

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

*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

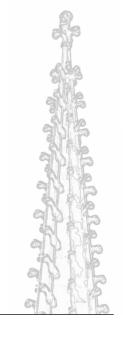
Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;

People: my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

People: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.



Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your holy purpose to fulfill, tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.

We give our minds to understand your ways; hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design; heart with the flame of your own love ablaze, till for your glory all our powers combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live; Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of love, we confess that we are in bondage to a view of the world that puts our compromise before your justice; that is unable to name the worth and wonder of all your children; that places people in positions that threaten the very soul of who they are—the soul that you see as unique and glorious.

We confess that, all too often, we are unwilling to tell the truth of the ways in which even those who call upon your name do so for the sake of harm.

We ask for your forgiveness.

We pray for wholeness.

We trust in the promise of your hope.

Grant us, we pray, the courage to speak, the power to empower, the mercy to love. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

*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.

Responding to the Word

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christlike thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Each day of our lives is a precious gift, Most Holy God.

Thank you for your generosity.

May these gifts, given from the bounty of our lives,

be used to extend your care for creation,

your love of every child on this planet,

for the weaving of our life together as a congregation

and as signs of your flourishing in our world.

Through Christ, the greatest gift of all. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 733	"We All Are One in Mission
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We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.

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*Charge and Benediction

Worshipers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.

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 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. As a mask-welcoming campus, we remain committed to ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church.

** 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.



During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service and sermon available via podcast on iTunes and 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 ** During the week, we invite you to use our daily devotions, written by members and staff, as a resource for reflection. These devotions are posted at fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive them via email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ** For additional biblical exploration, listen in as Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger discuss the "Bible Top Ten" in their podcast by that title (fourthchurch.org/podcast), with new episodes released every other Tuesday.

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 (with Communion) 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. ** During the morning service **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ** **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. ** Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



Following worship, a pipe organ tour begins at 11:15 a.m. at the front of the Sanctuary ** Also 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 open for opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and 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 ask that those of you worshiping with us in person please take a moment to sign the pew information pads so that we might know you are here. Then please pass the pad down your pew so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service. ** Those worshiping in person this morning are also invited to greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall and the Commons following the service. ** 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

On Friday evening, November 11, the Fourth Church Choral Society will join organist David Briggs in presenting Briggs' organ transcription of Mahler's Second Symphony "Resurrection" at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (in person and livestreamed). This concert celebrates the Dedication Anniversary of our Andrew Pipe Organ. ** During the 10:00 a.m. morning service on All Saints' Sunday, November 6, the Morning Choir will sing Requiem by Maurice Duruflé as we remember departed loved ones. ** Our Friday Noonday Concert series will feature our organist John Sherer this Friday, October 28. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary or for the livestream on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ** Opportunities to make music with Fourth Church include rehearsals today for Cherub and Children's Choir (9:30 a.m. in Room 4G); Youth Choir (10:45 a.m. in Room 4G); and Handbell Choir (11:15 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft) and next Sunday, October 30, the Gospel Choir (1:30 p.m. in Room 4G).



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



The Prayer Shawl Ministry 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. Information about Prayer Shawl Ministry as well as basic instructions are available at app.vomo.org/project/prayer-shawl-ministry or from Sinon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ** The Knitting and Crocheting group meets this Tuesday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow. ** The Benevolent Guild—which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets this Wednesday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ** Next Sunday morning, October 30 our youth will be putting together care packages to send to our college students. If your child is at college, please send their mailing address today, Sunday, October 23, to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org) so we can send a care package to them.

Our 2023 stewardship campaign invites all of us to pledge our support for the life-giving mission and ministry of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. You can make your pledge on our website at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge or by using the pledge cards found in the Sanctuary pew racks, mailed to homes, and downloadable online. Please plan to submit your pledge by next Sunday, October 30, which is Commitment Sunday. On that day everyone will be invited to come forward to place their pledge on the Communion Table, as we celebrate all that we are able to do together through our pledged commitment to Fourth Church and Chicago Lights—a commitment that is our generous response to God's blessings in our lives. (If you have already submitted your pledge, there will be "I pledged" cards available to bring forward.) ** As you prayerfully consider what your pledge will be this season, we also invite you to take time to reflect on the question "How is Fourth Church home to you?" We would welcome hearing your thoughts and stories about that, which you can share with our stewardship team at giving@fourthchurch.org



Chicago Lights Tutoring is in need of in-person (at Fourth Church) and online mentors to connect one-to-one with a student (grades 1–12) one evening a week. There are volunteer openings for Permanent Tutors, who meet with the same student weekly, building relationships, trust, and self-esteem through academics, advising, and social and communication skills, as well as Substitute Tutors, who volunteer on a more flexible schedule to fill in when a Permanent Tutor is unavailable. If you would like to learn more about how you can make a difference in the life of a child (and in yours!) through Tutoring, please contact Mark Dennison (mdennison@chicagolights.org) or visit chicagolights.org/volunteer/#tutoring ** Reading Scripture and leading prayers in worship is an important volunteer role. If you would like to lead in an upcoming worship service, please email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry and Worship), to express your interest.



