



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

Due to health concerns about the transmission of COVID-19, we are not engaging in congregational singing. During hymns, worshipers are invited to hum along with the choir members if they like.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

In Christ There Is No East or West African American spiritual; arr. Richard Proulx

Christ, You Are the Fullness Korean folk song; arr. Jayne Latva

Variations on Kum Ba Yah African American spiritual; arr. John Behnke

1. Someone's Praying, Lord
2. Someone's Crying, Lord
3. Someone's Singing, Lord

Introit :: "Sing Out a Joyful Song" Dale Wood

Sing out a joyful song in praise, and come to celebrate!

With cheerful heart give thanks to God for goodness ever great.

Sing new songs of joy, to God lift your voice!

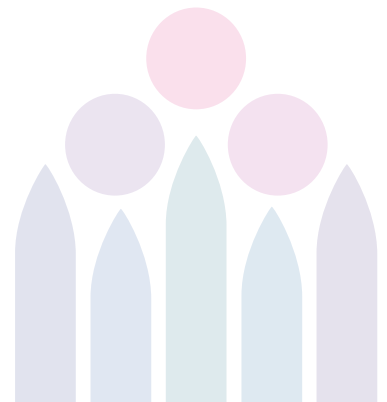
Sing new songs of praise, give thanks and rejoice!

*Sing out the hymn, the joyful psalm, the canticle of praise,
and with the builders of this house your alleluias raise!*

*Doxology (congregation is invited to hum)

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

Welcome and Announcements



*Please rise in body or spirit. †Or "Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost."

Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “Morning Has Broken” (verse 1)
*Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

Call to Worship

Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “Morning Has Broken” (verse 2)
*Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Although we can try to hide it, ignore it, or deny it—
all of us have fallen short of what you expect of us, O God.
We have missed opportunities to show compassion,
we have settled for the easy way rather than the better one,
we have avoided difficulty for the sake of our comfort.
For all that and more, we are sorry,
and we humbly open ourselves to you to be remade.
Rather than a spirit of resignation, give us a spirit of rejuvenation—
a trust that you will inspire and guide us,
helping our lives witness to your great love and ministry. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “Morning Has Broken” (verse 3)
*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning, God’s re-creation of the new day!*

Anthem :: “At the River” Robert Lowry; arr. Aaron Copland

*Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful river, gather with the
saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we’ll reach the shining river, soon our
pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we’ll gather
by the river, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river, that flows by the throne of God.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*antiphon sung by the soloist*) Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16

Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—you will say to the Lord,
“My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”
For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague.
God’s wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them;
God’s faithfulness will be your shield and defense.*

Antiphon

*You shall not fear any terror in the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
nor the plague that stalks in the darkness,
nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.
I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.
They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.*

Antiphon

***Gloria Patri** (*congregation is invited to hum*)

*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 Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15

Sermon Series on Jeremiah: A Prophet of Loss and Hope Shannon J. Kershner

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

Responding to the Word

Anthem :: “A Vineyard Grows” English folk song; arr. K. Lee Scott

Amid the world’s bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green, the planting of the Lord himself. His love selected this terrain, his vine with love he planted here to bear the choicest fruit for him. We are his branches, chosen, dear, and though we feel the dresser’s knife, we are the objects of his care. From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery with fruit from which true joys derive. Vine, keep what I was meant to be, your branch with your rich life in me.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn (*congregation is invited to hum*). “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood[†] from sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude ♪ Festival March J. Rosamond Johnson; American folk hymn
arr. Michael Burkhardt

*We invite you to enjoy the postlude.
If you need to leave prior to the end of the postlude,
please do so quietly out of respect for those who choose to stay.*

[†]Or “servanthood.”



We are glad to be worshipping with you today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church!

* Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. * We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God’s grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



On the Fourth Church campus, **masks and social distancing** are required for anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19; for worshipers on site who have received the COVID vaccine, the wearing of masks during worship is optional. * For those worshipping with us in person, we are not checking vaccination status, but **by entering the Fourth Church campus you certify** that (a) you do not currently have COVID-19; (b) you are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) you have no reason to quarantine; and (d) you will wear a mask and practice social distancing if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



We are offering **two in-person worship services** throughout the summer as we gradually reopen our campus: a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. * In the Sanctuary, **the front section is for those required to or choosing to wear masks**, with socially distanced seating by households. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating, with masks optional. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. * Due to health guidelines, **congregational singing is not permitted in the Sanctuary or Chapel**; those who would like to hum while the choir members sing the hymns are invited to do so.



Nursery care is not available at this time. Sunday School continues to meet via Zoom; for details, email Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). * **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. * Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary.

