



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Passacaglia in D Minor Dieterich Buxtehude

Hymn Prelude on “Ah, Holy Jesus” Huw Morgan

Introit :: “O Lord, Hear Our Prayer” Eric H. Thiman

O Lord, hear our prayer, and let our cry come before thee.

***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: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in our God,
who made a way through the desert of this world.

*Leader: Let us worship God,
who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.*

People: We are the people God has formed through Christ;
we worship God, and we rejoice!

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and truth.

People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us.



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

***Hymn 307** (*congregation sings while masked*) “God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children’s warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Dear God, thank you for this gift of life.
We don’t earn our peace; we don’t control our fate.
We implore you to forgive our ruse, our recklessness, and our revilement.
Our tree bears very little fruit.
If our tree is to flourish, it is not by our efforts but by your touch.
Help us embrace the fragility of our existence
and celebrate the joy of living and loving you.
Make us ever aware of your grace.
Let us pause and know that our day of reckoning is not known but it lies ahead;
though we will all perish, by repentance we shall live,
by love we will prosper, and by faith, an unyielding faith in you, we will thrive.
(*Please hold silence.*)

Kyrie (*congregation sings while masked*) The Hymnal, 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “God Is Seen” American folk hymn / arr. Alice Parker

Through all the world below God is seen all around, search hills and valleys through, there he’s found.

The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn, the pleasant and forlorn, all declare, God is there.

In meadows dressed in green, God is seen.

See, springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run; the mist that veils the sky hides the sun.

Then down the rain doth pour, the ocean it doth roar and beat upon the shore;

and all praise, in their ways, the God who never declines his designs.

The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies, the comet in her blaze, “God” she cries.

The shining of the stars, the moon, when she appears, God’s awe full name declares.

See them fly through the sky and join the solemn sound all around.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 55:1–9

***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.

Second Lesson Luke 13:1–9

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 427** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart”

Refrain: Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

This our sinful hearts require: flame of God’s refining fire,
working in us day by day till the dross is burned away. (*Refrain*)

Jesus knows our deepest fears, knows the pain of hidden tears.
By his words of love and peace every heart can find release. (*Refrain*)

When our lives are in his hand nothing can his work withstand;
his forgiveness sets us free, saves us for eternity. (*Refrain*)

So our faith will be restored by the word of Christ our Lord;
for the warmth his love imparts melts the very hardest hearts. (*Refrain*)

***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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “Let This Mind Be in You” Amy Beach

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***Offertory Response** *(congregation sings while masked)* The Hymnal, 224 (verse 4)

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

***Prayer of Dedication** *(unison)*

Eternal God, we bring our offerings to you,
acknowledging that all your gifts are given for our own growth
and for the service of humankind.
Receive them and our worship.
Accept us and show us the gifts we do not know we have to offer;
in the strong name and by the wisdom of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 800** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Sometimes a Light Surprises”

Sometime a light surprises the child of God who sings;
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings;
when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God’s salvation and find it ever new;
set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
“Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.”

It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too;
beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their longed-for fruit should bear,
though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there,
yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice;
for while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude :: Prelude in G Minor D. Buxtehude

*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

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

In the weekly News @ Fourth Church email newsletter (*subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc*), we shared the following note **in light of the City of Chicago lifting its mask mandate in most settings**: “As Shannon Kershner wrote in her congregational email in late February, ‘until you hear otherwise, please assume that **we will keep doing what we are doing now—masks required, restricted campus access and hours, etc.** I thank you for your patience.’ The wide range of programs, activities, and participants that are part of our Fourth Church and Chicago Lights community make how we move forward around masking complex, particularly given the number of vulnerable populations we serve—from preschoolers to older adults to those with insufficient access to health care—and given the range of staff and volunteers who work with them. So while we have not yet lifted our mask mandate, please know that we are hard at work determining what our life together will look like when we do!”