The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of blankets, sleeping bags, comforters, and sheets; towels and washcloths; adult-size backpacks; grocery push carts; athletic shoes (men's sizes 9–13; women's sizes 8–12); men's casual pants, jeans, or khakis; and men's sweaters, hoodies, and coats (sizes L, XL, XXL, and XXXL). Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk seven days a week between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or shipped to the Chicago Lights Social Service Center, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.2014. **

Sunday School meets at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. **★** Eighth-grade **Confirmation** meets on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G. **Junior High** gathers at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High** meets at 11:15 a.m.



Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings 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, October 26. This autumn the women's study is exploring "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight." For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The adult education class "Ezekiel: Where Is Home in Exile?" does not meet this week but continues next Sunday, October 30 at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (www.bit.ly/ezekiel1022). Taught by Jina Kang of McCormick Theological Seminary, this class explores the biblical book of Ezekiel through the lens of migration. Set in a time of uncertainty and crisis, the prophet's voice in Ezekiel prompts empathetic responses to ancient and contemporary experiences of exile. ** A new class, "Housing Insecurity: Advocacy Design Team," begins on Sunday, November 6 at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. The Fourth Church Community Engagement Working Group, the Chicago Lights Board Strategy Committee, and the World Mission and Social Justice Advocacy Committee have collaborated to design this November series, which builds on our partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Register for the class at www.bit.ly/aehousing1122



Zoom Small Groups begin this week and meet weekly for approximately a month. *G*roups will be looking at *The 1619 Project* by Nikole Hannah-Jones; *Hospitality: The Sacred Art* by Nanette Sawyer; *Silencing White Noise: Six Practices to Overcome our Inaction on Race by* Willie Dwayne Francois III; *So You Want To Talk about Race* by Ijeoma Oluo; or history and current issues facing Indigenous peoples of the United States. If you would like to **connect with five to seven other people via Zoom** for a time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation while exploring these topics, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).



Those interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to attend a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, November 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5F. Register at www.bit.ly/inquirers1122

Women at Fourth will gather for an Accessory/Jewelry Swap and Sip this Thursday, October 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For swap guidelines (e.g., we will not be swapping clothing items but will accept donations for the Chicago Lights Social Service Center that evening), email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ** The First Tuesday Book Club invites you to join the Zoom discussion of Interfaith Leadership by Eboo Patel on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1122 ** Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, will gather on Friday, November 11 at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship, dinner, and a panel presentation on "Voices of Young Adults: Issues our Generation Faces." Register (required) at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1122 ** Books by Women will meet on Tuesday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room and via Zoom to discuss Having and Being Had by Eula Biss. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



You are invited to stop by the Loggia this morning to spend some time with the traveling panel exhibition "Shared History Project: 1700 Years of Jewish Life in German-Speaking Lands." Cohosted by the German Consulate of Chicago, Chicago Sinai Congregation, and Fourth Church, this exhibition uses iconic artifacts to explore how interwoven the lives of Jewish people and their non-Jewish neighbors have been in the seventeen centuries since the presence of Jews in the Rhineland was first documented in a Roman Edict from the year 321 CE. It offers an opportunity to consider recurring themes in Jewish life and "expands the view of German-Jewish history beyond the narrow lens of the Holocaust and connects the unique history of the Jewish people to themes that are relevant to contemporary life in all diverse, pluralist societies." For more about this exhibition, see sharedhistoryproject.org ***** The Wednesday, October 26 (the final day of the exhibition), Chicago Sinai and Fourth Church are cohosting a closing reception at 5:30 p.m., which will include Scott Kumer, Director of Music at Chicago Sinai Congregation, and John Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, playing a short program of German organ music written for Jewish congregations. The program will include works by Louis Lewandowski, Isadore Freed, Paul Ben-Haim, and Ernest Bloch, and will finish with the well-known Hanukkah Hymn, Maoz Tzur / Rock of Ages, with all invited to sing in German, English, or Hebrew.



The **purple bows** on the fence along Michigan Avenue are our public witness to all those affected by domestic violence. A **Prayer Service for Domestic Violence Awareness Month** will take place outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard on Thursday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Cornell Wilson, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Tristan Zhu, Violinist
The Handbell Choir | Briana Belding-Peck, Director
The Gospel Choir | Bryan Johnson, Director
The Morning Choir
Michael Rees, Organ Scholar
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO TRISTAN ZHU, a violin student from the Music Institute of Chicago, for sharing his musical gifts during worship this morning. The Music Institute weekly welcomes more than 1,500 students of all ages, levels of experience, and financial means, across eight campus locations, including here at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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 **Lucy Forster-Smith** Senior Associate Pastor Associate Pastors

Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation
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

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