



# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 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.*

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Aria ..... Michael Burkhardt

Trinitas ..... Eleanor Daley

1. "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."
2. "To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of life."
3. "And I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh."

Introit :: "Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth" ..... Eric H. Thiman

\*Doxology (congregation is invited to hum)

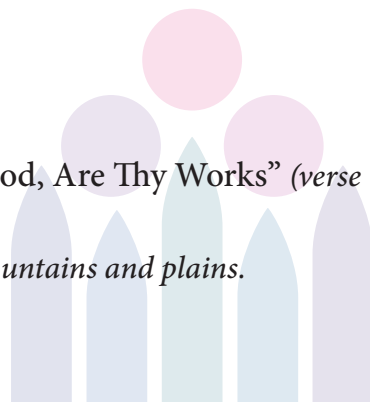
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.†Amen.*

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

\*Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) . . . . "Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works" (verse 1)

*Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky.  
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars; thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.  
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed. Deep seas obey thy voice.*



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\*Please rise in body or spirit. †Or "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess our sinfulness,  
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.  
You alone know how often we have wandered from your ways,  
wasted your gifts, forgotten your love.  
Have mercy upon us, loving God.  
Give us tender hearts of remorse for how we have failed you and others.  
Give us open hearts and outstretched hands to receive your forgiving love  
poured out for us in Jesus Christ our Savior.  
And may we be strengthened by your Holy Spirit  
to forgive those who have hurt us  
and give our lives for others in his name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Hymn (*congregation is invited to hum*) . . . . “Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works” (*verse 2*)

*Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One.  
Come unto us and dwell with us. With thee are found the gifts of life.  
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.*

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 14

\*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 . . . . . John 6:1–21

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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## Responding to the Word

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Anthem :: “The Peace of God” . . . . . John Rutter

*The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.*

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) . . . . . from the Confession of 1967

God’s sovereign love is a mystery  
beyond the reach of the human mind.  
We ascribe to God superlatives of power,  
wisdom, and goodness.  
But God’s love is revealed in Jesus Christ  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving sinful people.  
The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world  
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator  
who made all things to serve the purpose of love.

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

## 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

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn (*congregation is invited to hum*). . . . . "Lead Me, Guide Me"

*Refrain:*

*Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.*

*Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me over my weakest hour.*

*Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)*

\*Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

Tuba Tune . . . . . Mark Himmelman

*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.*



**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. \* **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](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship), Facebook Live ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://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](http://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.



On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. For details, email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) weave together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet. To receive the videos by email, sign up online at [www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail)

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**The annual School Supply Drive is underway!** Again this year we are collecting supplies (*via Amazon wish lists*) for Chicago Light's Urban Farm, Dance Academy, Summer Day, and Tutoring programs. **Wish list links** can be found on our website at [www.bit.ly/fpcschooolsupplydrive](http://www.bit.ly/fpcschooolsupplydrive); **monetary contributions** for purchase of the supplies can also be made by check, payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or given online ([www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online)). For more information, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



The **Good Neighbors Street Outreach** program of the Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **volunteers to take food and supplies to people in the neighborhood** who are experiencing homelessness. **Also in need of volunteers** is **Fourth Church Meals Ministry**, which is looking for individuals 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 needs, please let us know via **VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform** at [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers)



**Donations of clean, gently used adult clothing** can again be dropped off for the Chicago Lights Social Service Center. Particularly needed are clothing items in sizes L, XL, XXL, and XXXL (*We are not accepting children's clothing, household supplies, or used underwear or used socks at this time.*) Donations can be dropped off inside the entrance at 126 E. Chestnut on Sundays through Fridays (*not Saturdays*) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please do not leave any donations on the church steps. Upon arrival, ring the receptionist bell to be buzzed in and directed to where to leave the donations. *Masks are required while on the campus.*



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 to practice social distancing while at the Farm.*

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Our **Music by the Fountain** series of outdoor, in-person concerts continues this week with annual favorites, **cabaret duo Tom Michael and Beckie Menzie**, performing Friday, July 30 at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. While we are not 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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)



**TwentiesThirties** gathers for casual games of **volleyball at Oak Street Beach** every other Monday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The next volleyball gathering will be this Monday, July 26; look for the sign saying Fourth Church! \* **Knitting and Crocheting** gathers online this Tuesday, July 27 at 4:00 pm for a time to work on knitting or crocheting projects while sharing in conversation. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



Registration is open 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 1–15, 2022. **Registration** for this trip to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan can be completed online at [www.bit.ly/mideast2022](http://www.bit.ly/mideast2022); the registration deadline is September 1, 2021. To learn more about fees, travel arrangements, and other logistics, email John Sherer ([jsherer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jsherer@fourthchurch.org)) or Nanette Sawyer ([nsawyer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nsawyer@fourthchurch.org)).



**Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** next meets online Wednesday, July 28 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for either study, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. For details, email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).



**The Fourth Church Day School** has openings in Together We Play (for those 12–30 months) as well as its preschool classes for those ages 2–5. If you’d like to know more about the learning and growing opportunities at our Day School, email Kathy Hager ([khager@fourthchurch.org](mailto:khager@fourthchurch.org)).

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The **Officer Nominating Committee** is gathering recommendations of individuals to serve in positions opening in 2022 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Nominating Committee as well as the Chicago Lights Board. 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/nominating2022](http://www.bit.ly/nominating2022)** by September 30.



For those who are facing life's challenges, **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](mailto:dhandley@fourthchurch.org)) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries.



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) \* 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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)) as well as online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Twitter ([twitter.com/fourthchicago](https://twitter.com/fourthchicago)).



If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, please email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* Watch our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) and follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)

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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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).) We encourage you to visit the web page devoted to our 150th anniversary—[www.fourthchurch.org/150](http://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 continue to grow, so be sure to check back periodically.



**As part of our care for our buildings,** stone masons are currently repairing some of the 107-year-old decorative stonework on the Cloister as well as some of the finials on the Loggia. 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.



## Worship Leaders

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Nanette Sawyer, Dave Miller, Joseph L. Morrow, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Members of the Morning Choir

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

## Worship Notes

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TRINITAS, which is part of this morning's prelude, was composed in 2007 by Canadian composer Eleanor Daley. She is an active composer primarily of choral and organ music. The postlude was also written by a Canadian composer, Mark Himmelman, who wrote Tuba Tune for a 2012 wedding.

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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) (or via the "To Make a Gift" button on our website: [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)).

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