

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 10, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Introit "O, Bless the Lord My Soul" Aaron Williams; arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel O, bless the Lord my soul! Let all within me join and aid my tongue to bless God's name whose favors are divine.

*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.

*Call to Worship

Leader: The God of all creation calls us into life.

People: God has placed a new song upon our lips.

Leader: The God of our salvation hears our cries for help.

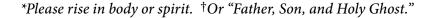
People: Happy are those who put their trust in God.

Leader: The God of steadfast love gathers us in a healing embrace.

People: Great is God's strength and God's compassion.

Leader: Let us give thanks for God's faithful love.

People: Let us worship God!



*Hymn 475..... "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have sometimes strayed from your will and your way. We have been unkind to others or even unjust. Wrapped up in concerns for our own well-being, we have neglected the well-being of others. Concerned for our reputations, we have withheld the full truth. Trying to prove that we are good, we have slipped into arrogance. Help us to trust that we are precious to you even when we make mistakes. Give us humility and self-respect in equal measures, so we know we are as valuable as every other person, no more and no less. Forgive us and heal us, O God. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter..... Psalm 40:1–10

*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.

Responding to the Word

What is the world like when God's will is done?

Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:

roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.

This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God's will is done?

Witness the wandering child coming home;

watch as the parent breaks into a run.

This is how God longs for us when we roam.

What is the world like when God's will is done? No more is neighbor just ally or friend; peace thrives in places where once there was none.

This is how God works when rivalries end.

What is the world like when God's will is done?

Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,

tending our lamps till the new day's begun.

This is how God readies us for the light.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts, filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.

Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,

this is a new world where God's will is done.

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 : "O, Sing Jubilee to the Lord" Brad Holmes

O, sing jubilee to the Lord, every land; glory be to God!

O, serve him with gladness, as in the halls we stand; sing praises to God out of Zion!

He made us his own, he has given us breath; glory be to God!

The sheep of his pasture, we need not fear our death; sing praises to God out of Zion!

His mercy is ours; he is Lord over all; glory be to God!

May all generations find power in his call; sing praises to God out of Zion!

O, come, one and all, with thanksgiving and praise; glory be to God!

Give glory to him and your brightest banners raise; sing praises to God out of Zion!

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

O God, we have heard your call, beckoning us to a life of love and service.

As we dedicate these offerings, may our lives exemplify your steadfast love, your never-ending generosity, and your call to bring hope and bounty to this world. Through the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 485 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death. Reborn we share with him an Easter life as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the church of God. Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

*Charge and Benediction

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.

Baptized in Today's Service

Connor Kent Griffiths, child of Clark and Kimberly Griffiths Navy Saint Inciong, child of Jerome and Cate Inciong Elle Kendall Rowden, child of Mark and Kendal Rowden Gwendolyn Gloria Skaff, child of Erick and Olivia Skaff

News and Resources

July 10-16, 2022

We are glad to be worshiping 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. With the COVID risk level in Chicago at "high," 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 "high 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, while we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, 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. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@ fourthchurch.org). ** The Chapel is also open for opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays; between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays; and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For information about the labyrinth, 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 Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ₩ We invite you to use our daily 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.

This morning we are delighted to welcome back to the Fourth Church pulpit our guest preacher Patrick Daymond. In September 2005, Patrick joined the Fourth Church staff as a Pastoral Resident, having graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with concentrations in biblical studies and homiletics. Upon completion of the residency program, he was called to serve as Pastor of Sixth Grace Presbyterian Church of Chicago and then as Pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Long Island, New York. Dr. Daymond is currently Senior Pastor of Covenant United Church of Christ in South Holland, Illinois. His passion is rooted in "engaging and empowering all of humanity, locally and globally, through preaching and teaching the life-changing Word of God and living out the convincing gospel of Jesus Christ." A sought-after preacher, teacher, revivalist, and conference and workshop facilitator, he has been awarded numerous citations for his community and civic activism and involvement. We are honored to have this opportunity to worship again with Dr. Daymond!



Those worshiping with us in person are invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard following the service. **** Young adults** are invited to take part in TwentiesThirties brunch today across the street at Aster Hall (900 N. Michigan). Meet the group at the church reception desk or look for the sign at Aster Hall. **** Knitting and Crocheting** will gather in person next Sunday, July 17 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B. **** For additional ways to connect** with one another and with Fourth Church as well as for various **resources**, 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



Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study—which offers two Zoom gathering times (12:00 and 6:30 p.m.) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month—next meets this Wednesday, July 13 for a discussion about practicing spiritual disciplines and the way that over time prayer, Bible study, and worship shape us. For Zoom details for the Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



To purchase **fresh produce** and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm,** stop by their Farmstand on Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p m (444 W. Chicago Ave.).

Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the Center for Life and Learning's eight-week summer term, which begins this Monday, July 11. Register for this broad portfolio of fitness classes, member-led groups, and special events (with most classes on Zoom) at www.bit.ly/ cllsummer22 ** Encore 2022, the Center for Life and Learning's annual benefit, will take place on Saturday, August 27 with a musical theme of Cabaret! Live! To learn more about this evening of music followed by a reception, see www.fourthchurch.org/cll/encore.html



Women at Fourth is collecting donations for the annual **School Supply Drive.** The supplies, which will be given to students connected with Chicago Lights Summer Day and the Urban Farm, can be **purchased online and shipped to the church** using the wish list www.bit.ly/fpcschoolsupplies22 **Monetary gifts** for purchasing supplies, can be made at www.fourthchurch org/give-online (*select "Congregational Life" and then note "School Supplies" in the comment box*). Supplies are needed by Monday, July 25 for 120 Summer Day students and by Monday, August 8 for 80 Urban Farm students. For more information contact Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).



Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist in helping our neighbors who are hungry and experiencing food insecurity. To explore these volunteer needs, see our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers). ** 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



Our **Music by the Fountain** series of outdoor, in-person concerts continues this Friday, July 15 with a performance by the **guitarist Andy Brown.** We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard for this Friday noonday concert. While we are not livestreaming our outdoor concerts this summer, if you would prefer to enjoy music from Fourth Church online, we encourage you to explore the concert offerings on our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/fpcvideos



Shannon Kershner is on sabbatical and will return August 15. During Shannon's time away, Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor, is serving as Head of Staff.

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 or in-person conversations with a counselor, 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 is an emergency or 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



As we return to more on-site programming, Fourth Church and Chicago Lights have implemented a new safety and security practice: **anyone present on the Fourth Church campus is 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 are being issued by some programs with regular, ongoing weekly programming, such as Chancel Choir. These reusable badges are only available from the staff of those programs, not from the reception desk. Anyone who does not bring their reusable campus badge is 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 is 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!

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Vern Broders, Lucy Forster-Smith, Patrick Daymond

The Music Today

The Men's Choir Michael Rees, Organ Scholar John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THE MEN'S CHOIR WILL BE SINGING IN MORNING WORSHIP through next Sunday, July 17, followed by the Women's Choir from July 24 through September 4. Anyone interested in singing with the Women's Choir is encouraged to contact John Sherer at jsherer@fourthchurch.org.

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

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