
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Air Johann Sebastian Bach
“The Peace may be exchanged.” from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair
Elegy James Biery

Introit :: “If with All Your Heart Ye Truly Seek Me” from *Elijah*. Felix Mendelssohn
*“If with all your heart ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me,” thus saith our God.
O, that I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before his presence.*

*Doxology (*sung*)

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.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Prayer of Praise

Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

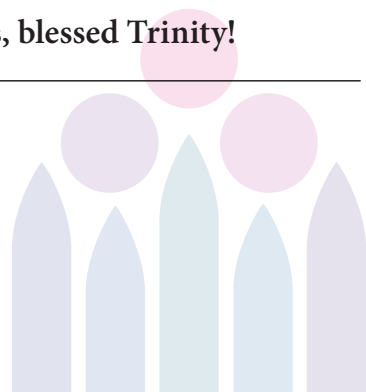
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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



Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have often failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are often a people divided against ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us. Forgive us and set us free from a past that we cannot change, so we might be open to a future in which we can be changed. Help us to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 8

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths
of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?
Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen.

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 LessonRomans 5:1-5

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Hymn “In Christ Called to Baptize”

In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ’s death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel; God’s love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ’s ways.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

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

Sealing the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer

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

Communion Solo :: "You'll Never Walk Alone" Richard Rodgers

When you walk through a storm, hold your head up high and don't be afraid of the dark.

At the end of the storm is a golden sky and the sweet silver song of a lark.

Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain, though your dreams be tossed and blown.

Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart, and you'll never walk alone.

Psalm 23 (*unison*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo :: "I'll Walk with God" Nicholas Brodzsky

*I'll walk with God from this day on, his helping hand I'll lean upon;
this is my prayer, my humble plea: may the Lord be ever with me.
There is no death, though eyes grow dim, there is no fear when I'm near to him.
I'll lean on him forever, and he'll forsake me never.
He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong; whatever road I may walk along.
I'll walk with God, I'll take his hand. I'll talk with God, he'll understand.
I'll pray to him, each day to him, and he'll hear the words that I say.
His hand will guide my throne and rod, and I'll never walk alone while I walk with God.*

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ’s sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ’s humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ’s liberating word.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude ♯: Tuba Tune in D Major C. S. Lang



At its May meeting, the Session of Fourth Church voted to continue to have **livestream-only worship throughout the summer**; our campus will remain closed through August. 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 want to talk about the grief, anger, and frustration you are feeling**
- ▶ **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 teletherapy** 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 days. If you would like to have a **phone conversation 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**. To join in this time of prayer, please email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the details.

Today, Sunday, June 7, is the last day for those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2020 to send their names to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org) to be included in the June 21 **Baccalaureate Sunday** bulletin.

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

The webinar “**Pulling the Weeds out of Our Garden: Anti-Blackness among Muslims and Christians**” will be cohosted this Tuesday evening, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. by the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago and by the Chicago Presbytery Ecumenical and Interreligious Work Group. This Muslim-Presbyterian dialogue will take place via Zoom and features our Minister of Evangelism, **Joe Morrow, as a featured speaker**. To register (*required*) for this free webinar, sign up at www.bit.ly/pullingtheweeds

A **new Men’s Small Discussion Group** will begin in July and meet weekly for three months to discuss the participants’ “spiritual autobiographies.” For details contact David Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org). * This opportunity is just one way we remain connected as community and church while we are apart. **TwentiesThirties** offers opportunities for young adults, including a weekly Zoom Coffee Hour following worship, fifteen-minute Examen prayer on Thursdays, and monthly trivia gatherings. Details 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). * Information about **online youth group** and **home-from-college gatherings** is listed at fourthchurch.org/youth. * **Noonday Concerts** are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, where they are also available later in the week.

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). * An opportunity for a virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is offered by our Replogle Center on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) and Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

As part of our commitment to caring for the most vulnerable, Fourth Church **Meals Ministry** is providing—via outdoor pickup—“to go” meals for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and “to go” lunches for the Tuesday-through-Thursday Bag Lunch program. * Tuesday through Friday mornings the Chicago Lights **Social Service Center** offers “curbside” pickup of emergency clothing; hygiene items; and pre-assembled bags for scheduled Food Pantry appointments. * For ways to **order and ship items needed for these ministries** see www.fourthchurch.org

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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Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Lisa Stracks, Joe Morrow, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

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

Brett Potts, Soloist

Worship Notes

TODAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER today, and so we encourage you to have at hand elements for communion such as juice and crackers or bread.

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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