



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Allegro Johann Ernst Altenberg; arr. Erich Peterson
Larghetto. Antonín Dvořák; arr. Charles Schuchat
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty German chorale; arr. Jason W. Krug
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God. Samuel Scheidt; arr. Charles Schuchat

Introit :: “Here I Am, Lord” Daniel Schutte

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*Doxology

*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.*



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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: O God, who created us in love,

People: create us anew in love as we worship you.

Leader: O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

People: reclaim our hearts as we worship you.

Leader: O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,

People: move within us as we worship you. Amen.

***Hymn 409** “God Is Here!”

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation,
the wind of change that blows through our lives,
opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ.
Forgive us our closed minds, which barricade themselves against new ideas,
preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow.
Forgive our closed eyes, which fail to see the needs of your world.
Forgive our closed hands, which clutch our gifts for our use alone.
Forgive us our closed hearts, which limit our affections to ourselves and our own.
Forgive us and break down the walls of our selfishness,
that we might be open to your love and open for service in your world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “I Sat Down under His Shadow”. Edward C. Bairstow

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter. Psalm 95:1–7

*Gloria Patri

*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.*

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

Scripture Lesson Acts 11:1–18

Sermon Barbara Lundblad

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 14** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: *(Refrain)*

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *(Refrain)*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: *(Refrain)*

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: *(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 :: Rise Up My Love” Pavel Stetsenko

Rise up my love and come away.
Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.
Lo, now the winter is past and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing birds has come.

*Offertory Response The Hymnal, 251 (verse 5)

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication *(unison)*

Generous and loving God, you bring joy out of sorrow,
plenty out of want, life out of death.
Make us thankful every day for the gifts that arise from your bounty.
May these offerings be used to your glory
for the health and well-being of your people and all creation. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 610** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro’ all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
’tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude :: Hornpipe George Frideric Handel; arr. Don Rager

*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.*

This morning we are delighted to welcome as our guest preacher Barbara Lundblad.

The Joe R. Engle Professor Emerita of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, Dr. Lundblad served sixteen years as a parish pastor in New York City, as well as campus pastor at Lehman College and New York University. She has taught preaching at Yale Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Hebrew Union College and has served as president of the Academy of Homiletics. She is also author of

Transforming the Stone: Preaching through Resistance to Change and
Marking Time: Preaching Biblical Stories in Present Tense.



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.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be **a mask-welcoming campus**, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. Now with the COVID risk level in Chicago increased to “medium,” we are going a step further to **not just encourage but to recommend** (*though not require*) **that individuals wear masks while on campus**. This is consistent with city health officials recommending that—in light of the “medium risk” level—individuals wear masks indoors when they are not certain of the vaccination status of others present. As a mask-welcoming—and now recommending—campus, we also remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church**. ✳ Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus 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. ✳ In the Sanctuary, the **front section on the pulpit side is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask**. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating.



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.

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 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 4:00 p.m. for our Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel. ✱ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. 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 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*) 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 worship, 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. ✱ We also gather on Wednesdays 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 open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 9:00 and 9:45 a.m. on Wednesdays and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). ✱ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing. ✱ We invite you to use our **Eastertide devotions**, written by members and staff, **as a resource for meditation and reflection**. These devotions are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive the meditations daily via email, simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions. ✱ During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **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.



In the pew racks you will find a **Connection Card, which we invite you to fill out** and place in the offering plate. It provides opportunity for you to let us know in what ways you would like to connect with Fourth Church, to update your contact information, and to share prayer concerns. ✱ **Shannon Kershner is on sabbatical** and will return August 15. We hold Shannon in our prayers during this time of renewal and this fall look forward to learning from her experiences. During Shannon’s time away, Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor, is serving as Head of Staff.

Today is Dedication Commemoration Sunday at Fourth Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May. On Sunday, May 10, 1914, the Fourth Church congregation worshiped in the Michigan Avenue Sanctuary for the first time, having moved from its smaller facility on Rush at Superior. A series of dedicatory services were held the remainder of that week, and later that month, the new Sanctuary and Parish House buildings were host to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, including the assembly's communion service attended by more than 1,800 worshipers. ✨ **The generations that have gone before us left a vibrant legacy**, not only in the bricks and mortar of the Sanctuary and Parish House buildings but also in the financial foundation from which we carry forth our ministry. It was the \$25,000 that remained after the completion of the 1914 building project that began the Fourth Church endowment fund. Just as we carry on the work of the church today, so too we are **committed to passing on the legacy of that ministry for future generations**. If you have planned or are considering a legacy gift to Fourth Church or Chicago Lights as part of your will, we invite you to learn more about the Legacy Society by contacting Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org).



Those worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following worship. ✨ **Benevolent Guild**—which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets in person this Wednesday morning. ✨ **Women at Fourth** meets next Sunday, May 22 at 11:15 a.m. for a **time of crafting** with the Benevolent Guild while working on projects to support area dementia organizations and HelloBaby. **Beginning crafters** are especially welcome! To participate, please register online at www.bit.ly/waf0522 ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet in person next Sunday, May 22 at 11:15 a.m. and will include opportunity to pick up yarn for the next project. Knitters and crocheters will then meet again, this time via Zoom, on Tuesday, May 24 at 4:00 p.m. To sign up for these activities—or to learn more about them—email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence. To arrange conversation with a Stephen Minister, 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, 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**, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org

This morning Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger invite you to attend a **live taping of the podcast, “Bible Top 10”** at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room, when they will talk about **“Top 10 Mysteries in the Bible.”** To listen to previous episodes of their podcast, see www.fourthchurch.org/podcast
✻ Beginning next Sunday, May 22, Lucy Forster-Smith and Jim Ford will be leading a Sunday morning class exploring **Barbara Brown Taylor’s book *The Luminous Web***, which looks at the dialogue between science and faith. That class will meet at 11:15 a.m. in person and via Zoom.



