

# **Fourth Presbyterian Church**

Trinity Sunday
June 4, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

## Gathering around the Word

## Prelude Introduction – Largo Allegro Largo Minuet Introit "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart". . . . . . . . Arthur Henry Messiter/arr. Norman J. Clayton Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks and sing. Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ, your King. Rejoice, give thanks and sing. \*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. Leader: Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever! People: We proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations! Leader: God's steadfast love is established forever; People: God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne; People: steadfast love and faithfulness go before our God.

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or spirit. †Or "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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

Holy God, you whom we proclaim more than we experience

and request more than we need,

we come asking your forgiveness.

We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves.

We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our mistakes.

We experience your grace, and yet act defeated.

We rely on your power, but only in hard times.

We have served our own self-interest

instead of serving only you and your people.

We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,

nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

Forgive us and bring us back into the fullness

of our covenant with you and one another.

Through Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

#### **Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#### \*Exchange of Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ," and encourage those online to use this time to share your presence with us, using the online form.

#### Welcome and Announcements

## Listening for the Word

## Prayer for Illumination

#### \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup> as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord*. People: Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

## Responding to the Word

"Womb of Life and Source of Being" (sung to the tune Abbot's Leigh: Hymn 298) Womb of life and source of being, home of every restless heart, in your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start. We, your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare. Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care. Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth, you have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth. Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of Life and Death of Death, risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath. Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend. When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend. Labor with us; aid the birthing of the new world yet to be, free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity. Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son: we would praise your name forever, one-in-three and three-in-one. We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new, ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you. **\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) . . . . . . . . . . . from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA) In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve ... In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

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Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

#### Call to Offering

#### **Offertory Anthem**

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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.

## Sealing the Word

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation

### **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We will lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Prayer**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . . . . . . . forever singing to the glory of your name:

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, hosanna in the highest.

*Leader: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:* 

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

#### 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

#### **Communion Anthems**

"The 23rd Psalm"..... Samuel McFarland/arr. Jessica Nelson

The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want. He makes me down to lie.

*In pastures green he leadeth me the quiet waters by.* 

*My soul he doth restore again;* 

and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness e'en for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill,

for thou art with me and thy rod and staff will comfort still.

*My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;* 

my head thou dost with oil anoint; my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;

and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

"The Road Home". Stephen Paulus
Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost so long ago? All these years
I have wandered, O, when will I know there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?
After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
through the air there's a calling from far away, there's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.
Rise up, follow me, come away is the call, with love in your heart as the only song; there is no such
beauty as where you belong. Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

#### Psalm 23 (unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want;

he maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

#### Prayer after Communion (unison)

God, in deep gratitude for this moment,

this meal, and these people, we give ourselves to you.

Take us out to live as changed people because we shared in this sacred meal and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us,

enable much by us, encourage many through us.

We pray this in the name of the resurrected Christ. Amen.

* <b>Hymn 293</b>
Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be, you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.
Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own, feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.
Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye, hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.
Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed: in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.
Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be, you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.
*Charge and Benediction
Postlude

## **Today is Baccalaureate Sunday**

Fourth Presbyterian Church recognizes and congratulates the following members and Chicago Lights Tutoring students, all of whom are 2023 graduates.

#### **EIGHTH GRADE**

# Jayden Birth Lucille Chong Frances Fairman Rowan Foley Mia Grady Morgan Holmes Ahmir Howard Eva Koshy Peyton McAdams

Derrell Owens Peter Karlson Pinto Gabrielle Price

Evan Ocken

Cole Raub Ian Reatherford Alexander Robinson

Evan Tax Abby Trieger Zoë Trieger Felix Vujasin

#### TWELFTH GRADE

Jayla Browley Stacey Clark William Collins Chiara Gustafson Karen Hughes Ryan Paul Kershner Hudson Lin

Jonae Manson Anaya Matias Shakira McDaniels

Alexander Walker Moncrieff

James Norwood Sophie Nunziati

Taja Orr

Taylor Osborne
Eva McKinnon Pinto

Nate Raub Sean Richards Gregg Rzepczynski Zoubeida Sanda

Lucy Shannon Demarrias Williams Leemanual Williams Dessany Zaruma

Jonah E. Schexnayder

#### College

Bryn Claire Buikema Hannah Lee Kershner Alessandra Latherow

Anne Satre Grace Turner

# GRADUATE DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Elizabeth Canfield Margaret Fleming Aaron Lawlor Johanna Mintz Rocky Supinger Roland Walker

## **News and Opportunities**

June 4-10, 2023

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.



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 via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the livestreamed service.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. \*\* On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. Access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and 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 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. \*\* In the Sanctuary **worship can be heard** through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. \*\* Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



Children are always welcome in worship! If you need to step out to comfort your child, the Hospitality Suite, located on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is available as a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning service nursery care is also available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. \*\* Sunday School meets at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor as well.

**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** 

We ask all who are worshiping with us to let us know you are here by filling out an information form. Those worshiping with us via livestream will find a link to the online form—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!—included in the descriptive text below the video (after exiting full-screen view); a QR code is also displayed during the "Welcome and Announcements" that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshiping with us in person are asked to use the information pads in the pews, passing them down the pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service. \*\* Those worshiping in person are also invited to greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship.



During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service and sermon available via podcast on multiple podcast platforms and at www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts \*\* You can also receive the previous Sunday's sermon text by email by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons.



