



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Cantique Edward Elgar

Adagio in E Major Frank Bridge

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” Giovanni Biordi

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord is high above all nations.

Praise ye the Lord, O ye servants of the Lord.

*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 (adapted from Psalm 89:1–2)

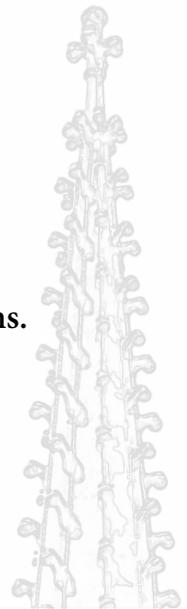
Leader: *We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;*

People: **with our mouths we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: *We will declare that your steadfast love is established forever;*

People: **that your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: *Come, let us praise the Lord!*



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

***Hymn 796** “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit’s touch we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,
we know you come among us still with power to heal again.

You touch us through physicians’ skills, through nurses’ gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low,
grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name’s sake.

Yet we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.

As we prepare to remember the gift of your grace
in the waters of baptism, O God,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.

Grant us now, we pray,
the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem :: “Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love” Ned Rorem

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful o’er our race, still to us extends his grace.
Heaven and earth by him were made, all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show so much love to us below?
God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior’s blood,
and, to make our safety sure, guides us by his spirit pure.
Sing, my soul, adore his name; let his glory be thy theme.
Praise him till he calls thee home, trust his love for all to come.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 111

*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.

Scripture Lesson Luke 17:11–19

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 792** “There is a Balm in Gilead”

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *(Refrain)*

Don’t ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge, he’ll not refuse to lend. *(Refrain)*

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, “He died for all.” *(Refrain)*

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

***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 :: "Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep" John Rutter

*Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.
I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy perfect love.
Loving shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.
Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.*

***Offertory Response** The Hymnal, 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 39** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God Creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

(Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Refrain)

***Charge and Benediction**

Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.

Postlude # Festival Toccata Percy Fletcher

*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
Margaux Hudson Vosges Babelon, child of Ashley and Octave Babelon
Willem Frederick Van Harrison, child of Sarah Vander Ploeg and Kevin Harrison

News and Resources

October 9–15, 2022



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. As a mask-welcoming campus, we remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church.**

✳️ 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.



During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast). ✳️ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing online at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons ✳️ During the week, we invite you to use our **daily devotions**, written by members and staff, as a **resource for reflection.** These devotions are posted at fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive them via email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✳️ For additional biblical exploration, listen in as Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger discuss the **“Bible Top Ten”** in their **podcast** by that title (fourthchurch.org/podcast), with new episodes released every other Tuesday.

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 (*with Communion*) 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. ✨ During the morning service **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✨ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



Following worship, a **pipe organ tour** begins at 11:15 a.m. at the front of the Sanctuary ✨ Also 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 open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and 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 ask that those of you worshipping with us in person **please take a moment to sign the pew information pads** so that we might know you are here. Then please pass the pad down your pew so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service. ✨ Those worshipping in person this morning are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following the service. ✨ **For additional ways to connect** with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources**, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) ✨ 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 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



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is delivering **aid to those impacted by recent hurricanes**; these outreach efforts will continue, providing emotional and spiritual care as well as long-term recovery assistance. To support the work of PDA in responding to the damage caused by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian and in remaining engaged during the hurricane season, you can make a gift to PDA at www.bit.ly/pdahurricane



Tutors are needed on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings to partner with **Chicago Lights Tutoring** students. For details, contact Mark Dennison (mdennison@chicagolights.org). ✨ The **Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of** blankets, sleeping bags, comforters, and sheets; towels and washcloths; adult-size backpacks; grocery push carts; athletic shoes (men's sizes 9–13; women's sizes 8–12); men's casual pants, jeans, or khakis; and men's sweaters, hoodies, and coats (sizes L, XL, XXL, and XXXL). Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk seven days a week between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or shipped to the Chicago Lights Social Service Center, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.2014. ✨ To purchase **fresh produce** and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm**, visit the Farmstand (*444 W. Chicago Ave.*) on Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.



