



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sonata No. 1 in E-flat Major Johann Sebastian Bach
Allegro – Adagio – Allegro

Introit

“Lord of All Hopefulness” Irish ballad/arr. Erik Routley
*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

*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: *There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called
to the one hope of our calling,*

People: **one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.**

Leader: *Let us worship God together!*



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

***Hymn 475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves;
we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus 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

The Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem

“Jesu, Dulcis Memoria” (9:30) Tomás Luis de Victoria
*Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast,
but sweeter far thy face to see and in the presence rest.*

“Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee” (11:00). Eric H. Thiman
*Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast, but sweeter far thy face to see and
in thy presence rest. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter
sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind. Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt
be. Jesu, be thou our glory now and through eternity. Amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Ecclesiastes 1:1–9

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.

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

Second Lesson Psalm 19:1–10

Leader: *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Joseph L. Morrow

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 515** “I Come with Joy”

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, 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, 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, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, 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, the love that makes us one.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) Colossians 1:15–18

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,
for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—
all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything. 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

"O God, Thou Art My God" (9:30) Henry Purcell
O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee in a barren and dry land where no water is. Thus have I looked for thee in holiness, that I might behold thy power and glory. For thy loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall praise thee. As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner and lift up my hands in thy name. Because thou hast been my helper, therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Hallelujah.

"O Be Joyful in the Lord" (11:00) Charles Wood
O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name; for the Lord is gracious. His mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

***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!

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

O God, our offerings proclaim that work and worship are one,
that life is undivided.

Use these gifts for your church's ministries
of reconciliation, service, and mercy. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 485** "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude :: I've Just Come from the Fountain African American spiritual
arr. Richard Billingham

Baptized Today

9:30 Cassidy Hawkes Rosso, child of Mark and Larissa Rosso
Shea Elizabeth Weddige, child of Chris and Meghan Weddige

11:00 Charles Allen Meneau, child of Mitchell and Caroline Meneau

You are invited!

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The following pages are our invitation to you—an invitation to explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church as well as an invitation to connect with one another, our staff, and the varied resources available to you here. We hope you will spend a few minutes looking over the opportunities and identifying those that interest you!

Welcome!

We are glad to be worshipping with you today and invite you to continue 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. ✱ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation!

Joining us online

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. 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 any time after the services begin. (For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see 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.

Joining us in person

If you like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. ✱ 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 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.

Joining us with children

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** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

Let us know you're worshipping with us!

Please 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 worshippers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service.

Worship podcasts and sermon text

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.

Prayer and meditation

Those who would like to **offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today** are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. ☼ On Wednesdays we gather 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). ☼ Buchanan Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. ☼ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is offered virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at facebook.com/repluglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).

Resources for personal reflection

Our **daily devotions** (fourthchurch.org/devotions), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available as a resource for your **personal meditation and prayer**. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ☼ Our weekly **“Rhythm and Word” video series** offers ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer for your viewing at home. In October these videos, led by Rocky Supinger, invite us to **explore what it means to be one body in Christ**. A new video is released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on YouTube, where you can also view videos from previous series. To receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail; you can also **subscribe to our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)

Sunday opportunities

Those worshipping in person are encouraged to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons, where there is also opportunity to learn about ways to get connected with one another and Fourth Church. ✨ **“Foundations of Islam: Discovering Common Ground and Debunking the Myths,”** taught by Nanette Sawyer, Arshan Khalid, and Aisha Subhan, continues this morning at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/aeislam1023 ✨ **Sunday School** for children from three years old to fifth grade meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✨ **Youth groups** do not meet this week but resume next Sunday, with Junior High and eighth-grade Confirmation at 9:30 a.m. and Senior High at 11:00 a.m. ✨ Following the 11:00 service a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary. ✨ We invite you to join us this afternoon for a different worship experience, **The Gathering: Communion at 2:00**. This more casual, intimate service, which takes place in the Sanctuary and is livestreamed, also features a breadth of musical expressions.