If you 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

Each Sunday during Lent we are **extinguishing a candle** at the front of the Sanctuary. 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. ✨ **The season of Lent** calls Christians to embrace the **faith journey** by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the **gifts of faith**—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross ✨ In this season of self-reflection and prayer, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection**. To receive the meditations daily via email, **simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions**. ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season is our **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences weaving together scripture, prayer, and blues music are released on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail



Men’s Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** will host two online sessions this Wednesday, March 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). ✨ This morning we begin a three-week adult education class, **“Israel and Palestine: How We Talk about the Conflict.”** The class, which will be led by Nanette Sawyer, will be held both in Room 5G and via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/adultediandp2022

Sunday School (*ages 3 through grade 5*) meets via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. (email Briana Belding-Peck at bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org for details) and in person at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. ✨ Youth programs meet on Sunday mornings, with **eighth-grade Confirmation** meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G, **Junior High Youth** at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, and **Senior High Youth** at 11:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. For youth group details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).



You are invited to **remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary and Chapel. A list of individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by Sunday, April 3 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

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. ✱ **Benevolent Guild** —which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets via Zoom this Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. ✱ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets online this Tuesday, March 22 at 4:00 p.m. For details about participating in either group, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ **For resources and additional ways to connect** with Fourth Church and one another, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and **Facebook** (facebook.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 **learn more about Fourth Church** or **become a member** contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



The **First Tuesday Book Club** invites you to join **bestselling author Parker Palmer** for a Zoom discussion of his book ***On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old*** on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday422 ✱ The topic of the next **Books by Women** discussion will be **Isabel Allende's *A Long Petal of the Sea***. For Zoom details for this 6:00 p.m. conversation on Tuesday, April 12, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Those who are interested in singing with our Fourth Church Gospel Choir are invited to join the choir's rehearsals, which are held on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in Room 4F. The **Chancel Choir** also welcomes those interested in singing with Fourth Church. It rehearses on Thursday evenings in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. ✱ Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** continue with our **organist John Sherer** presenting our in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. this Friday, March 25. Our concerts are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence. 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. ✱ 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 requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✱ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org.

The Session of Fourth Church has called a **congregational meeting for next Sunday, March 27** following 10:00 a.m. worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to **receive and act on their recommendation of a candidate to serve this congregation as Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation**. The meeting will be held both in person and online, with Zoom details posted on the church website in the coming week. The candidate will be present for the meeting, and information about that person will be shared that morning, as we respect the necessary confidentiality until then, as the individual is currently employed elsewhere.



Fourth Church Shower Ministry is in need of hygiene items, specifically unused travel-size toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, bandages, and combs. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk, to the attention of “Shower Ministry.” * **Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers** to help with a variety of projects—opportunities that can be done at home, behind the scenes at church, or by interacting with our guests. See Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers), to learn more. * Those who would like to serve as a **chaperone for a youth mission trip** this summer—for Junior Highs (St. Louis, June 26–July 1) or Senior Highs (Memphis, July 9–15)—are asked to fill out the application at www.bit.ly/youthtripleaders22 * Those interested in **volunteering with our Jail Ministry** are asked to attend one of two information meetings on either Sunday, April 3 or Sunday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link is www.bit.ly/jailministrysprng22; for additional details, email jailministry@fourthchurch.org



Anyone who would like to **better understand the many facets of dementia**—and gain insights on communicating with individuals living with it—is invited to attend the **Women at Fourth**-hosted program presented by Dr. Jeannine Forrest this Thursday evening, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcwaf322 * **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** will gather via Zoom on Wednesday evening, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and a discussion led by Nanette Sawyer on what the Bible really says and does not say about sexual diversity. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * Charles Schaefer, Professor of History and International Studies at Valparaiso University, will present a program on **Ukraine, Russia, and Putin** at the Friday evening, April 1 **Cornerstones** online gathering for those fifty and over. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones422

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Lloyd Culbertson, Rocky Supinger, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Morning Choir

Sean Stanton and Kimberly Gunderson, soloists

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

TODAY'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM was written in 1924 by Amy Beach (1867–1944), the first American female composer and concert pianist whose accomplishments were widely recognized. The Boston Symphony performed her "Gaelic" Symphony in 1896, and she toured America and Germany as a concert pianist. In addition to writing symphonic works, she also composed numerous pieces for piano, chamber ensembles, songs, and choral works.

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Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

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