Following worship a pipe organ tour begins at the front of the Sanctuary. \*\* Also following the service Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) to pray with those who would like to offer prayers of praise or concern. \*\* We 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 labyrinth details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). \*\* Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being hosts virtually a Sacred Pause time of meditation at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and also on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).



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 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 \*\* For those facing life's challenges, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, 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.

**Today is Trinity Sunday**, the Sunday that each year follows the Day of Pentecost and the giving of the Holy Spirit. It is on this day that the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.



**Today we also celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.** The invitation to the table is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." Even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, in which we are assured of God's love and grace. Those who are worshiping with us from home are encouraged to have bread and juice on hand so might share in this meal together, wherever we are.



Next Sunday, June 11 we will welcome as our guest preacher Mx. Slats Toole, Co-Moderator of the board of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. They hold a Master of Divinity and Certificate in Theology, Women, and Gender from Princeton Theological Seminary. Slats is a published author and has led workshops on expansive language and queer theology (with a particular emphasis on gender identity) throughout the US and Canada. Slats' work centers around creating space in the church where all are welcomed, embraced, and loved. \*\* The Covenant Network, of which Slats is Co-Moderator, works for an equity still not fully realized for LGBTQIA+ people in church and society. Fourth Church has had a consistent presence on the Covenant Network board—on which Senior Associate Pastor Lucy Forster-Smith currently serves—since John M. Buchanan was one of the founding co-moderators of the group in 1997.



Walk with Fourth Church in the annual Chicago Pride Parade! This year the parade takes place at noon on Sunday, June 25. For details about when and where to meet on the day of the parade, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). 

★ The Pride flag signs and rainbow ribbons outside Fourth Church, along Michigan Avenue, are public witness to the inclusive hospitality we extend to all and to our welcome of all of God's children into the life of the church.



Our **free Friday Noonday Concert series** features pianist Leah Kang this Friday, June 9 at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and livestreamed on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). \*\* Beginning July 7, the Noonday concerts will move outdoors! Come enjoy our **Music by the Fountain** series on Fridays during July and August.

A new "Rhythm and Word" video series led by Rocky Supinger debuts this week. The June theme for this ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer will focus on Jesus' public connections with people. A new video is released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos); sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail to receive the videos by email.

\*\* Our daily devotions (fourthchurch.org/devotions), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available as a resource for your personal meditation and prayer. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions \*\* Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. \*\* Books by Women will discuss Fresh Water for Flowers by Valérie Perrin on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. \*\* LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW) Brunch will take place following worship on Sunday, June 18 at a nearby restaurant. All who would like to take part in this time of fellowship are invited to meet at the church reception desk following the June 18 service to walk to brunch together. \*\* Women at Fourth will gather for "Paint and Sip" on Thursday, June 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse. Space is limited, and registration is required by Friday, June 16 at www.bit.ly/waf62023 for this evening of fun and fellowship that includes being professionally led in painting a one-of-a-kind "masterpiece." \*\* For additional ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various resources and opportunities, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org). \*\* Events are posted on our church calendar, accessible from our website's home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar



Our Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of the following items, which can be dropped off at the church reception desk (enter at 126 E. Chestnut) on weekdays and Sundays between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.: men's clothing: jeans/casual pants/khakis (sizes 30–40), sweatshirts/hoodies (sizes S–3XL), and T-shirts (sizes S–3XL); men's and women's items: spring coats (all sizes), sneakers/ athletic shoes (all sizes), and new underwear (sizes S–2XL); carrying items: backpacks, suitcases, push or pull roller bags, and large cloth bags/sturdy shopping bags. \*\* Fourth Church Meals Ministry is grateful to all who have contributed snacks and supplies for Bag Lunch and Sunday and Monday Night Suppers this year. Needed food items can be ordered online and shipped directly to the church using the links at www.fourthchurch.org/meals

Our work on the **Fourth Church Member Census** continues. In late May we mailed another batch of Member Census forms to member homes. If you receive one in the coming days, **please take a few moments to complete the form and return it to the church by June 15.** Your doing so will help in this ongoing effort to paint the picture of who Fourth Church is today and provide information that will help us strengthen connections in our community!



Would you be willing to serve as a **Sunday morning Cookie Table Host, Server, or Hospitality Coordinator**? If so, please sign up online at app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour or contact Simon
Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). \*\* You can also **explore other volunteer opportunities** by visiting
VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry software platform, at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers or by contacting
Director of Volunteer Ministry Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382).



The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC), which has responsibility for identifying and recommending an Interim Pastor candidate, is hard at work. The Interim Pastor, who will be hired by Session, will not be our next Senior Pastor. Rather they will be someone to guide us during the year or more when we are searching for the next Pastor. The Interim Pastor will help us do the kind of preparatory work that is important in advance of welcoming a new leader.

\*\* If you have questions or comments about the transition, please email them to transition@ fourthchurch.org; you can also find updates and information at www.fourthchurch.org/transition



After Labor Day we will be adding a second Sunday morning worship service. Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will be worshiping at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Also on September 10 our afternoon service, which is currently taking a summer break, will resume. Until then, and through the summer, we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

#### **Worship Leaders**

Matt Helms, Mary Christina Szafraniec, Nanette Sawyer

#### The Music Today

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

#### **Worship Notes**

THE FOURTH CHURCH WOMEN'S CHOIR is assisting in worship leadership this morning, as they will be each week through Sunday, July 9. The Men's Choir will then sing from July 16 through the remainder of the summer. If you are interested in singing with either of these choirs, please 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, which will be passed 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

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation
Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry
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