

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Folk Tune Percy Whitlock

Adoration Florence Price

Desiderium African American spirituals; arr. Robert Gower

Steal Away—Deep River—Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Introit :: “Bless God, O My Soul” Amos Abee

*Bless God, O my soul, rejoice in God’s name, and let my glad voice thy greatness proclaim;
surpassing in honor, dominion, and might; thy house is the heaven, thy robe is the light.*

*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: Christ has taught us to love one another.

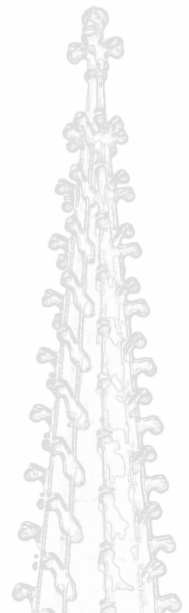
People: We are called to share God’s love in the world.

Leader: The Holy Spirit moves in us, giving us gifts to do God’s work.

People: May we be strengthened to witness to God’s love.

Leader: Let us devote ourselves anew to serve our Lord.

People: Let us worship and praise our God!



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

***Hymn 408** “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” (*Refrain*)

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family,
yet we live as a people separated or divided.
We believe that this unity can be established only in freedom
and not under constraint,
yet we have not worked to ensure true freedom for all.
We believe we are called to know and bear one another’s burdens,
yet we acknowledge we do not always love our neighbors as ourselves.
We believe God has been revealed as the one who wishes
to bring about justice and true peace among people,
yet our lives often do not proclaim that truth.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Give us the vision and the courage to follow your way
in all that we are and do. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Anthem :: “There Is a Balm in Gilead” . . . African American spiritual; arr. Larry L. Fleming

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the-sin sick soul.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, “He died for all!”
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 22:19–28

***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 1 Kings 19:1–15a

Sermon Joseph L. Morrow

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 339** “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*). adapted from the Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God who gathers, protects, and cares for the church.

We believe that God has revealed God's self
as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
that God is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.

We believe that the church must therefore
stand by people in any form of suffering and need
so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Therefore we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice.
Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory forever and ever.

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

"The Little Light of Mine" African American spiritual; arr. John Leavitt
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; all the time, let it shine, hallelujah!
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, O children, everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine, hallelujah!

***Offertory Response** The Hymnal, 717

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.

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

Holy God, everything we have is yours.
Bless now these offerings, and use them for your life-giving work
through the worship and work of your church, both here and everywhere.
Through Christ, who gives us all we need. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 546** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel’s joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude ♪ Fanfare on “Rejoice! The Lord Is King”. David Willcocks

*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.*

Juneteenth

A brief history and reflections from the Racial Equity Council

Fourth Presbyterian Church's Racial Equity Council invites the whole congregation to embrace and join in the commemoration and celebration of Juneteenth. While Juneteenth has only recently become a federal holiday, it has long been widely recognized and celebrated by Black Americans as a special day of independence. To widen and deepen the celebration of this day by all members of Fourth Church, the Racial Equity Council presents this brief history and reflections.

Though the Civil War ended on April 9, 1865, word of the war ending and the emancipation from slavery spread to different areas at different times. Two months after the war the people of Texas, the most remote state of the former Confederacy, first learned that the enslaved people of Texas were free. Union soldiers traveled to Galveston, Texas, where the pronouncement was publicly read by a Union general on June 19, 1865.

Celebrations of Juneteenth started in Texas and eventually spread to communities and cities across the country.

Texas declared Juneteenth a state holiday starting in 1980, and by 2019, forty-seven states recognized Juneteenth. In addition, on June 15, 2021, the United States Senate unanimously passed a bill declaring Juneteenth as a federal holiday. The House approved the bill by a vote of 415–4, and the President signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law on June 17, 2021.

