
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Pièce Symphonique César Franck
Meditation Gabriel Noël-Gallon

Introit ☩ “Awake, My Heart” Jane M. Marshall

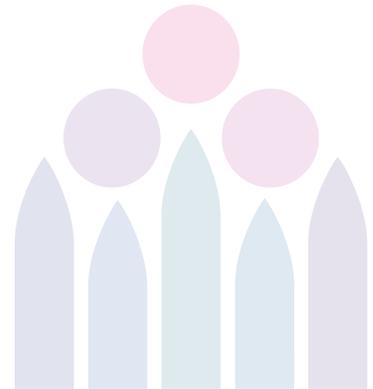
*Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender,
thy maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.
Confirm my deeds and guide me; my day, with thee beside me,
beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending.
My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;
thy word my nurture, given to bring me on toward heaven.*

*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 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator’s praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung
through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal and gracious God,
we confess before you and our brothers and sisters
that we have stumbled in our faith.
We have made you small when your call is vast;
we have loved with a meager love when you ask for generous care for all;
we have sought our own gain and been poor stewards of this earth’s riches.
Create in us clean, generous, whole lives,
and open our hearts to your grace, O God,
that your bounty would flow through us for this, your world;
through Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Solo :: “Serenity” Charles Ives

*O, sabbath rest of Galilee! O, calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity interpreted by love.
Drop thy still dews of quietness, 'til all our strivings cease:
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 133

How good and how pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head,
flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
flowing down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon
flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing:
life forevermore.

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 Matthew 15:21–28

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

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

Responding to the Word

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.

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 Eyes for Beauty Pine” Herbert Howells

*My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God’s grace;
no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.
One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above;
'tis named when God’s name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire
is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.*

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call
to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.

We marvel how your saints became in hindrances more sure:
whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you:
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored, done.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude ♯ Piece for a Grand Organ Joseph Jongen



For the foreseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**.

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); you can also receive our sermons **by email** (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

Do you miss connecting with people before and after worship? If so, plan to join us online today following the postlude for **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom!** This week the Deacons will be our Zoom hosts. We hope to see you online after worship today at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship (Zoom details are also posted at www.fourthchurch.org). Looking ahead: we will take a break from Coffee Hour on August 23 but then resume again on Sunday, August 30.

Next Sunday, August 23 at 12:15 p.m. we will have an **online town hall gathering** to discuss the boards' 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 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!** **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).

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

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.*).

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Our annual **School Supply Drive**, hosted by Women at Fourth and providing supplies for students of Chicago Lights Tutoring, Summer Day, and the Urban Farm, is virtual this year. Details are posted on www.fourthchurch.org; the ordering deadline is August 21. * Fourth Church **Meals Ministry** provides “grab and 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

A **Zoom conversation with our neighbors at Chicago Sinai Congregation** will be held this Wednesday, August 19 at 6:00 p.m. as a time to make new friends and deepen bonds. Preregister (*required*) at bit.ly/fpccsc81920 * **Noonday Concerts** are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at bit.ly/fpcprograms (where they are available during the week). For this week’s concert we welcome back jazz vocalist Elaine Dame. * **TwentiesThirties** offers opportunities for young adults. For details, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * **The Center for Life and Learning** offers online exercise classes, lectures, and virtual tours for those sixty and over. For details, contact Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org).

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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

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

David Handley, Marcus Mason-Vivit, Rocky Supinger, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

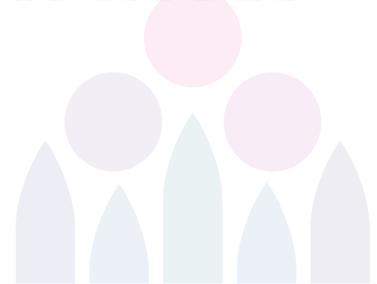
Carol Carpenter, Daniel Henry, Carla Janzen, Cole Seaton

Carol Carpenter, Soloist and Flutist

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

Worship Notes

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