
Gathering around the Word

Prelude ♪ Precious Lord, Take My Hand Thomas Dorsey; arr. Amr Fahmy

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Joyful is the sound we make this morning!*

For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: *Thankful is the song we sing!*

For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: *Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!*

For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: *Wonderful is our unity in worship!*

For Christ is risen! He is alive and is among us.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Praise

Hymn “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain

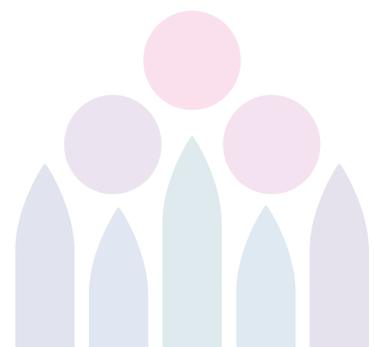
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.

Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *Refrain*



Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of all mercy, in our baptisms you have marked us as your own;
you have given us a new identity and made us part of the body of Christ.
In doing so, you have called us to rise to new life and to live together in community.
However, we have not been faithful to your call.
We have forged our own identity and held to destructive habits.
We confess we have failed to welcome others,
broken bonds we have had with brothers and sisters,
and served ourselves more than you.
Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 18:1–8

I love you, O Lord, my strength,
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven; my God, my rock
in whom I put my trust, my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge.
I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.
The breakers of death rolled over me, and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.
The cords of Sheol entangled me, and the snares of death were set for me.
I called upon the Lord in my distress and cried out to my God for help.
From the heavens the Lord heard my voice; my cry reached God's ears.
The earth reeled and rocked; the roots of the mountains shook;
they reeled because of God's anger.
Smoke rose from the Lord's nostrils
and a consuming fire out of God's mouth;
hot burning coals blazed forth.

Gloria Patri (*unison*)

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 John 10:1–10

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Hymn “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
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Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
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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.

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

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo :: “Honor, Honor, God Has Smiled on Me” African American spiritual

Bearing the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Hymn “The Day of Resurrection”

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

Postlude :: Novelette in C Major Francis Poulenc



In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, where the service is available throughout the week, we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify: www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast**; we also invite you to sign up to receive our sermons **by email: www.bit.ly/fpcsermons**

On Wednesday mornings we gather online at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. If you would like to join staff in this time of praying for Fourth Church members and those in need, please email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the Zoom information.

Our daily devotions are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can receive them in your inbox (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or on Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago). ✨ Opportunities to join in a virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** are offered by our Replogle Center on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) and Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another and remaining together while apart, **we very much we want to hear from you!** Our pastors, Deacons, Stephen Ministers, and other volunteers are available to connect with you by phone and email. Please let us know by contacting our Pastoral Care Office (callerton@fourthchurch.org)—

- ▶ **if you are—or someone you know is—feeling isolated, lonely, anxious, or sick**
- ▶ **if you are a medical professional or are a provider of essential services**, as we want to care for you as well in what we know are difficult days for you and your colleagues
- ▶ **if you have a prayer request**; Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries
- ▶ **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570) and your request will be forwarded to someone on the pastoral staff.
- ▶ **If you would like to explore options for tele-therapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, the Center invites you to call them at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.

Stephen Ministry is here to help you in this difficult time. If you would like to be in **phone contact with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

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

Sunday, May 3 has been designated **Older Adult Sunday** by the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is a time when we celebrate the countless contributions older adults make in the life of this congregation and in the larger community through the Center for Life and Learning. We join others around the country in giving thanks for the gift that older adults are to each one of us!

Looking for **plant starts for your home garden**? Our Chicago Lights Urban Farm will be taking online orders for plant starts, with curbside pickup of the fulfilled orders on Saturday, May 16 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Farm (444 W. Chicago Ave.). All proceeds support the Urban Farm, which is dedicated to cultivating a thoughtful and engaged community of youth and adults through educational and economic opportunities, hands-on learning experiences, and access to fresh, local, and sustainably grown produce. For details, contact Ben Jaffe at bjaffe@chicagolights.org

As part of our commitment to caring for the most vulnerable, Fourth Church **Meals Ministry** is providing “to go” packaged meals for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and “to go” lunches for the Tuesday-through-Thursday Bag Lunch program. These are being served outside, so as to limit lines and in-person gatherings. * The Chicago Lights **Social Service Center** is also providing essential services on Tuesdays (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) and Wednesdays through Fridays (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) by offering “curbside” pickup of emergency clothing; hygiene items; and pre-assembled bags for scheduled Food Pantry appointments. * For ways you can **order and ship items particularly needed for these ministries** see www.fourthchurch.org

In this time while we are not in the same place, we remain connected as community and church through a variety of online opportunities. * We continue to offer Noonday Concerts each Friday, livestreamed at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, where they are also available to enjoy later in the week. * **TwentiesThirties** is hosting a variety of opportunities for young adults—from a weekly Zoom Coffee Hour following worship to a time of fifteen-minute Examen prayer on Thursdays to monthly trivia gatherings. Details about connecting are available from Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in online **Center for Life and Learning** courses and gatherings—ranging from exercise classes to lectures to Book Club. Details are available from Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org). * **Sunday School lessons and crafts** to do at home are posted at www.bit.ly/fpcsundayschool. * Information about **online youth group** and **recently-home-from-college gatherings** is listed at fourthchurch.org/youth.

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for additional resources and ways to connect. We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) for updates and glimpses of our life together while apart.

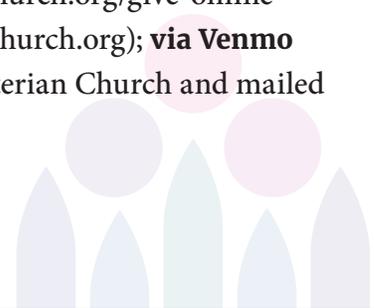
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Matt Helms, Associate Pastor
Joseph L. Morrow, Minister for Evangelism
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Amr Fahmy, Pianist from Jazz at Four
Daniel Henry, Soloist

Worship Notes

YOUR GIFTS TO FOURTH CHURCH MATTER NOW MORE THAN EVER! When we do not pass a plate, it is easy for our offering to decrease. But our expenses continue as we remain committed to feeding our hungry neighbors and to paying our staff. Your generosity in this time makes a big difference! You can **give online** at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the **“To Make a Gift”** button on our website: www.fourthchurch.org); **via Venmo** (@Fourth-Church); or via a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church and mailed to 126 E. Chestnut, Chicago, IL 60611.2014.



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TO NOTIFY PASTORAL STAFF of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization, or deaths or to request prayer, contact David Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3360). (Please note: hospitals do not inform churches when a member is admitted.) Those experiencing difficult times are invited to consider meeting with a Stephen Minister: leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.