

# **Fourth Presbyterian Church**

Day of Pentecost
June 5, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

# Gathering around the Word

#### **Prelude**

Come Holy Ghost, Lord God . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

#### **Introit**

# \*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 gather on this Pentecost Day to worship the living God!

People: This is the day when God's Spirit was poured out on all flesh.

Leader: Yes, sons and daughters prophesy.

People: Young see visions.

Leader: Elders dream dreams. Women and men prophesy!

People: Everyone who calls upon God's name will be one in the Lord.

Let us worship God.

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

## \*Hymn 282 ..... "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardor glowing.

O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, 'til earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.

And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling.

For none can guess God's grace, 'til Love creates a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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

Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought.

We know too well our constant failures to do what you ask.

We are a divided people and often find ourselves taking sides.

We step away when we could mend divisions; we harbor hurt when we could bring healing; we turn our back on those who wait with hope.

O Holy Spirit of truth, sweep us into your loving embrace, so that trusting you, we would be agents of peace and unity. Through the miraculous power of the Spirit of Life. Amen.

#### Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#### Welcome and Announcements

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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.

Lictoring for the Word

# Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 289 ...... "On Pentecost They Gathered"

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

**Prayer for Illumination** 

First Lesson . . . . . . . . . . . .

\*Gloria Patri

The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised. What universal message, what great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe, on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive. That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power. The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow. O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise, so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

\*Affirmation of Faith (unison) . . . . . . . . . . . . from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

#### Offering

The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world, alleluia.

Pour out the wine of your Spirit, O Lord. May we be filled with your love.

Then shall we be strong, our hearts and lips cleansed by your sacred flame.

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

# 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:

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:* 

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

#### **Communion Anthems**

that you have created. Glory be to the Father and also to the Son, begotten, who from the dead has risen, and to the comforter Holy Spirit, for ages upon ages. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

#### 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**

# Bearing the World into the World

\*Hymn 529 ..... "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Here we touch your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.

Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

# \*Charge and Benediction

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**

June 5–11, 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 "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 8:30 and 9:30 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 fruit of the Spirit. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, are 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 worshiping with us in person are invited to greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall or the Commons following worship. \*\* To help us continue to shape meaningful connections for the many who are engaging with us online, we would appreciate your responses to a brief survey at www.bit.ly/fpconline2022 \*\* Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday, June 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Room 5B. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

\*\* 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 (space is limited) at www.bit.ly/waf62022 \*\* Additional resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, can be found on our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and the church calendar, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



The Sunday morning class exploring Barbara Brown Taylor's book *The Luminous Web*—which looks at the dialogue between science and faith—continues today 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 \*\* This 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. Women's Bible Study—which offers two Zoom gathering times (12:00 and 6:30 p.m.) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month—meets this Wednesday, June 8 to begin a discussion about practicing spiritual disciplines. For Zoom details about the Bible studies 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

Today is the Day of Pentecost, which celebrates the birth of the church and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples of Jesus. Red, which is the liturgical color for the day, symbolizes the pentecostal fire of the Holy Spirit. ☀ On this day we receive a special offering for Pentecost. Gifts to this offering support Fourth Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Church (USA) ministries working with at-risk youth and young adults. To make a gift to this special offering, use the designation "Pentecost Offering" when giving at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online or write it on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Offering gifts to support the overall 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 online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the "To Make a Gift" button at www.fourthchurch.org) or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church).



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 in need** of the following items, either new or gently used: adult-sized 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*). For more information, email Lynn Milligan (*lmilligan@chicagolights.org*).



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. \*\* 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).



**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.

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

### **Worship Leaders**

Lucy Forster-Smith, Kathi Rodak, Joseph L. Morrow, Amantha Barbee

## The Music Today

Men's Choir; Micah Dingler, soloist David Schrader, Guest Organist

### **Worship Notes**

This morning we are delighted to welcome as our guest preacher Amantha Barbee, Senior Pastor of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia. A leader in the PC(USA), Amantha Barbee 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. She 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.

WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO WELCOME GUEST ORGANIST DAVID SCHRADER, an internationally known concert organist and former organist of Church of the Ascension in Chicago. Fourth Church Organist John Sherer is leading music on the Fourth Church choir tour to the Middle East and our Organ Scholar Michael Rees is participating in a choir tour to France.

**Shannon J. Kershner** Pastor **Lucy Forster-Smith** Senior Associate Pastor

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Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry
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