



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Generosity Georg Philipp Telemann; arr. Jerome Naulis
Intonation in G Major Sebastian Anton Scherer
Air from *Orchestral Suite No. 3* Johann Sebastian Bach; arr. Charles Schuchat
Allegro Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach
Allegro from *Brandenburg Concerto No. 6* J. S. Bach; arr. Erich Peterson

Introit :: “I Was Glad When They Said unto Me” Eric H. Thiman

*I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord;
our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.*

***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: *Sing to the Lord a new song;*

People: **great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

Leader: *Bless the name of the Lord and proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.*

People: **Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

Leader: *Declare God’s glory among the nations and God’s wonders among all peoples.*

People: **Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**



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

***Hymn 619** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God’s praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker’s faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God’s name!

Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves.
So forgive our lack of faith.
Forgive the harm we do to others and to your earth.
Forgive our turning away from your will,
our ignoring the cries of our neighbors,
our preference for what is least nourishing, even for ourselves.
Remove our faults from us,
that we may be nourished for eternal life starting now. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “Woke Up This Morning” African American spiritual; arr. Jeffrey Douma

Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom, hallelujah!
Walking and talking with my mind stayed on freedom, hallelujah!

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 96

***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 Luke 6:27–38

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 793** (*congregation sings while masked*) “O Christ, the Healer”

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?
From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.
How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists or shelves.
In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world’s disease;
our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

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

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*). Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “Jubilate Deo” William Walton

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.

***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**

We give you thanks, O God, for the new song you sing in our lives each day.
As we dedicate these gifts to your holy purpose, may we also remember
your call to be your ambassadors of faith, hope, and love this day
and every day of our lives. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 327** *(congregation sings while masked)*. “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Charge and Benediction**

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along (while masked)
with the choir during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude :: Basse Dance Bergeret Tylman Susato; arr. John Iveson

*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.



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. ✳ **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 as well as Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast). ✳ You can also receive the previous Sunday's **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

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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.



Following the 10:00 a.m. service, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with **individuals who would like to offer prayers of praise or concern**. ✱ 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 February **“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



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.

This year Ash Wednesday is on March 2. That day **Ash Wednesday services** will be held at 12:10 p.m. (*Shannon Kershner preaching*) and 7:30 p.m. (*Rocky Supinger preaching*). Both services will include Communion and the imposition of ashes. The **7:30 p.m. service will also be livestreamed** on our YouTube channel. ✨ As part of **“Ashes on the Way,”** pastors will be present outside the Sanctuary between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. They will be available to impose ashes for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection.



As we look ahead to Lent, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions** as a resource for reflection during the season. To receive those meditations daily via email beginning on Ash Wednesday, simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions (*if you already receive our daily devotions, you will be sent the Lenten ones automatically*). ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season will be a **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, will be released on **our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail



This Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. **Frances Taylor Gench will talk about her book *Back to the Well: Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel***, which will also be the focus of our Lenten “Path of Discipleship” series. Register at www.bit.ly/genchpfc222 for this Zoom 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. ✨ During Lent the Spiritual Formation Council invites you to travel the **“Path of Discipleship”** with them. This year’s six-part series will use the book *Back to the Well* by Dr. 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 “Path of Discipleship” Zoom link, register at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2022



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). ✨ **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

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 our worship services, will **begin rehearsals next Sunday**, February 27 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 4F. *All singers in Fourth Church choirs must submit proof of COVID vaccination.* ✱ 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. ✱ Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** continue with **pianist Mio Nakamura** joining our **organist John Sherer** in presenting our in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, February 25. Our concerts are also livestreamed on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



The annual Chicago Lights Gala of Hope is less than two 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**.



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to connect with one another, whether in person or online. Those worshiping with us in person are invited to **greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following the service. ✱ **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet via Zoom this 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) ✱ The **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss ***Wholehearted Faith*** by **Rachel Held Evans** via Zoom on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m., with Amy Pagliarella facilitating the conversation. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday322 ✱ The topic of the next **Books by Women** discussion will be Kimberly A. Hamlin's ***Free Thinker***, a biography of women's suffrage activist Helen Hamilton Gardener. For Zoom details for this Tuesday, March 8 conversation, which takes place at 6:00 p.m., email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ 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).

Caring Ministries invites **veterans in our church community** to join Chaplain Mark Schimmelpfennig to explore creating a group to meet periodically in order 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 **this 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.



Our exploration of the **Presbyterian Church (USA)'s A Brief Statement of Faith**, led by Jeff Doane, concludes today at 11:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. This class meets in person and via Zoom; for the Zoom link, 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 this 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). ✱ Next Sunday, February 27, we will begin a three-week class on **"The Book of Job and the Invention of Faith,"** as we look at the behavior of both humans and God in the relationship they share and the covenant between them. To register for the class, which will be offered in person as well as be available online, register at www.bit.ly/bookofjob22



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

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Lance Tines, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Tower Brass; Morning Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Charles Schuchat, Artistic Director, Tower Brass

Worship Notes

TODAY'S ANTHEM, "WOKE UP THIS MORNING," was originally a spiritual with the text "Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus." Like many freedom songs of the civil rights era of the 1960s, its words were adapted to more specifically project goals of the civil rights movement. This arrangement was composed in 2015 by the conductor of the Yale Glee Club.

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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