
A special word of welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning! For more information about Fourth Presbyterian Church, please contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

Following this service at the beach, all are invited to the Randolph Room at Fourth Church (on Michigan Avenue, between Chestnut and Delaware) for a continental breakfast. Please enter the glass doors at 126 E. Chestnut, a half-block west of Michigan Avenue.

We invite you to worship with us often!

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Communion

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (*on Easter Sunday, 11:30 a.m.*)

4:00 p.m. Jazz Service with Communion

Fourth Friday of the Month

7:30 p.m. Prayer service in the style of Taizé

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth is available prior to Taizé, between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Participating in this Service

HARDY H. KIM, *Associate Pastor*

JUDITH L. WATT, *Associate Pastor*

LAYTON WILLIAMS, *Pastoral Resident*

LUKE BEASLEY, LESLEY CONZELMAN, KATIE PATTERSON,

BRAD PIERCE, MELANIE PIERCE, ELLEN SCHALLER

MEMBERS OF TOWER BRASS, *Fourth Church's brass ensemble*

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PRELUDE

Rigaudon

*André Campra
arr. Robert King*

EASTER LITANY OF APPROACH

Leader: Watching at the cross, we see the powerful reality
of a life directed by love.

All: **Risen Jesus—as we meet you in imagination,
standing in the graveyard, may fear be thrown off,
our lives energized, and our feet follow yours
in the service of justice.**

Leader: Waiting by the tomb, we glimpse the challenging potential
of a life constrained by love.

All: **Risen Jesus—as we meet you in the world,
incarnated in others, may selfishness be defied,
our hearts expanded, and our hands join with yours
in the service of liberation.**

Leader: Walking in the garden,
we encounter the vibrant possibilities
of a life reborn through love.

All: **Risen Jesus—as we meet you beyond time,
present in the glory of this morning
and in the bread and wine we will soon share,
may what is wounded be healed through love
and what is mortal be transformed by life
in the service of your kingdom. Amen.**

HYMN “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

EASTER LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus, through your committed living and dying,
you show us the possibilities of love
and reveal the first fruits of your kingdom.

All: **We confess that all too often we have let self-preservation smother love and defy the rule of justice.**

Leader: Jesus, by your patient waiting in the tomb,
you show us the possibilities of love
and reveal the first fruits of your kingdom.

All: **We confess that all too easily we have let self-interest out-argue love and restrict the reach of liberation.**

Leader: Jesus, in your paradoxical rising from the dead,
you show us the possibilities of love
and reveal the first fruits of your kingdom.

All: **We confess that all too readily we have let self-doubt keep love chained and deny the possibility of transformation.**

Leader: Jesus—Incarnate Love, committed, patient, and free—
your resurrection reminds us
that the graveyard is also where life begins again.

All: **Meet us now in our places of death.
Touch and transform us, that our lives too
might witness to the possibilities of love
and bear the fruits of your kingdom. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER

Psalm 118:17, 21–24 (*responsively*)

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

All: **I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

All: **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:1–12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Looking among the Dead

HARDY H. KIM

HYMN “Christ Is Alive!”

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but
saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn,
or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive and comes to bring good news
to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy,
with justice, love, and praise.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION AND THANKSGIVING

Leader: We stand in the resurrection garden of God—
a place suffused and shaped by love and ripe
with its potential . . .

. . . we join our voices with that of creation
and with all those who bear witness across the world
and throughout the ages to the transforming power
of God’s love and life:

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

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

EASTER AFFIRMATION

Leader: We believe that Jesus—God unbounded—
directed by love, accepted restraint and lived
a fully human life to begin the healing of the world.

All: **Alleluia! With wonder we affirm it!**

Leader: We believe that Jesus—God unbounded—
sustained by love, accepted restraint
and died on the cross to draw the sting of death.

All: **Alleluia! With faith we accept it!**

Leader: We believe that Jesus—God unbounded—
empowered by love, accepted restraint
and was entombed to break the grip of evil.

All: **Alleluia! With confidence we believe it!**

Leader: We believe that Jesus—God unbounded—
directed, sustained, and empowered by love,
threw off all restraint and rose from the dead
to transform the world through Life.

All: **Alleluia! With joy we proclaim it!**

HYMN "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts
forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

CLOSING RESPONSES

Leader: Jesus, Love resurrected, has met us once again in the garden
and touched and transformed us with life.

People: **Alleluia! With joy we accept it!**

Leader: Jesus, life in all its fullness,
now calls us onwards into the powerful reality,
the challenging potential, and the vibrant possibilities
of the life of his kingdom.

People: **Alleluia! With conviction we will live it!**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Canzona per Sonare no. 4

Giovanni Gabrieli; arr. Robert King