



Third Sunday in Lent

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

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

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

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

Let us worship God in spirit and truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us.

* Please rise in body or spirit

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

***Opening Song** (*congregation sings while masked*) "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.

Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain:

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;

the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,

as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.

Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. (*Refrain*)

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.

Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. (*Refrain*)

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

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. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 3:1–8

Song (*congregation sings while masked*) “Have Mercy, God, upon My Life”

Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.

My guilt is heavy on my mind; I know what I have done:
against your justice I have sinned, against you, God, alone.

Now teach me wisdom in my soul; I long to see your face.
Let bones, once broken, sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.

Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.

Then I will praise you with my heart, my mind, my soul, my voice.
You save the least and seek the lost; let all the world rejoice!

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Sermon *Rocky Supinger*

Musical Reflection

We Feast Together

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Sanctus (*congregation sings while masked*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

We Offer Ourselves

Call for Offering

***Prayer of Dedication**

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.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** (*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.

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger	Associate Pastor
Matt Helms	Associate Pastor
Arlene Raine	Liturgist
The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet	

Worship Notes

We are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (which is providing relief aid to those affected by the war in Ukraine), Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the special offering envelopes located near the offering box, designate “One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS) when giving at fourthchurch.org/give-online, or write that designation on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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News and Opportunities

We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Presbyterian 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, including in worship, **everyone is required to wear masks, 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 if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19. * In the weekly News @ Fourth Church email newsletter (*see the box below to subscribe*), 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**. * **Worshippers are invited to sing while masked**. * **Worship in the Chapel can be heard** through hearing aids' “T” or “T-coil” setting. * **Please** silence electronic devices when in the Chapel. * The **doors open for worship** on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For the 4:00 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. Validation tickets for the garage must be picked up from an usher. * **For those who prefer to worship online** or are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*)

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**

During this season of self-reflection and prayer, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection**. Subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions to receive the meditations daily via email.

* Also available for your reflection during the season is our **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**.

These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and blues music, are 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/rhythmwordemail

* A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday mornings (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday mornings (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

* On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. and for **in-person Morning Prayer** at 10:00 a.m. 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).

* Online and in-person events are posted on **our church calendar**, accessible from our website’s home page and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



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.



The Session has called a **congregational meeting** for next Sunday, March 27 following 10:00 a.m. worship.

At the meeting we will hear a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and 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. The Zoom link will be posted on our website in the coming week, and we will share information about the candidate, who will be present, at the March 27 meeting.



We invite you to **remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary and Chapel. A list of those 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).



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