



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Suite for Organ Eric DeLamarter

2. Melody

Prelude on a Gregorian Chant Bruce Simonds

Introit

“Alleluia” Richard Rogers

Alleluia. Amen.

*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 says, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me.”*

People: God, you welcome us into your loving presence and offer us grace.

Leader: *A cup of cold water.*

People: God, in our need you give gifts to us.

In many hidden ways you bless us.

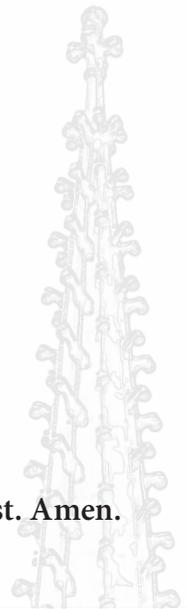
Leader: *A cup of cold water given to these, my little ones.*

People: In our thirst for your grace, refresh us once again.

Leader: *A cup of cold water, given in the name of a disciple.*

People: We drink of your grace; we rest in your presence;
we worship you in humble gratitude.

All: Make of us your faithful disciples, in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.



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

***Hymn 504** “We Come as Guests Invited”

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Most merciful God, we confess our sin;
we have not been the people you created us to be.

We have suppressed wonder and gratitude;
we have withheld love; we have lived by fear.

Receive us, forgive us, and heal us,
that we may truly be your children,
and truly be sisters and brothers of all people,
in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Exchange of Peace**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: And also with you.

*We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,”
and encourage those online to use this time to share your presence with us, using the online form.*

Welcome and Announcements

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson 1 Kings 17:7–16

Leader: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: Thanks be to God.

*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 Matthew 10:40–42

Leader: *Holy wisdom, holy word.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Unexpected Company” Joseph L. Morrow

Responding to the Word

***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.

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

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) Philippians 3:20–21 (Common English Bible)

Our citizenship is in heaven.
We look forward to a savior that comes from there—
the Lord Jesus Christ.
He will transform our humble bodies
so that they are like his glorious body,
by the power that also makes him able to subject all things to himself.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Zion’s Walls” American folk hymn /arr. Aaron Copland
*Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers, come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers don’t you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion; we’ll shout and go round the
walls of Zion.*

***Offertory Response** Hymn 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.

Sealing the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*
People: And also with you.
Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: We will lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: *Let us give thanks to God.*
People: 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:*

Sanctus *(sung)* The Hymnal, 552

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:

Memorial Acclamation *(sung)* The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. *(repeat)*

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

“Sweet Peace” Mark Sirett
*Sweet peace, where dost thou dwell? I humbly crave, let me once know, sweet peace, where dost
thou dwell? There was a Prince of old at Salem dwelt, who lived of good increase of flock and fold.
He sweetly lived, yet sweetness did not save his life from foes. And after death out of his grave,
there sprang twelve stalks of wheat, which many wondering at, got some of those to plant and set.
It prospered strangely, did soon disperse, for they that taste it, they do rehearse; that virtue lies
within, a secret virtue bringing peace and mirth. Take of this grain, which in my garden grows,
and grow for you, make bread of it, take that repose, take that peace, which everywhere you
pursue is only there. My peace I give to you, peace I leave with you. Sweet peace.*

“How Can I Keep from Singing” American folk song/arr. Malcolm Archer

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation. I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing; it finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that refuge clinging; since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it; and day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ make fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

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** (*unison*)

Faithful God, we give you thanks that you have entrusted us
 with the gift of hospitality and generosity,
 and that you have set us free to be generous givers of the gifts you so freely give to us.
May our offerings this day draw us closer to you
 as we share them with others for righteousness' sake. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 338** “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood[†] from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

An American Hymn Richard Keys Biggs

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

The invitation to the table is not just for Presbyterians or
“members of the church.” Even those who doubt or whose
trust is wavering are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper,
in which we are assured of God’s love and grace.

Those who are worshiping with us from home are encouraged
to have bread and juice on hand so that we might
share in this meal together, wherever we are.

[†]Or “servanthood”

News and Opportunities

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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.



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 via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the livestreamed service.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. ✧ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. There are three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (*through the glass Loggia doors located between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. ✧ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 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. ✧ In the Sanctuary **worship can be heard** through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✧ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



Children are always welcome in worship! **If you need to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, located on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is available as a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning service **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✧ **Sunday School** meets at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor as well.

