



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works Dakota melody/arr. Emma Lou Diemer
Prelude and Fugue in C Minor Johann Sebastian Bach/arr. Ryohei Nakagawa

Introit

“God My Shepherd Gives Me All I Need” . . . Caribbean melody/arr. Andrew Donaldson
*Follow God my shepherd! God my shepherd gives me all I need. You will want for nothing!
God leads the way and I follow after, through grasses green and by peaceful water. So what if
shades of death are near? Your shepherd’s staff will drive back fear! Surely love and mercy
gladly God will give me! You are my shepherd; you set the table; now who can harm me?
Nobody’s able! Here in your house where all can see, as honored guest you welcome me!*

*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: *Siblings in Christ, if you lift your net and it is empty, come here!*
People: We’ll cast it out again into Christ’s abundance.
Leader: *If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, come here!*
People: We’ll find the risen Christ here among us.
Leader: *If your life is filled with mourning, come here!*
People: Christ is leading a dance of joy.
Leader: *Come here, siblings in Christ!*
People: To give blessing and honor and glory to God!



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

***Hymn 802 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

(Only high voices sing this verse)

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

(Only low voices sing this verse)

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Lord God,
in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done,
the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused,
and the truth we have denied.
Heal us of our greed and our fear,
wash us in your mercy,
and feed us with your grace,
so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. 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

Ministry Minute

Anthem

“I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains” (9:30) Paul French

I lift up my eyes to the mountains, from where shall come my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; your guardian will not slumber. See, the guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. The Lord is your guard and your shade and protects you at your right hand. The sun will not smite you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life. The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

“Praise, All You People” (11:00) Bradley Ellingboe

Praise, all you people, the name so holy of him who does such wondrous things! All that has being, to praise him solely, with happy heart its amen sings! Blessed are they forever whose help is from the Lord most high, whom from salvation naught can sever, and who in hope to Christ draw nigh. Trust not in rulers, for they are but mortal; earthborn are they and soon decay. Vain are their counsels at life’s portal; vain is their help on judgment day. Praise all you people! Praise the Almighty, my soul adore him! Yes, I will laud him all my days; with song and anthem I come before him singing the Lord a song of praise! Hallelujah!

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 23

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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

***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 Reading John 21:1–14

Leader: *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 450.** “Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

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We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church. 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

"Psalm 150" (9:30) Craig Phillips

*Hallelujah! Praise God, praise him in his holy temple; praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness. Praise him with the blast
of the ram's horn; praise him with the lyre and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise
him with strings and pipe. Praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with loud clanging
cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Hallelujah!*

"Let All the World" (11:00) Eric H. Thiman

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise
may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praise there may grow. Let all the world in every
corner sing, my God and King! The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
but above all the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God
and King! 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*)

Prosper these gifts that we have brought you, O Holy One.

Bless the service we would render you,

that we may be profitable servants,

that your kingdom may come,

for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 546** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;

let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel’s joyful sound;

may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,

let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Rondeau Jean-Joseph Mouret/arr. Jean Thildel

You are invited!

October 15–21, 2023



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 the Sunday morning **service and sermon is available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at **fourthchurch.org/podcasts** ☼ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** (*fourthchurch.org/sermons*) **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/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing 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*)

About Fourth Church

To **learn more about this congregation or become a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to the online Inquirers' Class on November 8 at 6:30 p.m. For details, register at www.bit.ly/inquirers1123

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, concludes this morning at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at www.bit.ly/aeislam1023 for Zoom details. ✨ We invite you to join us this afternoon for a more casual and intimate worship experience, **The Gathering: Communion at 2:00**, which takes place in the Sanctuary and is livestreamed.

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, 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.

Celebrate with us on October 29

Not only is October 29 Commitment Sunday, it is also Reformation Sunday—and the day the Reverend **Tom Are Jr. joins us as our Interim Pastor**, preaching at both morning services. We hope you will be with us that day to extend a warm Fourth Church welcome to Tom and his wife, Carol!

