

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Voluntary in D Minor. John Stanley

Allegro—Adagio—Allegro

Voluntary in D Major. William Boyce

Larghetto—Vivace

Introit

“Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee” German chorale; arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

Jehovah, let me now adore thee, for where is there a God such, Lord, as thou? With songs I fain would come before thee; O let thy Holy Spirit teach me now to praise thee in his name, through whom alone our songs can please thee, through thy blessed Son!

*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: Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise God from the ends of the earth!

People: God who created us says, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you.”

Leader: “I have called you by name, you are mine.”

People: We are assured that if we pass through the waters, God is with us!

Leader: The rivers will not overwhelm us!

People: Sing a new song and declare God’s glory! Let us worship God.



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

***Hymn 415** “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God’s free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. (*Refrain*)

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all. (*Refrain*)

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. (*Refrain*)

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, we confess that we live full of doubts:
we doubt your love for us;
we doubt your power to intervene in human life and world events;
we doubt ourselves.

We withhold an abundance of love, of care, of our best,
fearing that if we give we will be depleted.

God, we confess that we have been poor stewards of all you have given to us.

We fall short of your deepest desire for us.

In your mercy, O God, grant us the grace to begin anew.

Give us courage to accept and cherish your abundant love
with joy and thanks. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Minute

Anthem :: “Steal Away” African American spiritual; arr. Michael Richardson
Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home, I ain’t got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me in the thunder. The trumpet sounds within my soul.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 15

*Gloria Patri

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

Scripture Lesson Luke 10:38–42

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 444** “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Joshua". African American spiritual; arr. Robert Sells

*Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls come tumbling down. He marched with spear
in hand. "Blow them rams horns," Joshua cried, "cause the battle is in my hand." Then the lamb,
rams, sheep horns began to blow, trumpets begin to sound. Joshua commanded the children
to shout, and the walls come tumbling down.*

***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*)

O God, we have heard your call, beckoning us to a life of love and service.
As we dedicate these offerings, may our lives exemplify your steadfast love,
your never-ending generosity, and your call to bring hope and bounty to this world.
Through the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 432** “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call
to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.

We marvel how your saints became in hindrances more sure:
whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you:
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored, done.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude :: Trumpet Tune in B-flat Major Michael McCabe

*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 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.

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. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ✱ The Chapel is also open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays; between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays; and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For information about the labyrinth, email Rocky Supinger (*rsupinger@fourthchurch.org*). ✱ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ✱ We invite you to use our **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 meditation 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 online 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** outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard following the service. ✨ **Young adults** are invited to join the **TwentiesThirties** SpeakEasy time of fellowship on Thursday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m. on the rooftop of Time Out Market (916 W. Fulton Market). ✨ **For additional ways to connect** with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources**, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch). ✨ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



Those who are **interested in learning more about the Prayer Shawl Ministry** are invited to stop by this morning's gathering of **Knitting and Crocheting** at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5B. The Prayer Shawl Ministry, a new initiative of the Caring Ministries Team and the Knitting and Crocheting group, combines the love of knitting or crocheting with reaching out to those in need of comfort and solace, providing them with a tangible expression of that caring in the form of a handcrafted shawl or lap blanket. Knitting and Crocheting will also gather via Zoom on Tuesday, July 26 at 4:00 p.m. For the Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). Information about Prayer Shawl Ministry as well as **basic instructions are also available** via our Volunteer Ministry platform at app.vomo.org/project/prayer-shawl-ministry



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 or in-person conversations with a counselor, 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



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—next meets on Wednesday, July 27 for a discussion about **practicing spiritual disciplines** and the way that over time prayer, Bible study, and worship shape us. For Zoom details for the Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the **Center for Life and Learning's summer term.**

Learn more at www.fourthchurch.org/cll or register for this broad portfolio of **fitness classes, member-led groups, and special events** (*with most classes on Zoom*) at www.bit.ly/cllsummer22

✳ **Encore 2022**, the Center for Life and Learning's annual benefit, will take place on Saturday, August 27 with a musical theme of **Cabaret! Live!** To learn more about this evening of music followed by a reception, see www.fourthchurch.org/cll/encore.html



Women at Fourth is collecting donations for the annual **School Supply Drive**. The supplies, which will be given to students connected with Chicago Lights Summer Day and the Urban Farm, can be **purchased online and shipped to the church** using the wish list www.bit.ly/fpcschooolsupplies22 **Monetary gifts** for purchasing supplies, can be made at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (*select "Congregational Life" and then note "School Supplies" in the comment box*). Supplies are needed by Monday, July 25 for 120 Summer Day students and by Monday, August 8 for 80 Urban Farm students. For more information contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist in helping our neighbors who are hungry and experiencing food insecurity. To explore these volunteer needs, see our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers). ✳ 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



Our **Music by the Fountain** series of outdoor, in-person concerts continues this Friday, July 22 with a performance by **vocalist Jonathan Zeng**. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard for this Friday noonday concert. While we are not livestreaming our outdoor concerts this summer, if you would prefer to enjoy music from Fourth Church online, we encourage you to explore the concert offerings on our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/fpcvideos



To purchase **fresh produce** and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm**, stop by their Farmstand on Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p m (444 W. Chicago Ave.).

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!



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

Lucy Forster-Smith, Addie Cook, Joseph L. Morrow, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

The Men's Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

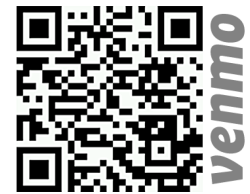
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S MINISTRY MINUTE is presented by Karen Muller and Jean Joslyn on behalf of the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Knitting and Crocheting group.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE MEN'S CHOIR for their music leadership in the first half of the summer. The Women's Choir will be singing from July 24 through September 4. Anyone interested in singing with that choir is encouraged to contact John Sherer at 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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