As we look to open the Sanctuary on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday afternoons for those seeking a place of respite and prayer as well as those curious to learn more about Fourth Church, **we are in need of Sanctuary hosts** (*five to six per afternoon*) to commit to being a welcoming presence. **If you can help make this opening possible by volunteering**, please contact Tiffany Holmes (tholmes@fourthchurch.org) or sign up for “Sanctuary Opening” via VOMO at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers ✻ Those who would like to **take part in Fourth Church Jail Ministry** are invited to an informational meeting next Sunday, May 22 at 11:15 a.m. in Room 4F (*or email jailministry@fourthchurch.org*). **Those who are interested in singing** with a Fourth Church Choir are invited to consider joining the **Fourth Church Gospel Choir**, which sings in morning worship and at Jazz at Four once a month each; the **Men’s Choir**, which will sing in morning worship from May 29 through July 17 (*rehearsing May 26 and June 16*); or the **Women’s Choir**, which will sing in morning worship from July 24 through September 4 (*rehearsing on July 21 and August 18*). For information about the choirs, email John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org). ✻ **Adult chaperones are needed for our youth summer trips** June 26–July 1 (*junior highs to St. Louis*) and July 9–16 (*senior highs to Memphis*). For details, see www.bit.ly/chaperone4youth; if interested, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). ✻ The World Mission and Social Justice Council of Fourth Church is seeking volunteers to **assist sponsored refugee families** coming from conflict areas around the world. Also needed will be items to help these families settle into a new home. **Those who are interested in helping** are asked to email refugeeproject@fourthchurch.org ✻ The **Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in particular need** of the following items, either new or gently used: **especially doubled brown paper grocery bags**; large cloth bags for groceries and clothing; adult backpacks; push carts for groceries; suitcases; men’s jeans and casual pants (*sizes 34–42 waist*); white socks for men and women, sizes L and XL; men’s tennis shoes (*sizes 10–14*); and women’s tennis shoes (*sizes 8–13*). Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk (*enter via the Chestnut Street doors*) or shipped, if ordered online, to Chicago Lights Social Service Center, c/o Theresa Thornburg, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.2014.

As we return to more on-site programming, Fourth Church and Chicago Lights are implementing, **effective this Monday, May 16, a new safety and security practice.**

Beginning Monday, **anyone present on the Fourth Church campus will be required to wear a campus badge while on site**, *except on Sundays and for other worship opportunities, concerts, and Meals Ministry meals.* Anyone who does not already have a campus badge (*except for those exceptions noted above*) will be asked to pick up a single-day badge at the 126 E. Chestnut reception desk.

Reusable badges will be issued by some programs with regular, ongoing weekly programming, such as Chancel Choir. These reusable badges will only be available from the staff of those programs, not from the reception desk. Anyone who does not bring their reusable campus badge will be able to pick up a single-day badge.

To facilitate this process—as well as for safety and security reasons—**all access to the building will be through the 126 E. Chestnut entrance only**, *except on Sundays and for other worship opportunities, concerts, and Meals Ministry meals.* Our ongoing commitment to the safety and security of all on our campus undergirds this practice, which was been under discussion since prior to the pandemic. (*Implementation was set aside while the campus was largely closed.*)

The campus badges and single-entry access point were strongly encouraged by our safety and security consultants and advisors and are also consistent with practices at other large, spread-out, multi-use buildings with spaces and uses like ours. They enable us to know who is in the building throughout the day. (*Previous unlimited access has at times resulted in unknown individuals hiding in corners of the campus.*) They also ensure that should we ever have to evacuate the buildings, we will know who was on site and needs to be accounted for.

As a congregation, **we value radical hospitality and welcome for all**, and we believe one expression of that is our care for the well-being of those who are present with us. **This safety and security practice is but one expression of that.** For those who will be joining us on site as programming on campus continues to expand, we look forward to seeing you!



For additional resources and 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 fourthchurch.org/calendar ✱ To **receive the latest updates** from Fourth Church, including our **weekly email newsletter**, subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc ✱ To **learn more about Fourth Church** or **become a member**, email member@fourthchurch.org

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Michael Tax, Lucy Forster-Smith, Barbara Lundblad

The Music Today

Tower Brass; Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs

Morning Choir; Micah Dinger and Laura Perkett, soloists

Charles Schuchat, Artistic Director, Tower Brass

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

TODAY THE YOUTH CHOIR HONORS TWO GRADUATING SENIORS, Knox Lingenfelter and Anneke Stracks, who have sung in the Children's and Youth Choirs for the past fifteen years. We thank them for sharing their musical gifts.

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering plates 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 at www.fourthchurch.org).

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry and Worship

Maggie Shreve Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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