
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne Dieterich Buxtehude
Fantasy on “O Waly Waly” English folk melody; arr. Aaron David Miller

Introit ✠ “Lord God of Abraham” from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn

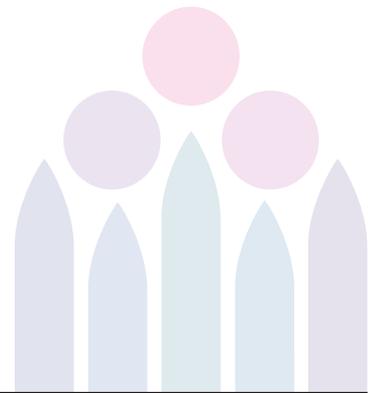
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, this day let it be known that thou art God and that I am thy servant. Lord God of Abraham, O show to all this people that I have done these things according to thy word. O hear me, Lord, and answer me, and show this people that thou art Lord God, and let their hearts again be turned.

*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 “O for a World”

O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of justice, in baptism you anointed us to live boldly
in the reality of your coming reign.

We confess that we have not fulfilled our calling.

We have not often used our power to serve our neighbors.

We have looked away or walked away from oppression and injustice.

We have turned our backs on many of your beloved children
who hunger and thirst in a world of plenty. Forgive us, Lord.

Make us courageous servants of your justice, peace, and wholeness;
in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Anthem :: “Hinei Mah Tov” Robert S. Pollack

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 37:1–11

Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like the grass and like the green grass fade away.
Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart’s desire.
Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.
The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.
In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.
But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

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 5:1–16

Sermon :: “To What End? Being Church in These Days” Shannon J. Kershner
Great End #5: The Promotion of Social Righteousness

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

Responding to the Word

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.

New Members

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo :: "Gaelic Blessing" Gwyneth Walker

Deep peace of the running waves to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the early spring to you. Deep peace of the budding flower to you. Deep peace of the warming sun to you. Deep peace of the life to come to you. Deep peace of the autumn rain; deep peace of the harvest grain; deep peace of the winter night; deep peace of the fading light; deep peace when my life is done, deep peace to you.

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.
Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command.
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare
and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude :: I've Just Come from the Fountain. African American spiritual
arr. Richard Billingham



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 also make the service available via **Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)** and **YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)** at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. * Those without Internet access are invited to join the service by **listening to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166 (toll-free)** at the time of the service (*the prelude typically begins around 10:45 a.m.*). * During the week we also 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)**.

Today we continue our **sermon series “To What End? Being Church in These Days.”** This series explores the Six Great Ends of the Church, a series of statements crafted in the early twentieth century to define and guide the life and work of the Presbyterian church: who we are and what we are called to do.

During worship this morning we welcome the **new Fourth Church members** who were received into membership at the September 27 meeting with Session: Will Bartels, Katie Carrier, Emily Dowden, Rita Flessner, Lyndsi Hay, Jim Jansma, Madelyn Jansma, Mark Knievel, Laura Jones, Anne Stelle, and Brian Traynor. * Those who are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to join us online for a two-session Inquirers’ Class beginning next Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. and continuing on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church history, mission, and congregational life and the Presbyterian Church (USA), **sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirer1020**

If you would like to connect with others for a time of fellowship following worship today, please join us online following the postlude for **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom!** We will be gathering online at **www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship** (Zoom details are also posted at www.fourthchurch.org). You can also take part in Coffee Hour **by phone:** dial (312) 626-6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#. * Another opportunity to connect with others is through our **small groups**, which meet via Zoom once a week for four to six weeks. To learn more or express interest in joining one of the new groups that will be forming in upcoming months, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

We wish all the students, tutors, and staff of **Chicago Lights Tutoring** a wonderful school year as they kick off Tutoring’s fifty-sixth year this Tuesday, October 13! This fall their mentoring relationships and academic growth programs will take place online.

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“Putting Our Faith into Action,” our **2021 stewardship campaign,** is underway! Look for information in your mailbox about the ways in which your pledges are vital to supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Please plan to submit your pledge—which you can make online at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge—by Sunday, November 8, when we will celebrate all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives.

Volunteers are needed to help cook our Fourth Church Meals Ministry **Sunday Night Supper** and to distribute the grab-to-go meal outdoors. You can sign up online to cook (app.vomo.org/project/cooking-for-sunday-night-supper) or serve (app.vomo.org/project/5da1181f63f6a) or contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at rcrouch@fourthchurch.org for details. * During October, which is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month,** purple bows on the tree trunks and fence along Michigan Avenue, outside the Manse, are our public witness to this issue and all those affected by it.

Sunday School and family activities are being held online. For details, contact Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). For details about **youth groups and Confirmation,** contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * **TwentiesThirties** offers online opportunities for young adults. For details, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * Details about the **Center for Life and Learning** courses, lectures, and exercise classes for adults sixty and over are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/cll; for more information, contact Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org). * **Online Noonday Concerts** are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms; this week’s program will be an **organ concert.**

A **new online adult education opportunity** begins today and continues over the next four weeks: **“Women in the Book of Judges”** meets via Zoom on Sundays through November 8 at 9:30 a.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/womeninjudges for this class taught by Dr. Steed Davidson of McCormick Theological Seminary. * **“Varying Voices of the Prophets: Cries for Justice, Lamentation, and Consolation”** is the new theme in our **“Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible”** class, which meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Jeff Doane will lead this exploration of texts in Amos, Jeremiah, and Isaiah on Sundays, October 11–25. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcff20 * **Men’s Bible Study** meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. **Horizon’s Bible Study for women** meets via Zoom this Wednesday, October 14 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these studies, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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Grace from the Rubble by **Jeanne Bishop** will be the topic of conversation at the next monthly Zoom gathering of **Books by Women**, which meets this Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. Later this month, on Thursday, October 22, **Women at Fourth** will have their monthly Zoom gathering at 6:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these gatherings, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * A new **Men's Faith Discussion Group** will also be meeting via Zoom beginning October 26. Six to eight men will share life stories and discuss the Gospel of Luke on Monday mornings from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. for three months. To express interest in taking part in this group, email David Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org). * **Cornerstones**, a fellowship opportunity for those 50 and older, will gather via Zoom on Friday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. for a program by Paul Hamann, President and CEO of the **Night Ministry**, which works with those struggling with poverty or homelessness. Register by Thursday, November 5 at www.bit.ly/cfpc1120 to receive Zoom details.

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 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). * **If you would like to explore options for teletherapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, please call the Center at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.

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

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for other resources and additional ways to connect. Upcoming online events are posted on the church calendar at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) for updates.

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Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Roel Mason-Vivit, Joseph L. Morrow, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

Carol Carpenter, Daniel Henry, Carla Janzen, and Cole Seaton

Bill McMurray, Soloist

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

Worship Notes

THE ANTHEM “HINEI MAH TOV” is sung in Hebrew and is a setting of Psalm 133:1. The editing for all prerecorded anthems is done by Christopher Norton, Music Department Coordinator.

IT IS THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF EACH OF US that Fourth Church is able to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those God calls us to love and serve as a light in the city. 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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