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THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Retrospection . . . . . Florence Price  
Be Thou My Vision. . . . . Irish ballad; arr. James Curnow  
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending. . . . . American folk melody; arr. Allan Mahnke

Introit :: “Lead Me, Lord” . . . . . Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

### \*Doxology (*sung*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

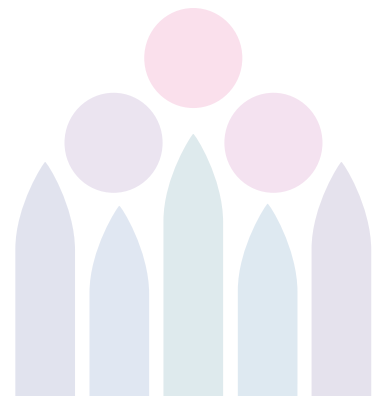
Welcome . . . . . *Lucy Forster-Smith*

### Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

Hymn . . . . . “The God of Abraham Praise”

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!  
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,  
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.  
In prophet’s word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.



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<sup>†</sup>Or “praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,  
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.

There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;  
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

Prayer of Confession . . . . . *David Neff*

Listening God, take what is closed in us and open it.  
Take what is distracted in us and settle it. Take what is hurting in us and hold it.  
Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you.  
For we are like Peter, O God. We argue what we don't know.  
We fear what we cannot see. And we almost always speak sooner than we listen.  
So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us.  
We long to hear you more clearly. We long to know you more fully.  
With hope we pray, and with gratitude we confess. Amen.

Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Solo :: "Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee" . . . . . English folk melody; arr. K. Lee Scott

*Out of the depths I cry to thee, Lord, my sins bewailing!  
Bow down thy gracious ear to me, make thou my prayer availing.  
Mark not my misdeeds in thy book, gracious Lord, most holy;  
on my sins in mercy look. Who can stand before thee?  
Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication.  
Thou, my hope, thou my light, thou my soul's deliverance.  
With thee there is forgiveness, Lord, love, and grace abounding.  
The greatest thought, or deed, or word were else but empty sounding.  
All who in thy sight appear come in sinful measure;  
all before thee bow in fear, seeking thy good pleasure.*

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## Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination ..... *Magdalena Garcia*

Psalter :: Psalm 22:23–31. .... *Peggy Lo*

May all who fear you, O God, give praise;  
may the offspring of Israel stand in awe and all of Jacob's line give glory.  
For you do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty,  
neither do you hide your face from them,  
but when they cry to you, you hear them.  
My praise is of you in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek you shall praise you:  
"May your heart live forever!"  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.  
For yours is the royal power, O God; you rule over the nations.  
To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before you.  
My soul shall live for you; my descendants shall serve you;  
they shall be known as yours forever.  
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that you have done.  
(*The Saint Helena Psalter*)

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 ..... Mark 8:31–38

Sermon ..... *Shannon J. Kershner*

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



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## Responding to the Word

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Hymn ..... “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin.  
From earthborn passions set me free,  
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle’s strife.  
In all my pain and misery  
be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray.  
Through darkness and perplexity  
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see,  
and share thy joy at last.

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## Service of Installation

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Scripture Reading :: 1 Corinthians 12:4–11..... *Sonia Bodi*

Statement on Ministry..... *Jodi Craiglow*

Constitutional Questions ..... *Mike Welf*

To the Pastor

To the Congregation

To the Commission Members

Prayer of Installation ..... *David Thornton*

Laying On of Hands

Declaration of Installation ..... *Greg Boyer*

Welcome Charge to the Newly Installed..... *Jan Edmiston*

Charge to the Congregation..... *Kerri Allen*

Offering and Prayer of Dedication . . . . . Matt Helms

Offertory Solo :: “O Divine Redeemer” . . . . . Charles Gounod

*Ah, turn me not away, receive me, though unworthy. Hear thou my cry; behold, Lord, my distress.  
Answer me from thy throne, haste thee, Lord, to mine aid; thy pity show in my deep anguish.  
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, though righteous thine anger, O Lord. Shield me in  
danger, O regard me. On thee, Lord, alone will I call. O divine Redeemer, I pray thee, grant me  
pardon, and remember not my sins. Forgive me, O divine Redeemer. Night gathers round my soul;  
fearful, I cry to thee. Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry!  
Save me, Lord, in thy mercy. O divine Redeemer, I pray thee, grant me pardon, and remember not,  
O Lord, my sins. Save, in the day of retribution; from death, shield thou me, O my God. O divine  
Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!*

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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Hymn . . . . . “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ’s sacrifice, and clothed in Christ’s humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ’s liberating word.