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

We ask all who are worshipping with us to **let us know you are here by filling out an information form.**

Those worshipping with us via livestream will find **a link to the online form**—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!—included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome and Announcements” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshipping with us in person are asked to use the **information pads in the pews**, passing them down the pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service. ✨ Following the service, those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour**, which during the summer is held outdoors if weather and air conditions permit or in Anderson Hall and the Commons.



During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at **www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts** ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons.



Following worship a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary. ✨ Also following the service **Deacons are available in Stone Chapel** (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with those who would like to **offer prayers of praise or concern**. ✨ We 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 Stone 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 Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. For labyrinth details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being hosts virtually a **Sacred Pause time of meditation** at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and also on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).



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 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 those facing life’s challenges**, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, 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.

Beginning this **Friday, July 7, our Noonday concerts move outdoors!** Come enjoy **Music by the Fountain** on July and August Fridays at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Wonderful musical artists from across the Midwest and beyond will treat us to an hour of great music, song, and joy throughout the summer. **Jazz pianist Elsie Carlisle** will kick off the concert series this Friday, with **solo guitarist Andy Brown** performing the following week on July 14. A full concert listing is available at www.fourthchurch.org/concerts, with details posted weekly at facebook.com/fourthchurch. ✨ While the outdoor concerts are not livestreamed, those looking for online concerts during the summer are invited to **explore videos of our previous Noonday concerts** archived on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



The School Supply Drive is underway! This annual effort organized by Women at Fourth gathers school supplies for children taking part in the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Summer Day, and Tutoring programs. For lists of items needed, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



This Wednesday our senior high youth leave for Paris, France, where they will spend five days serving in the city with youth from the American Church in Paris. Please join us in keeping in prayer these travelers, their leaders, and their partners in France as we wish all safe travels and wonderful experiences together.



Our **Women's Choir** is providing music leadership for Sunday worship through July 9; the **Men's Choir** will then take on that role for the remaining Sundays of the summer. Those **interested in singing** with the choirs are encouraged to email John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).



The **Center for Life and Learning (CLL) Summer Session** for adults 60 and over begins next Monday, July 10. To register for the summer session, which includes exercise classes as well as online and in person opportunities, see www.fourthchurch.org/cll ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets Sunday, July 16 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ CLL and Knitting and Crocheting are but two ways in which to build community with others through Fourth Church. For **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources and opportunities**, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org). ✨ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar

This Wednesday we begin a new July “Rhythm and Word” video series, which offers ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer **led by Nanette Sawyer**. A new video, with music by the Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble, is released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on YouTube, where you can also view videos from previous “Rhythm and Word” series; to receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail; you can also subscribe to our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✨ Our **daily devotions** (fourthchurch.org/devotions), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are also available as a **resource for your personal meditation and prayer**. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions



Men’s Bible Study, which does not meet this Tuesday, July 4, will resume its weekly gatherings next Tuesday, July 11 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. The next **Horizons Women’s Bible Study** will meet next Wednesday, July 12. For summer gathering times and—for either study—Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The church office and campus will be closed on Tuesday for the Fourth of July holiday.



Scaffolding will be installed Wednesday, July 5 starting at the corner of Chestnut and Michigan and wrapping around to the Manse, on Michigan Avenue. No entrances will be affected by the scaffolding, which will enable tuckpointing, flashing, and window repair over the next two months.



The **Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC)** is at work identifying candidates to consider for the role of Interim Pastor. That person, who will eventually be recommended by the IPNC and hired by Session, will not be our next Senior Pastor. Rather they will be someone to guide us during the year or more when we are searching for the next Pastor. You can read about the IPNC work and find the latest transition updates at fourthchurch.org/transition ✨ If you have **questions or comments about the transition**, please email them to transition@fourthchurch.org



After Labor Day we will be adding a second Sunday morning worship service. Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will be worshipping at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Also on September 10 our afternoon service, which is currently taking a summer break, will resume. Until then, and through the summer, we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Michele Mohammadi, Nanette Sawyer, Joseph L. Morrow

The Music Today

The Women's Choir

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

Worship Notes

TODAY'S PRELUDE begins with a piece written by Eric DeLamarter (1880–1953), who served as Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church (1914–1935), Assistant Conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and a freelance music critic. His *Suite for Organ*, composed in 1945, contains three movements, the second of which—heard in this morning's prelude—demonstrates DeLamarter's gift for lyricism and colorful harmonic language.

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering plates, which will be passed 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

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