



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 13, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Meditation on “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Christopher Pardini
Flute Voluntary. Thomas Arne
Benedictus Max Reger

Introit :: “I Will Praise Thee” Eric H. Thiman

*I will praise thee all the days of my life; for all the host of heaven doth sing thy praise,
and thine is the glory forever. Amen.*

*Doxology (congregation sings while masked)

*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.*

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Come, let us bless the Lord*

People: whose presence dwells in our city and covers the face of the earth.

Leader: *Come, let us bless the Lord*

People: in whom we find safety and refuge.

Leader: *Come, let us bless the Lord*

People: who offers the needy abundance and provides the wronged justice.

Leader: *Come, let us bless the Lord*

People: who strengthens and sustains us on our sacred journey.

Leader: *Come, let us bless the Lord*

People: and worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.



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

***Hymn 35** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem :: “Steal Away to Jesus” African American spiritual; arr. Dale Adelman

Steal away to Jesus, steal away home; I ain’t got long to stay here. My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder; the trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain’t got long to stay here. O steal away to Jesus, steal away home; I ain’t got long to stay here. O green trees bending, poor sinner stands trembling; the trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain’t got long to stay here. Steal away to Jesus, steal away home; I ain’t got long to stay here. Steal away home.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Mark 8:34–36

***Gloria Patri** (*congregation sings while masked*)

*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 28:1, 4–7

Sermon :: “For the City” John Buchanan

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 351** (*congregation sings while masked*) “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:
In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus, “You must work while it is day.”
For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary’s hill.
Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name “The Lord is there!”

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from the *Book of Common Worship*

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

[†]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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion" Malcolm Boyle

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Blessed is the one whom thou choosest and receivest unto thee. They shall dwell in thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy temple. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on thee. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace because they trust in thee. Trust ye the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Let the people praise thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God shall give us his blessing.

*Offertory Response *(congregation sings while masked)* The Hymnal, 712 (verse 3)

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious One, in the face of your great generosity
we offer these gifts of money, of time, of our lives.
Put it all to use in your world.
Use them, use us, to shower down compassion on your creation.
Use them, use us, to lift up those in need.
Use them, use us, to spread your justice and your mercy out from beyond
our 150-year-old congregation into your world and for all your people.
We pray in the name of our brother and our Savior, Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 366** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude :: Paeon Tim Knight

*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.*

Baptized in Today's Service

Quinn Copeland Coogan, child of Paul and Katie Coogan
Oliver Scott Olsen, child of Matthew and Colleen Olsen



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.



In the Sanctuary, the **front section is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing.**

The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. Seating for Jazz at Four is all socially distanced. ✱ The **congregation is invited to sing while masked.** We encourage those who are concerned about being near those who are singing to consider the socially distanced seating section or join those who worship with us from home via livestream. ✱ On the Fourth Church campus, **everyone is required to wear a mask, fully covering the nose and mouth.** Anyone not wearing a mask fully covering their nose and mouth will be asked to leave, as we know that some people make the decision to worship with us in person—or participate in other in-person activities—based on the knowledge that everyone will be fully masked. This is but one of the ways we continue to live out our commitment to value the health and safety of all. ✱ 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 practice social distancing during your time on the Fourth Church campus if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. *After this Sunday, February 13 we are discontinuing availability at www.bit.ly/FPCworship and will be livestreaming only on our YouTube channel.* ✱ **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).

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday for a **10:00 a.m. service** in the Sanctuary and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service** in Buchanan Chapel. ✱ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors. ✱ **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. ✱ **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 or Chapel.



For those seeking a time for prayer, on Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. The chapel is also open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Zoom details or information about walking the labyrinth or in-person Morning Prayer, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✱ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing. ✱ Also available for your midweek reflection is our **“Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, are released on **our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (*They are also available for viewing afterwards*). To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail. ✱ Devotions, written by church members and staff, for you to use as a **resource for meditation and prayer** are available **daily by email** (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) and at fourthchurch.org/devotions. ✱ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons.



For resources and additional ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org), **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch). ✱ Online events are posted on our **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar. ✱ To ensure you **receive the latest updates from Fourth Church**, including our **weekly email newsletter**, add your email address to our distribution list by signing up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc.

This morning's worship service **concludes our celebrations of the 150th anniversary** of the founding of Fourth Presbyterian Church. It was during worship on the second Sunday of February 1871 (February 12) that the congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago was dedicated. Today we remember and give thanks for that day and for the 150-year legacy that inspires our vision for the future. ☼ We are especially grateful to have with us in worship leadership this morning **Pastor Emeritus John Buchanan**, who served as Pastor of this congregation from 1985 to 2012. It was ten years ago, on January 29, 2012, that Dr. Buchanan retired and last preached at Fourth Church. We are delighted to have him back in the pulpit again this morning!



