
Gathering around the Word

Prelude ♯ Intermezzo in A Major Johannes Brahms

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *We are not alone: God's love is in us.*

People: **This is the truth.**

Leader: *God knows our hopes, our fears, our questions.*

People: **This is the truth.**

Leader: *God is leading us deep into justice and wonder.*

People: **God is joyfully walking us home.**

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

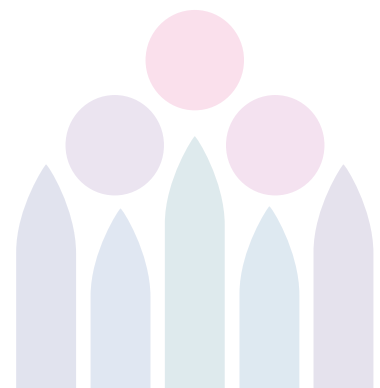
Prayer of Praise

Hymn "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.



Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways. And yet we long to live in your way. So, God of life, grant us your forgiveness for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech and the words with which we wounded. O God of life, grant us your forgiveness for our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness, and for all we left untended. O loving Christ, hanged on a tree yet risen in the morning, scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills; begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are. In you we place our hope, our great hope, our living hope, this day and evermore. 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 31:1–5, 15–16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

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 14:1-14

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Hymn (*sung three times*) “Nothing Can Trouble”

Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

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.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo ☩ “Here I Am, Lord” Daniel Schutte

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

Bearing the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Hymn “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

Postlude ♯ Sonatina in D Major Muzio Clementi
Allegro con spirito



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**

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.

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

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

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 one Saturday only, this 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

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, online 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.

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

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Worship Leaders

Victoria G. Curtiss, David Handley, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

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

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Emma Morley and Luke Meyer, Soloists

Worship Notes

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THREE OF OUR GRADUATING SENIORS for sharing their musical gifts for the past fifteen years as part of our Children's and Youth Choirs: Luke Meyer and Emma Morley—who are singing today's Offertory—and Clara Radtke.

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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