The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** combines the love of knitting or crocheting with reaching out to those in need of comfort and solace, providing them with a tangible expression of that caring in the form of a handcrafted shawl or lap blanket. Information about Prayer Shawl Ministry as well as basic **instructions are available** at app.vomo.org/project/prayer-shawl-ministry

Our 2023 stewardship campaign invites all of us to pledge our support for the life-giving mission and ministry of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. You can make your pledge on our website at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge or by using the pledge cards found in the Sanctuary pew racks, mailed to homes, and downloadable online. Please plan to submit your pledge by **Commitment Sunday, October 30**. On that day we will bring forward our pledges and celebrate all that we are able to do together through our pledged commitment to Fourth Church and Chicago Lights—a commitment that is our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives. ✨ As you prayerfully consider what your pledge will be this season, we also invite you to take time to reflect on the question **“How is Fourth Church home to you?”** We would welcome hearing your thoughts and stories about that, which you can share with our stewardship team at giving@fourthchurch.org



On Tuesday, October 18 we will be hosting a Michigan Avenue Forum: **“The 1619 Project Revisited: Race, History, and the Future—A Conversation with Nikole Hannah-Jones and Natalie Moore.”** This 7:00 p.m. program in the Sanctuary (*which will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*) will feature Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of the *New York Times’ 1619 Project*, Nikole Hannah-Jones, together with WBEZ’s Natalie Moore. This important conversation will be moderated by D. Bradford Hunt, Professor and Chair in the Department of History at Loyola University, and will include our speakers exploring and reflecting on the reactions to and examining the backlash and positive developments since the publication of *The 1619 Project*. They will also discuss the importance of playing a leadership role in creating awareness and dismantling systems of oppression to rebuild a new transparent and equitable order.



New Zoom Small Groups are starting again this month and will meet weekly in October. Groups will be looking at *The 1619 Project* by Nikole Hannah-Jones, *Hospitality: The Sacred Art* by Nanette Sawyer, *Silencing White Noise: Six Practices to Overcome our Inaction on Race* by Willie Dwayne Francois III, history and current issues facing Indigenous peoples of the United States, and *So You Want To Talk about Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. If you would like to **connect with five to seven other people via Zoom** for a time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The Choral Society is looking for more **individuals who like to sing** to join in performing **Mahler’s Second Symphony “Resurrection”** with organist David Briggs on Friday, November 11. Weekly rehearsals take place on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A new adult education class begins this morning at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom: **“Ezekiel: Where Is Home in Exile?”** Taught by Jina Kang of McCormick Theological Seminary, this class will explore the book of Ezekiel through the lens of migration and look at ancient and contemporary experiences of exile. To join the class via Zoom, go to www.bit.ly/ezekiel1022 ✨ **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—meets this Wednesday, October 12. This autumn the women’s study is exploring “Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight.” For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Sunday School meets at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✨ **Youth** do not meet today (*apart from Youth Choir*) but resume gathering next Sunday, October 16 with Confirmation at 9:00 a.m. (*Room 5G*) and Junior High at 10:00 a.m. and Senior High at 11:00 a.m. (*Bumpus Room*).



Books by Women will meet this Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room and via Zoom to discuss ***The Personal Librarian*** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ The **First Tuesday Book Club** invites you to join the Zoom discussion of ***Interfaith Leadership*** by **Eboo Patel** on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1122



The Benevolent Guild, which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital, meets this Wednesday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ The **Knitting and Crocheting group** will next meet on Tuesday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Opportunities to make music with Fourth Church include today’s rehearsals for **Cherub and Children’s Choir** (9:30 a.m. in Room 4G); **Youth Choir** (10:45 a.m. in Room 4G); **Handbell Choir** (11:15 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft); and **Gospel Choir** (1:30 p.m. in Room 4G). ✨ Our **Friday Noonday Concert series** will feature the Renoir Trio (*strings*) this Friday, October 14. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary or for the livestream on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).

Calling all creatures great and small! We're having our annual **Blessing of the Animals** service on Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m. outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard (*or in Buchanan Chapel if there's rain*). All pets on leashes or in carriers are welcome. If you'd rather not bring your pet, you are invited to bring your pet's photo to be blessed instead.



On Sunday, October 30 our youth will be putting together **care packages to send to our college students**. If your child is at college, please send their mailing address to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org) by Sunday, October 23 so we can send a care package to them.

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Akiko Ikeda, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; Sarah Vander Ploeg, soloist
Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS A LONG TRADITION of beginning worship services with everyone singing the words “Praise God from whom all blessings flow.” This is a reminder that even in the midst of difficult and challenging times, and no matter what may have happened during the prior week, we stand together in this sacred space and give thanks to God “from whom all blessings flow.” Thus every Sunday we are invited to lift our voices in song with boldness and confidence knowing that the love of God is everlasting.

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).

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