In the immediate post-Civil War era, there was much hope that the formerly enslaved people would finally be able to have peaceful and free lives. Families tried to reunite as newspapers contained many notices looking for family members who had been sold to other enslavers. The granting of land by the federal government promised to provide a means to live, and African American men were given the right to vote. During Reconstruction, 16 African Americans were elected to the U.S. Congress, 600 to state legislatures, and hundreds more to local offices. Many of these leaders had gained their freedom before the Civil War, and many were ministers. However, the land grants were taken back within a year. Many White Southerners who were outraged that former slaves could have the right to vote made every effort to keep the former slaves in conditions similar to slavery, employing falsehoods, discriminatory laws, and violence. African Americans were depicted as little more than savages while Ku Klux Klansmen were depicted as saviors, as famously portrayed in the 1915 film *The Birth of a Nation*. In addition to widespread lynchings, the passage of Black Codes and Jim Crow laws that only applied or were only enforced against Black people had devastating impacts on African Americans. One example was the practice of imprisoning formerly enslaved people for violations of vagrancy laws and using the resulting prison labor for profit.

As we strive to be an anti-racist church, our observance of Juneteenth comes with the sobering recognition that racism today bears a striking resemblance to the Jim Crow era. Examples of this include voter suppression laws, disproportionate incarceration, the killing of Black people, hate-filled lies, and inflammatory rhetoric. Indeed, White majority institutions of today unfortunately reflect the White supremacy values that have been embedded in our country's history for centuries and passed down through the generations. Anti-racism goes beyond diversity. It examines the structures that comprise our processes and practices to understand their impact on our BIPOC brothers and sisters and works to remove structural obstacles to their full participation in the life of the church.

Fourth Presbyterian Church is committed to racial equity, the purposeful inclusion of all people, the striving for radical hospitality, and the modeling of anti-racism. Toward this end, a year ago on this date—the inaugural federal holiday of Juneteenth in 2021—the Racial Equity Council presented to the Session a comprehensive audit of all aspects of the church, identifying race-oppressive structures and practices, and recommending more loving, welcoming, and anti-racist alternatives. We are hopeful that the church's racial equity steps forward in the last year can be readily seen and felt, even though the congregation and its membership have a long way to go to become the Beloved Community we all seek to be. We welcome all in our journey forward.



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 at “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.

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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 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 **June “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 worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following worship. ✨ **TwentiesThirties** invites young adults to join them for brunch today at Aster Hall; meet up with the group at the church reception desk following worship to walk across the street together to the 900 N. Michigan mall. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom on Tuesday, June 28 at 4:00 p.m. For Zoom 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 at www.bit.ly/waf62022



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



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 today, Sunday, June 19.** Graduate names received by June 19 will appear in the worship bulletin next Sunday, 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).



Next Sunday, June 26 a contingent from Fourth Church will be **marching with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches in the Chicago Pride Parade.** For more information or to sign up to take part, contact Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).



The Sunday morning class exploring **Barbara Brown Taylor’s book *The Luminous Web***—which looks at the dialogue between science and faith—concludes today 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. **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 22 for a discussion about **practicing spiritual disciplines.** For Zoom details about the Bible studies, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).

Women at Fourth is collecting **donations for the annual School Supply Drive**. The school supplies will be given to students connected with Chicago Lights Summer Day and Tutoring, Summer Dance Academy, and the Urban Farm. For details about how to contribute or how to receive a list of items needed, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.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 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; please note the church office is closed on June 20 in observance of Juneteenth*). For more information, email Lynn Milligan (lmilligan@chicagolights.org). ✱ **Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need** of volunteers to assist in helping our neighbors who are hungry and food insecure. To learn more or explore these volunteer needs, see our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers).



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



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 www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



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.

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Natalie Ruhana, Rocky Supinger, Joseph L. Morrow

The Music Today

The Men's Choir; Craig Palmer, soloist
Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

THE HYMN "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING" began as a poem written by James Weldon Johnson for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1900. Five years later Johnson's brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, wrote the stirring music to go with the powerful words. Recognized as the Black National Anthem, this text and tune have gained widespread devotion, not only within the African American community but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

THIS MORNING'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Cynthia Joho of the Racial Equity Council.

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).

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

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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

Maggie Shreve Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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