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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach  
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God . . . . . Johann Nicolaus Hanff

Introit :: “Dank sei Dir, Herr” . . . . . Siegfried Ochs

*Thanks be to thee, Lord God of hosts. Thou broughtest forth your people with your mighty hand, Israel, safe through the sea. Lord, like a shepherd thou hast led us; Lord, thy hand protected us in thy goodness, tenderly as in ages past.*

### \*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.

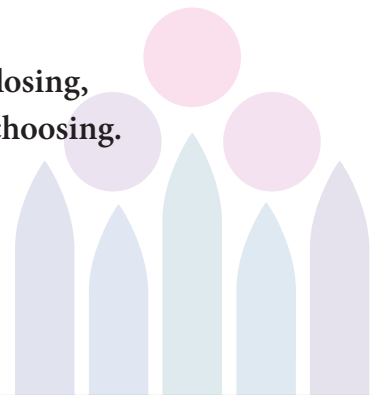
### Welcome and Call to Worship

### Prayer of Praise

Hymn . . . . . “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.



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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, you have told us the best way to live, and Jesus has shown us:  
loving you with our whole heart, soul, and mind,  
and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

We confess that we fail to live like that.

Our love of ourselves outstrips our love for our neighbors.

Our love for you is conditional upon time and motivation.

So we appeal to your Holy Spirit to move in us,

so that we may love our neighbors and you in the way Jesus shows us  
and so add to our world blessing and grace and peace. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Anthem # “O Be Joyful in the Lord” ..... Charles Wood

*O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter ..... Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright  
when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Gloria Patri (*unison*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup>  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson . . . . . Matthew 22:34–46

Sermon . . . . . Rocky Supinger

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## Responding to the Word

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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.

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<sup>†</sup>Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Minute for Discipleship

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo :: “The Lord’s Prayer” . . . . . Albert Hay Malotte

*Our Father which 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.*

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### Bearing the Word into the World

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Hymn . . . . . “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.  
That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude :: Highland Cathedral . . . . . Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb



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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch))** and **YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast))**; you can also receive our sermons **by email ([www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons))**.

Next Sunday, November 1, is **All Saints' Day**, the day we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year will be read during worship.

**"Putting Our Faith into Action,"** our **2021 stewardship campaign**, is underway! Each pledge makes a difference in the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Details are online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); for more information, email Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)). Please submit your pledge—which you can make online at **[www.bit.ly/fpcpledge](http://www.bit.ly/fpcpledge)**—by **Commitment Sunday**, November 8, when we will celebrate all we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives.

Those who are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to join us online for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (required for membership) and learn about Fourth Church congregational life, mission, and history as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), **sign up at [www.bit.ly/inquirer1120](http://www.bit.ly/inquirer1120)**

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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship)** (Zoom details are posted at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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 in 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 groups forming in upcoming months, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

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We are looking for Fourth Church members with **gifts for compassionate listening** to become Stephen Ministers and walk alongside individuals experiencing life challenges. The next fifty-hour **training course for new Stephen Ministers** will be offered in March 2021; for information about applying for the training, see [www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministers.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministers.html)

As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another, **we want to hear from you! If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley ([dhandley@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)) or read them online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)), or on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/fourthchicago](http://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](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

**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](http://app.vomo.org/project/cooking-for-sunday-night-supper)) **or serve** ([app.vomo.org/project/5da1181f63f6a](http://app.vomo.org/project/5da1181f63f6a)) or email Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)) for details. \* **Benevolent Guild**, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet via Zoom this Tuesday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m. For details about either of these opportunities, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)). \* During October, which is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, purple bows on the tree trunks and fence 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](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org)). For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, contact Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)). \* **TwentiesThirties** offers online opportunities for young adults. For details, contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll); for more information, contact Susan Quaintance ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)).

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**“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](http://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 current 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 is leading this exploration of texts in Amos, Jeremiah, and Isaiah, which concludes today. Next Sunday Matt Helms will begin a three-week look at **“From Pentecost to Constantine: How the Early Church Grew.”** For Zoom details for this weekly Sunday Bible study, register at [www.bit.ly/fpcff20](http://www.bit.ly/fpcff20) \* **Men’s Bible Study** meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Books by Women** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ***Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes**. For details, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)). \* **The First Tuesday Book Club** continues on Tuesday, November 10 (*since the first Tuesday of the month is Election Day*) at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom discussion in both November and December will focus on the book ***The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone** and will be led by Nanette Sawyer. Register for Zoom details at [www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks](http://www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks)

**Online Noonday Concerts** are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms); this week’s online program will feature **an organ concert by John Sherer**. John will also be presenting an online organ recital celebrating Chicago composers on Friday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms) to mark the **fifth anniversary of the dedication of our Andrew Pipe Organ**. \* **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 online by Thursday, November 5 at [www.bit.ly/cornerstones1120](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones1120) to receive Zoom details.

Watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar) We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and **Instagram** ([www.instagram.com/fourthchurch](http://www.instagram.com/fourthchurch)) for updates.

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## Worship Leaders

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Joseph L. Morrow, Judy Kerch, Lucy Forster-Smith, Rocky Supinger

## The Music Today

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Members of the Morning Choir

*Gretchen Adams, Bob Doak, Phil Pierick, Sarah van der Ploeg*

Brett Potts, Soloist; Brian McKee, Bagpiper

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

## Worship Notes

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TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY, a day when we recall the rich heritage of the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (USA) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, the watershed event sparking the Reformation. Luther later authored today's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

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](http://fourthchurch.org/give-online) (or via the **"To Make a Gift"** button on our website: [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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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**Lucy Forster-Smith** Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

**Matt Helms** Children and Family Ministry

**Joseph L. Morrow** Minister for Evangelism and  
Community Engagement (*Associate Pastor-Elect*)

**Nanette Sawyer** Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry

**David Handley** Interim Minister for Pastoral Care

**Jeffrey Doane** Parish Associate for Older Adults

**Maggie Shreve** Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

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