Charge . . . . . Joseph L. Morrow

Benediction

Postlude :: How Firm a Foundation. . . . . American folk melody; arr. Stephen Bulla



We are grateful to have with us this morning in worship the Installation Commission and guests, as we celebrate the **installation of Joseph L. Morrow as Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement**. We give thanks to God for Joe's presence alongside us and look forward to continuing in a rich and deep ministry together. ✨ As is customary when we install a new pastor, a portion of the morning offering will be given to the **Presbytery of Chicago's Ministers' Emergency Fund**, which supports pastors during times of financial emergency.

**Each Sunday during Lent we are extinguishing a candle.** Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

Throughout the Lenten season we receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**. This special offering supports the work of **Chicago Lights Tutoring** and **Elam Davies Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry**; and the work of **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs**. To make a One Great Hour of Sharing gift, use the designation "OGHS Lenten Offering" when giving at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) or write it on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

**If you are looking to add devotional meditations into your Lenten disciplines this year**, we invite you to join the more than 4,000 people who use the daily Lenten devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff. These reflections are available by email (you can sign up online 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 Twitter ([www.twitter.com/fourthchicago](http://www.twitter.com/fourthchicago)).

You can **honor or memorialize a loved one** with a contribution toward the **Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary for our online Easter service. A list of those individuals remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at [www.bit.ly/FPCgifts](http://www.bit.ly/FPCgifts); contributions must be received by Sunday, March 28 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, email Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)).

Each Sunday we host a **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom**, which begins immediately following the postlude. You can join this time of fellowship at [www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship](http://www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship) (Zoom details are also posted at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)). You can take part in Coffee Hour **by phone** as well: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#.

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This Monday evening, March 1 at 7:00 p.m., we will host a special online Michigan Avenue Forum, **“COVID-19 Vaccines: Answering Our Questions.”** In a twenty-minute interview, **Shannon Kershner will talk with Dr. Kevin Ban**, Chief Medical Officer for the Walgreens Corporation and former faculty member at the Harvard Medical School, about questions ranging from **how the vaccines were developed so quickly to what is being done to ensure all communities have access** to the vaccines. We hope you will tune in for this important online conversation hosted at [www.bit.ly/fprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fprograms) as well as via our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) and Facebook Live and, for audio only, by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the event.

This Tuesday evening, March 2, the **First Tuesday Book Club**, hosted by the Adult Education Committee, will meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. to discuss ***Union Made: Working People and the Rise of Social Christianity in Chicago* by Heath Carter**. Joe Morrow will lead the conversation with the author; for Zoom details, register at [www bit ly/firsttuesdaybooks](http://www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks) \* **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom next Tuesday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ***Whose Body* by Dorothy L. Sayers**. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

This Friday, March 5 the **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope at Home** will be held online at 7:00 p.m. This gala annually benefits the life-changing youth development and social service programs of Chicago Lights—the community outreach arm of Fourth Church—and the community support efforts of our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**. For details about attending this event, for which you can register for free, or becoming an event sponsor, sign up at [chicagolights.org/gala](http://chicagolights.org/gala) \* During the Gala, we will auction stays at vacation homes. If you or a family member or friend would be willing to **donate time at your vacation home** to support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center, please email Laura Woods ([lwoods@chicagolights.org](mailto:lwoods@chicagolights.org)).

**“Tools for Well-Being: Quarantine Edition”** offers simple techniques to help calm our minds, energize our bodies, and connect to our true selves. This Saturday, March 6 the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being will be hosting this online “quarantine edition” workshop at 10:00 a.m. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/well-beingtools0321](http://www.bit.ly/well-beingtools0321) \* “Virus as a Summons to Faith” is the topic a new Sunday morning class led by Jeannine Forrest and beginning on March 7 at 9:30 a.m. **Walter Breuggemann’s recent book *Virus as a Summons to Faith: Biblical Reflections in a Time of Loss, Grief, and Uncertainty***. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/summonstofaith](http://www.bit.ly/summonstofaith)

**Men’s Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the **Horizons Bible Study for women** next meets on Wednesday, March 10 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these Bible studies, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)). \* A **Bible study for those in their twenties and thirties** meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. For Zoom details, email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org))

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Hanging above our Sanctuary entrance throughout Black History Month is a banner with an image of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the words **“Moving the Dream Forward.”** It is a continued expression of our commitment to embrace racial equity by purposely including all people, striving for radical hospitality, and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas.

