
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Préambule Louis Vierne
Poem of Peace Jean Langlais
Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee Plainsong; arr. John G. Barr

Introit :: “Eternal Life” Olive Dungan

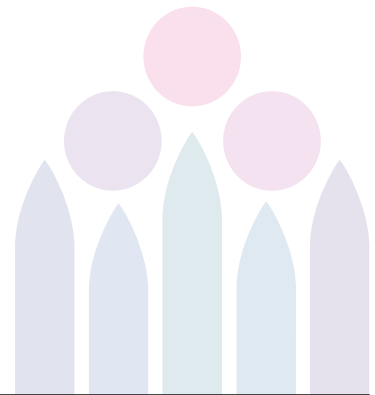
*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

*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 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at your table, confirm our intention;
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.

When, at your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, from your great abundance
you have given us grace upon grace.
You feed our bodies, minds, and spirits.
And yet, in receiving, we do not always give.
We have grasped what we have been given
and we have longed for more than our fair share.
We have failed to notice and to acknowledge the abundance in your world,
and our actions have left some of us in poverty and hunger.
Forgive us and change us, Lord.
Give us strength and conviction to be generous
and to work for justice and joy for all peoples. 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 17:1–7, 15

Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.
I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
But at my vindication I shall see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

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 Lesson Matthew 14:13–21

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

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

Responding to the Word

Hymn “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.

Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.

Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo # “Agnus Dei” Georges Bizet

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Sealing the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

We lift up our hearts to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God,
for 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 Anthem :: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Howard Goodall

*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. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
will fear no evil; for you are with me; you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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.

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: “I am with you; do not fear!”
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude ♯ Fugue on the Carillon Theme of Soissons Cathedral. Maurice Duruflé



At a joint meeting of Session and the Board of Trustees on Sunday, July 26, the boards voted to continue gathering online for **livestream-only worship** for the foreseeable future, until such a time as they deem it safe to once again gather in person. 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)**.

An **online town hall gathering** will be held on Sunday, August 23 at 12:15 p.m. to discuss the boards' recent decisions about the ways in which we will be church in the days ahead, as we continue to serve those in need and to build connections with one another during this pandemic. There will be time for questions and comments as well as opportunity to hear more about the plans. We hope you will join us at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms

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 a medical professional or are a provider of essential services**
- ▶ **if you are—or someone you know is—feeling isolated, lonely, anxious, or sick**
- ▶ **if you want to talk about the grief, anger, and frustration you are feeling**
- ▶ **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.

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for 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.

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

The Officer Nominating Committee is gathering recommendations of individuals to serve in the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board for terms beginning in 2021. If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please take a moment to offer your leadership recommendations by completing the online form at www.bit.ly/nominating2020

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. This week's concert features pianist Stu Mindeman; an annual favorite, the cabaret duo of Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael, will perform on August 14. * Details about **online youth group gatherings** are available from Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * **TwentiesThirties** offers opportunities for young adults, including a weekly Zoom Coffee Hour on Sundays 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** summer exercise classes, virtual tours, and more. Details are available from Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org). * The World Mission and Social Justice Committee is gathering names of those who might be interested in participating in a **future mission trip to India**. To express interest, please contact Parish Associate Maggie Shreve (jailministry@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.).

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

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

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Taposhi Bentley, David Handley, Nanette Sawyer

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir:

Kacey Kurpinsky, Melissa Arning, Micah Dingler, Sean Stanton

Marshall Rollings, Soloist

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

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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