



Fourth Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

A Suite of African American Spirituals

In Christ There is No East or West arr. Richard Proulx

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me arr. Calvin Taylor

Swing Low! arr. Dan Locklair

Introit

“O Taste and See” Anthony Doherty

O taste and see how sweet the Lord is. Blessed are they that trust in him.

*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** Adapted from Psalm 25

Leader: *The Lord is good and does the right thing;*

People: *teaching sinners which way they should go.*

Leader: *God guides the weak to justice,*

People: *teaching them God’s way.*

Leader: *All the Lord’s path are love and faithfulness.*

People: *Let us worship our God!*



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

***Hymn 511** “Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven”

Come, behold! the feast of heaven Alleluia!
has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia!
Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia!
“Come! the banquet is prepared.” Alleluia!

All is ready, come attend Alleluia!
as the Lord’s invited friend; Alleluia!
come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia!
celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!

All who trust in God belong Alleluia!
at this banquet with this throng. Alleluia!
Share the mystic holy food; Alleluia!
taste and see: the Lord is good. Alleluia!

As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia!
here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia!
here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia!
All who share God’s feast are blessed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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

Psalter Psalm 25:1–9

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.

Scripture Lesson Philippians 2:1–13

Leader: *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Brian Ellison

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 500.** “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.
Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

***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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Sanctus” (9:30) Craig Courtney

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

“Now The Silence” (11:00) Gerald Near

*Now the silence Now the peace Now the empty hands uplifted Now the kneeling Now the plea
Now the Father's arms in welcome Now the hearing Now the power Now the vessel brimmed
for pouring Now the Body Now the Blood Now the joyful celebration Now the wedding Now the
songs Now the heart forgiven leaping Now the Spirit's visitation Now the Son's epiphany Now the
Father's blessing Now Now Now Then the glory Then the rest Then the sabbath peace unbroken
Then the garden Then the throne Then the crystal river flowing Then the splendor Then the life
Then the new creation singing Then the marriage Then the love Then the feast of joy unending
Then the knowing Then the light Then the ultimate adventure Then the Spirit's harvest gathered
Then the Lamb in majesty Then the Father's Amen Then Then Then*

***Offertory Response.** Hymn 609

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, alleluia!

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: *Blessed are you, strong and faithful God . . .*

. . . with all the powers of heaven and earth, we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 565

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: . . . All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands! When sin had scarred . . .

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 566

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.

†Or "blessed is the One"

The Communion

Communion Anthems

“O Sacrum Convivium” (9:30) Giovanni Croce
O banquet of holy love, in which Christ is received. We call to mind the memory of his passion, minds are filled with grace divine, and of heavenly life to come. Hope is given to us, alleluia.

“Anima Christi” (9:30) Ryan Cayabyab
Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, fill me. Water from the side of Christ, cleanse me. Passion of Christ, give me strength. O blessed Jesu, hear me. In your wounds, hide me. Don’t allow me to be separated from you. From evil doers, defend me. In the hour of my death, call me. And bid me come to you, that with your saints, I may praise you forever and ever. Amen.

“I Come with Joy” (11:00) Edwin Childs
I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but always near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here. Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we’ll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

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*)

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ.

Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 536** “Rise O Church, Like Christ Arisen”

Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia: God, the wonder of our days.

Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia: Christ, our present, past, and goal.

Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;
present by God’s loving nurture, Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia: Spirit, grace by whom we live.

Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath;
mercy be our destination from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living faith.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ. . . . Jamaican melody/arr. John A. Behnke

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.

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 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where they can be viewed at any time after the services begin. *(For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see www.fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning)* ✱ **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. ✱ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to each 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. ✱ **Worship can be heard** through “T” or “T-coil” settings 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, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning services **nursery care** for infants through two-year-olds is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

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. ✱ After worship, those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons.



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



Following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services **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.** ✱ Following the 11:00 service a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary. ✱ 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 Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@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 Saturdays (8:30 a.m.). ✱ Buchanan Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursday.



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.

We gather each Sunday afternoon for **The Gathering: Communion at 2:00**, a more casual, intimate service than worship in the morning and featuring a breadth of musical expressions. The service, which takes place in the Sanctuary, **is also livestreamed**. We hope you will come experience it!