✳ The class **“On Restoring God’s Beloved Community: Looking for Guidance in Scripture”** concludes via Zoom today at 9:30 a.m. To view previous sessions, see [www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)

**Sunday School and family activities** meet online. For details, email Briana Belding-Peck ([bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org)). ✳ For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)). ✳ Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the **Center for Life and Learning**; for details, email Susan Quaintance ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)) or see [www.fourthchurch.org/cfl](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cfl)

**Sunday Night Supper** is in need of **cooks, servers, and runners** to assist with these “grab and go” meals. Those interested in helping are asked to email the Director of Volunteer Ministry, Robert Crouch ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)). ✳ **Fourth Church’s Employment Network**, which works in partnership with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center on the South Side, is **looking for volunteers** to support job-preparedness workshops and **internship to job opportunities**. For details, email [employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org](mailto:employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org)

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*), the service is available via **Facebook Live** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://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 **listen to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166 (toll-free)** at the time of the service (*the prelude begins around 10:45 a.m.*). ✳ During the week we 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)).

On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)) for the details. ✳ **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 talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570). ✳ **To explore options for teletherapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, call the Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260.

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## Worship Leaders

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Lucy Forster-Smith, Matt Helms, Joseph L. Morrow, Shannon J. Kershner

### MEMBERS OF THE 11:00 INSTALLATION COMMISSION AND GUESTS

Greg Boyer, *Ruling Elder, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Evanston*

Jodi Craiglow, *Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Libertyville*

Sonia Bodi, *Ruling Elder, Former Presbytery Moderator, First Presbyterian Church, Evanston*

David Neff, *Teaching Elder, Second Presbyterian Church, Chicago*

Magdalena Garcia, *Teaching Elder, Ravenswood Presbyterian Church, Chicago*

David Thornton, *Teaching Elder, Sixth Grace Presbyterian Church, Chicago*

Peggy Lo, *Assistant Priest, St. Chrysostom Episcopal Church*

Mike Welf, *Moderator, Presbytery of Chicago and Ruling Elder;  
First Presbyterian Church, Chicago Heights*

Kerri Allen, *Teaching Elder, Presbytery of Milwaukee*

Jan Edmiston, *Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly,  
Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Charlotte*

## The Music Today

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David Inmon, Trumpeter

Members of the Morning Choir

*Gretchen Adams, Daniel Henry, Phil Pierick, Sarah van der Ploeg*

Carla Janzen, Soloist

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

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**Shannon J. Kershner** Pastor

**Lucy Forster-Smith** Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

**Matt Helms** Children and Family Ministry

**Joseph L. Morrow** Evangelism and Community Engagement

**Nanette Sawyer** Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry

**David Handley** Interim Minister for Caring Ministries

**Jeffrey Doane** Parish Associate for Older Adults

**Maggie Shreve** Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

**John Buchanan** Pastor Emeritus

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## “Sleep Unborn”

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Psalm 22:23–31 | Paper lace

*“To God, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.” (Psalm 22:29)*

As I contemplate the idea of people beneath the earth and people in the womb, I feel a sense of beautiful protection. In particular, I feel a deep connection to our minuteness in contrast to the greatness of God. Each time I meet this text, I find myself taken by the repetitious time spent in joyous and abundant praise of God. God, we love you. God, we are amazed by you. God, you are everywhere, you are everything. God, we praise you!

In this piece, I depict a sense of covering—covering in the womb, “people yet unborn” (verse 28); covering in the soil, “sleep in the earth” (verse 31). A spiral radiates outward representing praise. The pattern depicts people in various poses of prayer and praise.

As I cut tiny stencils of prayer poses, I abstracted them to depict the shrouded minuteness of our being in God’s presence. As we became a beautiful and intricate pattern of prayer and praise, I began to see other images in the patterns—masks, faces, flowers—as though all states of being are present in that constancy of appreciation for God.

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