to Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org) no later than Sunday, June 19. Graduate names received by June 19 will appear in the worship bulletin on June 26, which is **Baccalaureate Sunday** at Fourth Church.



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 Mondays of 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: doubled brown paper grocery bags; adult backpacks; men’s jeans and casual pants (*34–42 waist*); men’s belts; men’s underwear (*L, XL, 2XL*); men’s tennis shoes (*sizes 10–14*). 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, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.2014.



Shannon Kershner is on sabbatical and will return August 15. During Shannon’s time away, Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor, is serving as Head of Staff. ✱ 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).

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 **learn more about Fourth Church** or **become a member**, register at www.bit.ly/inquirers622 for the one-session, in-person **Inquirers' Class**, which will be held next Sunday morning, June 5, or email member@fourthchurch.org

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Pamela Spann, Lucy Forster-Smith, Nancy Benson-Nicol

The Music Today

Men's Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

THE MEN'S CHOIR will be singing in morning worship through Sunday, July 17, followed by the Women's Choir from July 24 through September 4. Anyone interested in participating in one of these choirs 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](https://www.venmo.com/Fourth-Church)) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the "To Make a Gift" button at www.fourthchurch.org).

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

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Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

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Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

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