
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Partita in A Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Allemande

II. Corrente

III. Sarabande

IV. Bourrée angloise

Meditation on “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling” Christopher Pardini

Introit :: “Shall We Gather” Aaron Copland

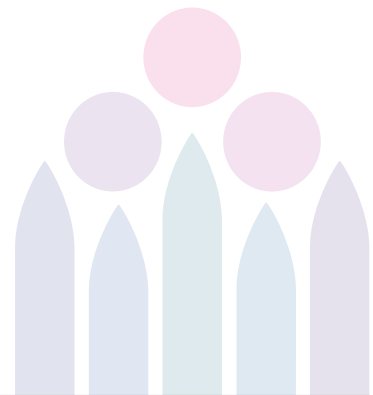
*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angels feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.
Soon we’ll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*

*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



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

Hymn “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There’s a kindness in God’s justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth’s failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God’s Word
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

You are the Holy One, O God,
who leads each of your dear ones by hand through the journey of faith and life.
By your covenantal faithfulness you protect and guide us.
And with your vision for the world,
we can see beyond our current conditions and gaze into the horizon of hope.
Yet there are times when trusting in you is difficult and hearing your call is hard.
Uncertain of the future, we lean on our biases instead of your promises.
Seeking to preserve ourselves,
we close our ears to the inconvenient cries of the oppressed.
Forgive our lack of faith, and through your grace
open again our hearts to the world.
Help us reclaim our trust in you so that we can once again
walk the path of life with you and all your beloved. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Solo ♯ “Set Me as a Seal upon Your Heart” Karen P. Thomas

*Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm;
for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave.
The coals thereof are coals of fire, which has a most vehement flame.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 89:1–4; 15–18

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”
Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.
For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.
Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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.

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

Scripture Lesson Genesis 22:1–14

Sermon Joseph L. Morrow

Responding to the Word

Hymn “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*

These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others’ feet;
this is the way we should live like you. *Refrain*

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

“Creation of Peace” Mark Miller

*We'll build a land where we bind up the broken; we'll build a land where captives go free;
where the oil of gladness dissolves all our mourning, we'll build a promised land that can be.
We'll build a land where we bring good tidings to all the afflicted and those who will mourn;
we'll give them garlands instead of ashes; we'll build a land where peace is reborn!
O come build a land, come gather together, anointed by God, then create peace,
where justice shall flow down like the water and peace like an ever-flowing stream!
We'll build a land where those who go hungry are given the food that makes a soul strong, restoring
the balance to all of God's children; come build a land where all will belong! Hallelujah! We'll build
a land where cries of praises resound from spirits once faint and once weak,
where like oaks of righteousness stand her people; come build a land, my people we seek.
O come build a land, come gather together, anointed by God, then create peace,
where justice shall flow down like the water and peace like an ever-flowing stream! Hallelujah!*

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn “In Christ There Is No East or West”

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude ♯ Toccata on “Love Divine, All Love's Excelling” C. Pardini



We continue to gather online for **livestream-only worship throughout the summer**, as 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**
- ▶ **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 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.
- ▶ **If you would like to have a phone conversation with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.
- ▶ **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.

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). * On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for details.
* A virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted by our Replogle Center on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) and Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

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New virtual small groups (of six to eight members) are being formed for fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation. Groups will meet via Zoom for four weeks, beginning July 6, on weekday late afternoons or mid-mornings. (August groups will also be offered.) Topics may include book studies or open conversation regarding spiritual journeys and faith life. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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). * **TwentiesThirties** offers opportunities for young adults, including a weekly Zoom Coffee Hour following worship and a book study. 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** exercise classes, Book Club, virtual tours, and more. Details are available from Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org). * Information about **online youth group gatherings** is listed at fourthchurch.org/youth. * For details about weekly **online programming for children, parents, and families**, including Sunday School, and midweek craft and story time, as well as information about online VBS, contact Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). * **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.

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

To purchase fresh produce and support the community, stop by the **Farmstand at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm** on Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Guests are required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing while at the Farm (*444 W. Chicago Ave.*). * The Chicago Lights Dance Academy's **Summer Dance Intensive** will be online Monday to Friday, June 29-July 23. This curriculum features two live Zoom classes each morning in the styles of ballet, jazz, musical theater, tap, and hip hop, plus prerecorded dance lessons and independent study. Advanced choreography will be offered in the afternoons for seasoned students. Information, including registration details, can be found at chicagolights.org/dance-academy/#sdi

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

Jeffrey Doane, Lisa Stracks, Rocky Supinger, Joseph L. Morrow

The Music Today

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Phil Pierick, Saxophonist and Soloist

Worship Notes

DURING PRIDE WEEK, the ribbons on the trees and fence outside the Sanctuary are a public witness to the inclusive hospitality we extend to all and to our welcome of all of God's children into the life of the church. On this Pride Sunday, our worship also includes works by Aaron Copland, Karen Thomas, and Mark Miller, who are just three among countless LGBTQIA+ composers throughout history.

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 even while our expenses continue. Your generosity in this time makes a big difference! You can **give online** at 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.