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.

A Michigan Avenue Forum

“Understanding Antisemitism” will be the topic of this year’s **Michigan Avenue Forum**, to be held Thursday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A panel of Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg; Becca Lubow, community organizer at Jewish Council on Urban Affairs; and Fourth Church Associate Pastor Nanette Sawyer will discuss the history of antisemitism, including the Christian church’s role in its promotion and perpetuation; the rise in violent episodes and hate crimes; and concrete strategies for non-Jewish houses of worship to dismantle antisemitism and pursue reconciliation and healing.

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 on Wednesday, October 25 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 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

To help us stay connected to our college students, **if your child is attending college**, please send their mailing address to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org) today as our youth groups will be assembling care packages. ✱ **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.* ✱ Next Sunday, October 22 at 12:00 p.m. **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW)** will gather for brunch. To join in this time of fellowship, meet at the reception desk that day to walk together to a nearby restaurant. ✱ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom on Tuesday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ **Women at Fourth** will gather in person on Thursday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse for fellowship and **Halloween-themed trivia**. RSVP at www.bit.ly/waf1023 ✱ 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 ✱ We invite you to follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch), **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch). ✱ 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 rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. The choir is currently preparing for a **concert honoring Morgan Simmons**, former Fourth Church Organist and Choirmaster. **Please plan to be with us for that concert** at 7:00 p.m. on November 10 to celebrate Morgan. ✱ This week's free **Friday Noonday Concert**, which takes place in the Sanctuary and is also livestreamed, features pianist Mark Valenti.

Volunteers needed

We have a waitlist of Chicago Lights Tutoring students in need of tutors on weekday evenings—in person or online. For details or to sign up, see www.chicagolights.org/youth-programs/#tutoring. ✱ **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).

Planning for our future

This morning the **Long-Range Planning Task Force** is hosting a **virtual town hall** at 10:45 a.m. via Zoom (Zoom link: www.bit.ly/townhall1015). During that time, the task force will be sharing the **draft strategic directives**, which are coming out of the information gathered from your responses to the congregational survey, and will also be receiving **your feedback**. Today's session will be recorded and made available for later viewing. There will also be an **in-person town hall next Sunday, October 22** in the Sanctuary after the 11:00 a.m. service. Please plan to join in taking the next step in developing a long-range plan for Fourth Church!

Partnering with our local and global community

A new three-week class, **"Stop the Shooting,"** offered by the Adult Education and World Mission and Social Justice Councils, begins next Sunday morning, October 22 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. This look at organizations and approaches for gun violence reduction and advocacy will feature a speaker from **Live Free Illinois** (October 22) talking about "The Spiritual Imperative to Work against Gun Violence"; **Arne Duncan** (October 29) speaking about the work of **Chicago CRED**; and **Pastor Brenda Mitchell** (November 5) spotlighting advocacy and activism. *(For Zoom details, register at <https://bit.ly/aestoptheshooting>)* ☼ With the outbreak of war in the region, we hold in prayer **our siblings in Israel and Palestine** and all impacted by the violence. For those seeking a way to put prayer into action, **gifts to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, providing humanitarian assistance in the region through partners on the ground, can be given at www.bit.ly/pdagifts

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.

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Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer (9:30), Matt Helms (11:00), Sarah Younger (9:30), Walter Robinson (11:00),
Nancy Benson-Nicol, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

Tower Brass; Charles Schuchat, Artistic Director
Drum Circle; John Doty, Director
Morning Choir (9:30); Chancel Choir (11:00)
Michael Rees, Organ Scholar
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S OPENING HYMN, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," is a paraphrase of the beloved Psalm 23, this morning's Psalter reading.

THE ANTHEM "I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains" was composed by Paul French, a distinguished leader in Chicago choral circles for nearly thirty years. The composer of more than 200 instrumental and choral works, since 2001 he has served as Music Director at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and was appointed Music Director of the William Ferris Chorale in 2005.

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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