



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

## **We Approach God**

### **Gathering Music**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

We meet in the presence of God,

**who knows our needs and hears our cries.**

We gather in the love of God,

**which heals our wounds and forgives our iniquities.**

We are redeemed by the mighty acts of God,

**who offers mercy in our brokenness and justice that reconciles us.**

We bring our whole selves before God,

**whom we worship, honor, and adore, this day and forevermore.**

\* Please rise in body or spirit

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*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** . . . . . “Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)”

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

*Refrain:*  
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and violence will be no more. (*Refrain*)

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love. (*Refrain*)

**We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Merciful God, you love us unconditionally.  
Yet, within that love, we lose sight of you in our daily lives.  
We make selfish choices; we take the easy route;  
we fail to recognize what is truly worthy of our attention.  
We are easily overwhelmed.  
Anoint us with your healing forgiveness, O God,  
so that, renewed, we can boldly go forth into the world,  
reflecting the light and love of Jesus Christ to all we meet. Amen.**

**God Forgives and Blesses Us**

Friends, believe the good news!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**Anthem** “He Has Done Marvelous Things”. . . . . *Anonymous*

*He has done marvelous things, praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Canticle** ..... Isaiah 43:1–2, 16–21

**Song** ..... “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** ..... John 12:1–8

**Sermon** ..... *Nanette Sawyer*

**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**

**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**

**Abundant God, you cause water to flow in desert places.**

**You give wine to flow at a wedding feast,**

**and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside.**

**Your generosity astounds and humbles us.**

**We bow before you in gratitude**

**and pray that these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering,  
for the sake of the world you came to save.**

**We pray in your holy name. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song** ..... “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store,  
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,  
costly cross, grave’s shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ’s ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Nanette Sawyer</b>	Associate Pastor
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## 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](http://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, **masks are welcome but not required**. As a mask-welcoming campus we affirm that mask wearing continues to be an effective preventative measure for individuals. Thus we not only encourage the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one, but we are also committed to ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at the church. \* Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus may still choose to require masks. \* Additionally, we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, but **anyone coming on site certifies** by doing so that (a) they do not currently have COVID-19; (b) they are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) they have no reason to quarantine; and (d) they will wear a mask and practice social distancing if they are not vaccinated against COVID-19. \* We are **singing during worship**. We invite those who are concerned about others singing unmasked to either worship with us, masked, in the socially distanced seating section for 10:00 a.m. worship or join us online for that service.



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 the **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. \* **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 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (and \$18 for up to 12 hours). 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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*)



**Today is the last day to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary and Chapel on Easter. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at [www.bit.ly/fpcgift](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgift) and must be received by this Sunday, April 3 for names to appear in the bulletin. For details, contact Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)).

**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](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)**

**Next Sunday, April 10 is Palm/Passion Sunday.** Our 10:00 a.m. service that day will include a palm processional; those worshipping with us online are encouraged to download, print, and color a palm from our website ([www.bit.ly/palmcolor](http://www.bit.ly/palmcolor)). Our Palm Sunday celebration will lead us into Jesus' Passion and **Holy Week**. We hope you will join us as we pause to observe those solemn days. \* On April 14, **Maundy Thursday**, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a 12:10 p.m. Communion service and a 7:30 p.m. **Tenebrae** service, also with Communion; the 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. \* On April 15 we will observe **Good Friday** with a Good Friday service at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a 5:30 p.m. program in Buchanan Chapel for children and families, and a 7:30 p.m. **Choral Service** featuring the Morning Choir singing "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Théodore Dubois; the 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. \* On **Easter Sunday** we will gather for four services: **6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service** with Communion at Oak Street Beach; **9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter services** in the Sanctuary; and **4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz at Four** with Communion in Buchanan Chapel. The **11:00 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed.** \* **Entrance for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services** will be via the glass Loggia doors on Michigan Avenue, next to the courtyard. **Seating will begin a half hour prior** to each of those two services. \* There will be **no socially distanced seating** at any of the Easter services. We invite those who prefer to practice social distancing to join us in worship outdoors for the sunrise service or online for the 11:00 a.m. service. \* An **Easter program for children** will be held in the Gratz Center at 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday; **nursery care will not be available.** For more about observing Holy Week and Easter with Fourth Church, please see [www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter](http://www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter)



We invite you to use our **Lenten and Holy Week devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection.** Subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) to receive the meditations daily via email. \* 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](https://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, email Rocky Supinger ([rsupinger@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rsupinger@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](mailto: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](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org).



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