

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Choral No. 1 in E Major César Franck

Introit

“Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded” Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi

*Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!
Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;
sing of the seed from barren earth greenening; sing of creation, alleluia!
Sing of the stream from Jesus’ side flowing;
sing of the saints in water made holy; sing of salvation, alleluia!*

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Litany of Gifts

Leader: *There are varieties of gifts,*

People: **but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Leader: *There are different ways of serving God,*

People: **but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: *God works through each person in a unique way,*

People: **but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.**

Leader: *We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism,*

People: **and marked as Christ’s own by the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: *This is our common calling,*

People: **to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord.**

*Hymn 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, we confess that we can be an anxious people.
We do not notice your presence all around us,
and we often fail to keep your word.
Forgive us, we pray, for these and all the ways we fall short.
Enable us to live in peace and reflect your love in the world;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Set Me As a Seal” René Clausen
*Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 98 Old Testament, page 521

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581

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

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26 New Testament, page 110

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 722. “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

*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.

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons (9:30)

Commissioning of Trustees (11:00)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Prayer Response

“Amen” John Erickson

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Arise, My Love” Stephen Paulus

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, come away. O my dove, in the clefts of the rock and the covert of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is comely.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
 with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
 here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
 Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to your love,
 you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith.
 All that we have and all that we are comes from you, O God,
 so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed.
 For the sake of our brother and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 804 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Carillon Herbert Murrill

Officers of Fourth Presbyterian Church

Following the action of the congregation and the Session of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, the following persons will be ordained, installed, and commissioned to church office this morning. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this important ministry.

Session (*the church's governing body, which meets monthly to conduct the business of the church*):

Gerry Bloomer, Hope Daniels, Deb Ford, Mallory Garfield (*Youth*), James Garner, Stephen Hauser, Julie James, Jerry Latherow, Jared Light, David Marshall, Enjolique McCullough, Allison Youngblood, Sarah Younger

Board of Trustees (*those elected by the congregation to manage Fourth Church's financial and physical resources*): Don Allerton, Norma Borcherdig, Andrew Brickman, Alex Brougham, Steve Jurgens, Meg O'Hara, Nina Owen

Board of Deacons (*often described as "the heart of the church," those involved in the care of the congregation and various outreach ministries*): Matthew Bardwell, Kay Brungs, Stephen Bus, Cynthia Casteel, John Deverman, James Haugen, Anthony Hipp, Hannah Kershner (*Youth*), Rachel Letcher, Sally Lewis, Brian Lukens, Christie Ochoa, Emma Richardson, Katie Truesdell, Deborah Zak

Please also keep in your prayers those officers who are continuing their terms of service.

Session: Joy Anderson, Michelle Becker, Alison Gerlach Blaser, Pam Block, Kathryn Burkhardt, Abbie Fassnacht, Joe Fong, Lisa Garay, Gary Graham, Christiane Knapp-Andrews, Jim Kulich, Carol Lobbes, Mark Meyer, Betsy Morgan, Howard Morgan, Holly O'Mara, Tom Payne, Fred Schwartz, John Stracks, Michael Tax, Dawn Vanderveen, Russell Vilt, Jeff Weber

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Fourth Church extends a heartfelt thank-you and its sincere appreciation to those who this month complete their term of service as officers and whose many contributions we celebrate at today's Coffee Hour.

Session: Blake Anderson, Michael DeVries, Arlene Faulk, Chris Horsman, Bobbie Huskey, Emily Childers Jurgens, Corey McPherrin, Don Nelson, Bill Patterson, Grace Turner (*Youth*), Betsy Zeiger

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Worship Leaders

9:30 Judith L. Watt, Joan Hall, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

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The Music Today

Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Grant Nill, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service, worship at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We will also offer a service in the style of Taizé on Friday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as we do on the fourth Friday of each month.

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