
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sonata in C Major. Domencio Zipoli
Inviolata. André Fleury

Introit :: “Pass Me Not” Fanny Crosby and William H. Doane
arr. John Andrew Schneider

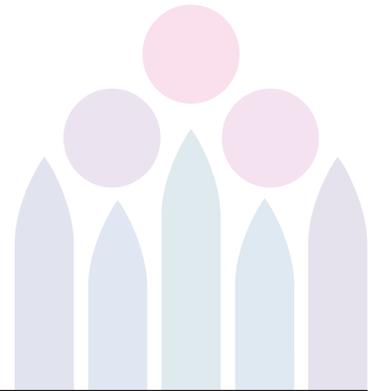
*Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry!
While on others thou art smiling, do not pass me by.
Let me at a throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry!
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

*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 “Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor”

Judge Eternal, throned in splendor, Lord of lords and King of kings,
with your living fire of judgment purge this land of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion with the healing of your wings.

Still the weary folk are pining for the hour that brings release,
and the city’s crowded clangor cries aloud for sin to cease,
and the homesteads and the woodlands plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, your own endeavor; cleave our darkness with your sword;
feed the faithless and the hungry with the richness of your word;
cleanse the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
Although Jesus Christ has lived among us
showing us a better Way and Truth and Life of self-giving love,
we are afraid to let go of our self-seeking
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.
Forgive us, gracious God, and fan into flame our deepest desire
to serve you with our lives and be agents of your reconciling love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession . . .

(Please hold silence.)

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Solo :: “He Shall Feed His Flock” from *Messiah*. George Frideric Handel

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: and he shall gather the lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto him all ye that labor, come unto him that are heavy laden, and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him; for he is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 145:8–14

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words and loving in all your works.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

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 Lessons Matthew 11:25–30; Romans 7:15–24

Sermon :: “The Struggle of the Soul” David Handley

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. (Romans 7:15)

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

Responding to the Word

Hymn “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.

New Members

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 :: “My Tribute” Andrae Crouch

How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me? Things so undeserved, yet you gave to prove your love for me. The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude, all that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to thee. To God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me, with his power he has raised me, to God be the glory for the things he has done. Just let me live my life, let it be pleasing, Lord, to thee. And if I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary.

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn “For the Healing of the Nations”

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life’s brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude ♯ Fanfare William Mathias



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 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 grief, anger, or 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 312.787.8425.
- ▶ **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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Those who are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to join us online for a two-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, July 19 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, July 22 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church history, mission, and congregational life as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), **sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirer0720**

New virtual small groups (of six to eight members) are holding their first Zoom gatherings this week, and new groups for August are being formed. If you are interested in being part of an August group focused on a book discussion, conversations about race, or reflections on faith journeys, please email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in online **Center for Life and Learning** summer 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 **online programming for children, parents, and families**, including Sunday School, midweek craft and story time, and online VBS, contact Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@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). * **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. The July 10 concert features the Fourth Quartet, from our Jazz at Four services.

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 **Summer Day** program, which is being held online this year, and begins on Monday. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the students and staff participating in this academic and arts program for first through eighth graders from under-served neighborhoods.

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

Lucy Forster-Smith, Gretchen Wahl, Lois Snavelly, David Handley

The Music Today

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Sarah van der Ploeg, 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 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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