You can read more about the guidelines in place for in-person worship as well as information about continued online opportunities **at www.fourthchurch.org/reopening**

For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, Facebook Live (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) The service is also available for viewing after the service, including later in the week. * **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service. * During the week we make the **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast).



The church campus remains closed as we continue to develop our reopening plans. * On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (*a half hour before each service starts*). For the morning service, access is only by the Michigan Avenue doors. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center.



Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher.



After morning worship today we will host our **last virtual Coffee Hour** for the summer. This time of online fellowship will take place via Zoom following the postlude (*around 11:00 a.m.*) at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship (*Zoom details are also posted at www.fourthchurch.org*). You can participate in Coffee Hour by phone as well: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#.

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Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks by **Diana Butler Bass** will be the topic of an in-person discussion at the **First Tuesday Book Club** hosted by the Adult Education Committee on Tuesday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5G. Preregistration at www.bit.ly/fpcbookclub070621 is required as space is limited. Masks will be required for all participating. * **Men's Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** next meets online on Wednesday, July 14 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for either study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



To purchase fresh produce and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, stop by their **Farmstand on Fridays** between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. (444 W. Chicago Ave.). Guests are required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing while at the Farm. * The annual **School Supply Drive** will be starting soon! Again this year we will be collecting supplies (via Amazon wishlists) for Chicago Light's Urban Farm, Dance Academy, and Summer Day programs. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** is **in need of volunteers** to help with Saturday breakfast to-go, the weekday Bag Lunch program, Sunday Night Supper, and Monday Night Supper. If you are able to help with one or more of these meals, please let us know via VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers



Our **Music by the Fountain** series of outdoor, in-person concerts kicks off with the Jazz at Four Quartet this Friday, July 9 at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard! While we will not be livestreaming our outdoor concerts this summer, if you would prefer to enjoy music from Fourth Church online, we encourage you to explore the concert offerings on our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/fpcvideos * Registration is open through September 1, 2021, for those interested in joining Fourth Church and our interfaith partners for "**Peace and Compassion: A Music and Travel Seminar Trip to the Middle East,**" which is planned for June 2022. To register or learn about fees, travel arrangements, and other logistics for this trip to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan, email John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org) or Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

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The Fourth Church Legacy Society is made up of friends of Fourth Church who have chosen to make a **commitment to the church's future mission and ministry** by remembering the church in their estate plans. Those who are interested in learning more about supporting Fourth Church and Chicago Lights as well as other estate-planning opportunities are encouraged to explore the online resources on our website at www.bit.ly/fpclegacyinfo or contact Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org).



On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. For details, email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). * Also each Wednesday we release a new **“Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer” video**. These fifteen-minute worship experiences on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) weave together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the Jazz at Four Quartet. To receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail



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 * Written by members and staff, **daily devotional meditations** for your personal time of prayer and reflection are available by email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) as well as online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Twitter (twitter.com/fourthchicago).



For those who are facing one or more of life's many challenges or transitions, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. If you would like to have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. * To explore options for teletherapy, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * If you would like **to talk to a pastor** or notify the pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please call the church (312.787.4570). * **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.

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If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, please email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * Watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for resources and ways to connect. * Online events are posted on the **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



The congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago was officially dedicated in worship on the morning of February 12, 1871. Thus on the second Sunday of February 2021 we kicked off **our sesquicentennial celebration!** (You can watch that February 14 worship service online on our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/fpcvideos.) We encourage you to visit the web page devoted to our 150th anniversary—www.fourthchurch.org/150—where you can read our short monthly historical accounts and letters from Chicago’s faith leaders. There you can also hear greetings from Fourth Church friends from across the globe and view videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church as they share their memories of their time with our congregation. These collections will continue to grow over the coming year, so be sure to check back periodically.



As part of our care for our buildings, stone masons are currently assessing the condition of the 107-year-old decorative stonework on the Sanctuary and Cloister. The scaffolding on campus is part of that work.



Those attending a Fourth Church worship service in person are entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur on behalf of Fourth Church—including the weekly live stream of the Sunday morning service. By entering the worship service, you consent to the non-commercial use of the resulting visual and audio records; you waive all rights you may have to any claims of compensation for the use of these records; you release Fourth Church from any liability for the use of these records; and you waive the right to inspect or approve any of these records.



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Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Margaret Laing, Rocky Supinger, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

THE TEXT OF THE CLOSING HYMN, “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies,” was written by Katharine Lee Bates in 1893 after she visited the World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago. From Chicago she traveled by train through the wheat fields of Kansas to Pike’s Peak in Colorado. Immediately after climbing on the mountain she wrote this text summing up her inspiring travels.

OFFERING GIFTS to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering boxes at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the “To Make a Gift” button on our website: www.fourthchurch.org).

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