Our home. Our commitment.

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.

We’re looking for leaders

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 **submit your recommendations today** at www.bit.ly/nominating2024 or by using the forms in the pew racks.

Exploring the Bible

Men’s Bible Study meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. **Horizons Women’s Bible Study** meets via Zoom this Wednesday, October 11 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger also invite you to tune in to the new season of their **“Bible Top Ten” podcast** (www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts). This lively, informative, and occasionally funny podcast explores the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Get connected

Bible studies are but one way to build connections with others at Fourth Church. **Books by Women** will discuss *Unraveling: What I Learned about Life While Shearing Sheep, Dyeing Wool, and Making the World's Ugliest Sweater* by Peggy Orenstein this Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. ✳ **Benevolent Guild**, which creates sewn and crafted items to care for those in need, meets on Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. *No sewing experience is necessary.* ✳ On Sunday, October 22 at 12:00 p.m. **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW)** will gather for brunch. Those who would like to join in this time of fellowship are invited to meet at the reception desk that day to walk together to a nearby restaurant. ✳ 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** ✳ Also be sure to bookmark **our online church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at **fourthchurch.org/calendar**

Making music

All who enjoy singing are encouraged to join the **Fourth Church Choral Society** for their October rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. The choir is currently preparing for a November 10 **concert honoring Morgan Simmons**, former Fourth Church Organist and Choirmaster. ✳ We are looking for more individuals to **join the the Handbell Choir**, which rehearses on Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft, **and Voices of Light**, our Gospel choir, which rehearses on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in Room 4G. For more information, contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org). ✳ This week's free **Friday Noonday Concert**, which takes place in the Sanctuary and is also livestreamed, will feature soprano Laura Bumgardner and harpist LeAnne Bennion.

Volunteers needed

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. ✳ We are also in need of **Cookie Table Hosts, Servers, and Hospitality Coordinators for Coffee Hour** to be a welcoming presence at Sunday morning fellowship gatherings. For details, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✳ **Meals Ministry** is looking for **doctors, physicians assistants, nurse practitioners, and medical students** to assist with our medical services program for guests attending **Sunday Night Supper**. To learn more, contact Mike Usiak (musiak@fourthchurch.org). ✳ **To sign up** for these or the many other volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church, see **our Volunteer Ministry platform**: app.vomo.org/org/fourth-presbyterian-church

Planning for our future

We look forward to welcoming the **Reverend Tom Are Jr. as our Interim Pastor!** He will be joining us on Commitment/Reformation Sunday, October 29, when he will preach at the morning services. Read more at www.fourthchurch.org ✱ Thank you to everyone who responded to the congregational survey of the **Long-Range Planning Task Force!** Your responses, paired with the interviews, are serving as the foundational work from which the long-range plan will be developed. As the next step in this process, the task force will be presenting two town hall sessions, during which they will share the **draft strategic directives** that are coming out of the information gathered and when there will also be opportunity for you to **offer your feedback**. This will be done through a **virtual town hall on Sunday, October 15** following the 9:30 a.m. service and an **in-person town hall on Sunday, October 22** after the 11:00 a.m. service. The October 15 session will be recorded and made available for viewing. (*Watch for specific details in the coming week or email longrange@fourthchurch.org for more information.*) Please plan to join in taking the next step in developing a long-range plan for Fourth Church!

Pastoral care and a listening presence

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.

Learn more. Stay connected.

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 next Sunday, October 15 at 11:15 a.m. (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers1023*). ✱ To help us stay connected to our college students, **if your child is attending college** this fall, please email their mailing address to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org) by next Sunday, October 15, as our youth groups will be assembling care packages for them the following week. ✱ We invite you to follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch), **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch).

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

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Reb Banker (9:30), Aaron Lawlor (11:00), Nancy Benson-Nicol
Joseph L. Morrow

The Music Today

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

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH INCLUDES THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM in morning worship on the second Sunday of each month. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church. The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

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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