Today is World Communion Sunday, a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper, enacting the words of the hymn "Come, Risen Lord": "One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break." ✱ This Sunday reminds us that God's love can heal our deepest divisions, and so each World Communion Sunday we receive a **Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering**. Gifts designated to this offering will be directed to efforts toward peacemaking that are supported by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as local efforts to address violence in Chicago. These gifts can be made at www.fourthchurch.org/give; by a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, with "Peace Offering" in the memo line; or by using the Peacemaking envelopes in the pew racks.



This morning we welcome as **our guest preacher the Reverend Brian Ellison**, who has served as Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians since 2012. The **Covenant Network**, of which Pastor Emeritus John M. Buchanan was a founding co-moderator, seeks to strengthen the church by working for the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in its life and leadership and calls the church to bear a unified witness to generous hospitality and faithful justice.



"Foundations of Islam: Discovering Common Ground and Debunking the Myths," taught by Nanette Sawyer, Arshan Khalid, and Aisha Subhan, begins this morning at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/aeislam1023 ✱ **Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. ✱ Available by email are our **daily devotions** (fourthchurch.org/devotions), written by members and staff as a resource for your **personal reflection and prayer**: subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✱ Our weekly **"Rhythm and Word" video series** offering ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer can be viewed on YouTube: www.bit.ly/fpcvideos



Calling all creatures great and small! We're having our annual **Blessing of the Animals** service **this Saturday, October 7** at 10:00 a.m. outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. All pets on leashes or in carriers are welcome. You can also bring your pet's photo to be blessed instead.

The Officer Nominating Committee needs your recommendations of individuals to serve in leadership positions opening in 2024 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Nominating Committee, and Chicago Lights Board. If you know Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please offer those names online at www.bit.ly/nominating2024 or by using the paper forms in the pew racks. **Please submit your recommendations today!**



Our 2024 stewardship campaign is underway, inviting us to reflect on **“How is Fourth Church home to me? To others?”** and **“What will my 2024 pledge be** in support of the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights?” Please plan to submit your 2024 pledge—which you can make using the form mailed to member homes and also available in the pew racks and online at www.bit.ly/fpcpledging—by **Commitment Sunday, October 29**, when we will celebrate all we are able to do together through our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives. ✨ Also on October 29 we look forward to welcoming to our pulpit the **Reverend Tom Are Jr., who is joining us as our Interim Pastor!** Read more at www.fourthchurch.org



Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ All who enjoy singing are encouraged to join the **Fourth Church Choral Society**, with rehearsals beginning this Thursday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel in preparation for a November 10 **concert honoring Morgan Simmons**, former Fourth Church Organist and Choirmaster. ✨ **Cornerstones**, a group for those fifty and over, meets this Friday, October 6 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program by Nanette Sawyer, who will offer an introduction to religious icons and speak of her personal practice of creating contemporary icons. Register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1023 ✨ **Tutors are needed** on weekday evenings to partner with **Chicago Lights Tutoring** students. For details or to sign up, see www.chicagolights.org/youth-programs/#tutoring ✨ **If your child is attending college** this fall, please email their address to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org) by Sunday, October 15, as our youth groups will be assembling care packages for them the following week.



For **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources and opportunities**, see our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org). ✨ Those who would like to **learn more about this congregation** or **become a member of Fourth Church** are invited to a one-session in-person Inquirers’ Class on Sunday, October 15 at 11:15 a.m. (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers1023*).

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Sofia Farjardo (9:30), Gavin Daniels (11:00), Lucy Forster-Smith
Brian Ellison

The Music Today

Morning Choir (9:30); Chancel Choir (11:00)
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM “ANIMA CHRISTI” was composed by Ryan Cayabyab (b. 1954), a Filipino musician, composer, and conductor who has performed around the world, including at Carnegie Hall, the Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center. Along with his wife, Emmy, he also began a music school that specializes in developing outstanding Filipino performing artists. The sheet music for that anthem and all other choral works in this morning’s services were given as a gift by Cheri Shatto in honor of Marsha Heizer, a Fourth Church Elder who died this summer and whose many volunteer roles included serving as our Choir Librarian.

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in the plates passed during the service, or, afterwards, in an offering box at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at fourthchurch.org/give

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