The Ordinary Time banners hanging in the Sanctuary today were commissioned for our 150th anniversary and evoke this congregation's call to be a light in the city. The pulpit parament, which incorporates a map of Chicago, is created from 150 pieces, one for each year of our history. In it, the rays of light radiate from the church location and spread throughout Chicago's neighborhoods, representing an impact that stretches beyond the borders of our great city. The bright colors are inspired by and celebrate Chicago's native landscape: the blue of Lake Michigan and the green of prairie grasses encompass a city composed of both the colors of six native wildflowers and the colors present in Fourth Church's logo. The hanging banners offer images of those local wildflowers. We are grateful to Fourth Church member and Costume Manager and Head of Wardrobe for the Joffrey Ballet, Ellie Cotey, who designed and created these banners and paraments and to the Benevolent Guild, the longest running group at Fourth Church, whose members assisted with the sewing.



We encourage you to visit **www.fourthchurch.org/150**—the web page devoted to our 150th anniversary. There you can read our short **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.



If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for an Inquirers' Class (*required for membership*), which provides opportunity to discover more about Fourth Church as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA). For details, please email Joe Morrow, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held today** at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary and online via Zoom. The Zoom link is www.bit.ly/fpcannualmeeting2022; the Zoom Meeting ID is 813 0431 1127. To dial in by phone, call 1.312.626.6799, 813 0431 1127#. The meeting will include the election of new officers; the recommended slate of officers that will be presented by the Nominating Committee is posted on our website at www.fourthchurch.org, as are the minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting.



Today is also the Souper Bowl of Caring! You can help our youth score a victory in the Souper Bowl—a nationwide, grassroots campaign to address issues of hunger—through your contributions of nonperishable food items or monetary gifts, which the youth are collecting at the door. All contributions will support the work of Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Social Service Center Food Pantry. You can also **make a Souper Bowl of Caring gift online** at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (*designate Souper Bowl of Caring*).



The annual Chicago Lights Gala of Hope is less than three weeks away! This year the event will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (*160 E. Pearson*) on Friday evening, March 4. To **reserve tickets or become an event sponsor**, visit bidpal.net/clgala2022; the Gala of Hope supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes the **Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm, Dance Academy, and Social Service Center** programs—and the **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**.



Those interested in joining the new Fourth Church Gospel Choir, which will be directed by Bryan Johnson, Executive Director of Music at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, are asked to contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org). The choir, which will sing monthly in Fourth Church worship services, will begin rehearsals on Sunday, February 27 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 4F. ✨ The **Chancel Choir** also welcomes those interested in singing with Fourth Church. Directed by John Sherer, this choir, which is preparing music for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and other upcoming services, rehearses on Thursday evenings in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. *All singers in Fourth Church choirs must submit proof of COVID vaccination.* ✨ Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** continue with **pianist Mio Nakamura** presenting our in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, February 18. Our concerts are also livestreamed on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).

Our exploration of the **Presbyterian Church (USA)'s A Brief Statement of Faith**, led by Jeff Doane, continues today at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. (*Next week, February 20, the class will meet at 11:15 a.m.*) To register for this class, which meets in person and via Zoom, register online at www.bit.ly/briefstatement222 ✱ **Men's Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** hosts two online sessions on Wednesday, February 23, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom links or more information about either Bible study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The Spiritual Formation Council invites you to travel the **"Path of Discipleship"** with them during Lent. This year's six-part series will use the book *Back to the Well: Women's Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel* by Frances Taylor Gench. Led by Nanette Sawyer and Joe Morrow, the series will take place via Zoom on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 8. For the Zoom link, register at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2022 ✱ Prior to "Path of Discipleship," **Dr. Gench will talk about her book *Back to the Well*** on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Register at www.bit.ly/genchpfc222 for this presentation about the study of women's encounters with Jesus in the Gospels and insights to interpretive issues that will open new angles of vision upon these ancient stories.



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to connect with one another, whether in person or online. Those worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following the service. ✱ **Whether you have participated in a Fourth Church small group or not**, our Small Group Ministry team would **appreciate your participation in a brief survey**: www.bit.ly/fpcsmallgroupsurvey22 ✱ **New Zoom Small Groups for Lent** will start the week of February 27. If you would like to connect with five to seven other people via Zoom for a time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation or simply want to learn more about our small-group opportunities, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ **Come Alive!**®, a seven-session program for women, will take place via Zoom on Saturday mornings beginning February 19. Participants will practice the how-to of making long-term well-being changes while also enjoying fellowship with one another. ✱ **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 22 at 4:00 p.m. ✱ **Benevolent Guild** meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. For information about these and other small group opportunities, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org)

Caring Ministries invites **veterans in our church community** to join Chaplain Mark Schimmelpfennig in exploring creating a group to meet periodically to give veterans and family members opportunity to share their experiences and concerns in a safe and confidential space. To learn more or join the initial Zoom gathering on Tuesday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m., contact Jeff Doane (jdoane@fourthchurch.org). ✱ For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. 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 email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✱ If you would like to **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org.



Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Jessica Wang, Shannon J. Kershner, John Buchanan

The Music Today

Morning Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL “STEAL AWAY” illustrates the double meanings at work in many songs of those who were enslaved. It is both a call for a direct encounter with Jesus and a summons to slip away from servitude to freedom. Nat Turner (1800–1831) was an enslaved African American preacher who sang this song to call his followers together. Dale Adelman composed this arrangement of the spiritual in 1995.

OFFERING GIFTS to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church now and into the future can be placed in one of the offering plates, which will be passed at the time of the Offering, or, after the service, 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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