



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Passacaglia in D Minor Dieterich Buxtehude
Pastorale Keith Chapman
Prelude on “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Gerre Hancock

Introit

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee” Plainsong
*Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who at this blessed feast art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence hail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.
O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee unveiled and see thy face, the vision of thy glory and thy grace.*

*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: *God is gracious and merciful,*
People: *slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*
Leader: *God upholds all who are falling*
People: *and raises up all who are bowed down.*
Leader: *God is just in all her ways,*
People: *and kind in all his deeds.*
All: *Let us worship God together.*



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

***Hymn 503** “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at your table, confirm our intention;
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.

When, at your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.

You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.

You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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

Psalter Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21

Leader: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: Thanks be to God.

*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 Matthew 14:13–21

Leader: *Holy wisdom, holy word.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon. Lucy Forster-Smith

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 497.** “Bread of Life from Heaven”

Refrain:

Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.

Break now the bread of Christ’s sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.

Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; in Christ’s presence the loaves will abound. *(Refrain)*

Seek not the food that will pass away; set your hearts on the food that endures.

Come, learn the true and the living way, that the fullness of life may be yours. *(Refrain)*

Love as the One who, in love for you, gave himself for the life of the world.

Come to the One who is food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more. *(Refrain)*

Dwell in the One who now dwells in you; make your home in the life-giving Word.

Know only Christ, holy One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard. *(Refrain)*

Drink of this cup and declare his death; eat this bread and believe Easter morn;

trust his return and, with every breath, praise the One in whom you are reborn. *(Refrain)*

***Affirmation of Faith** *(unison)* Adapted from the Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God who gathers, protects, and cares for the church.

We believe that God has revealed God’s self

as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

that God, in a world of injustice and enmity, is in a special way

the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.

We believe that the church must therefore stand by people

in any form of suffering and need so that justice may roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice.

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,

be the honor and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Ubi Caritas” Ola Gjeilo

*Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God, and from a sincere heart
let us love one another. Amen.*

***Offertory Response** Hymn 717

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:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 552

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:

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 553

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

“O Quam Amabilis” Joseph Jongen

O how kind thou art, good Jesus, O sweet Jesus. How delightful thou art, Jesus, O sweet Jesus.

Thou the heart's joy, the mind's consolation, O blessed Jesus.

“Ave Verum” Karl Jenkins

Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for us all.

Whose side was pierced and flowed with water and blood. Be for us a foretaste in the test of death.

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.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 498** “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: “I am with you; do not fear!”
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: Toccata in G Major Theodore Dubois

News and Opportunities

August 6–12, 2023



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.



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. There are three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (*through the glass Loggia doors located between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. ✳ **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, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning service **nursery care** for infants through two-year-olds is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✳ **Sunday School** does not meet in August; we look forward to it resuming on Sunday, September 10.

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 worshipping with us to **let us know you are here by filling out an information form.**

Those worshipping 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 worshipping 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. ✱ Following the service, those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour**, which during the summer is held outdoors if weather and air conditions permit or in Anderson Hall and the Commons.



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). ✱ 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.). ✱ Buchanan Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursday.



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.

Next Sunday, August 13 we will welcome as guest preacher Paul Brandeis Raushenbush, president and CEO of Interfaith Alliance. An ordained Baptist minister, he is a longtime leader in the interfaith movement working to protect an inclusive vision of religious freedom for people of all faiths and none. He has also served as senior vice president of the Auburn Seminary, the founding and executive editor of HuffPost Religion, associate dean of religious life and the chapel at Princeton University, and a founding editor of Beliefnet.com. We hope you will be with us to hear Paul Raushenbush preach and extend to him a warm Fourth Church welcome!



Also next Sunday, August 13 please plan to enjoy a festive picnic with us following worship. We will gather in the Michigan Avenue courtyard (*weather permitting*) for BBQ and optional simple yard games. We'll also have popsicles, bubbles, and hula hoops for the kids, with grown-ups with playful spirits also welcome to join in those activities as well!



Come enjoy the outdoor concerts of our Music by the Fountain series on August Fridays at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. This Friday, August 11 **an annual favorite, the cabaret duo Beckie Menzie and Tom Michaels**, will be in concert; on August 18 Kathleen Monson and Riko Higuma will be performing Gershwin tunes. A full concert listing is available on our website at www.fourthchurch.org/concerts



Our annual School Supply Drive, organized by Women at Fourth, is in need of monetary gifts to help the team purchase the remaining supplies needed for children taking part in the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm and Tutoring** programs. Contributions can be made by designating either a check (*payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church*) or an online gift (www.fourthchurch.org/give) to “School Supply Drive.” For more information, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



After Labor Day we will be adding a second Sunday morning worship service. Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will be worshipping 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 we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. ☼ **Save the date for our Neighborhood Block Party / Get Connected Sunday**, which will take place on Sunday, September 10 as well. It will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Watch for details in the weeks ahead! For more information, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Opportunities to engage in Bible study via Zoom include **Men's Bible Study**, which meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Women's Bible Study**, which meets this Wednesday, August 9 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. For Zoom details for these studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW) gathers for brunch on Sunday, August 20; those joining in this time of fellowship will meet at the reception desk following worship to walk together to a nearby restaurant. ✱ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom on Tuesday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Knitting and Crocheting, WOW, Bible studies, and the picnic are but some of the many ways in which to **build community with others** through Fourth Church. For **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources and opportunities**, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org). ✱ Events are posted online on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar ✱ We invite you to follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for news, updates, photos, and favorite quotes from recent devotions, sermons, and prayers. You can also find us on **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) and **Threads** (www.threads.net/@fourthchurch).



Would you be interested in contributing to worship by **serving as a beadle, usher, liturgist, or member of the Chancel Guild**. Beadles lead our procession into worship each Sunday, while ushers welcome worshipers with warm hospitality. Liturgists read scripture or lead prayers in the service, and the Chancel Guild **prepares elements for Communion**. You can volunteer to be a **beadle** in September and October by signing up at www.bit.ly/beadle91023; to sign up as an **usher**, visit the Usher table at Coffee Hour after worship today or sign up at www.bit.ly/usherinterest; and to volunteer as a **liturgist**, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). To join the **Chancel Guild** for a Communion Sunday, sign up at www.bit.ly/chancelguildfpc



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Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Terry Evans, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

The Men's Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM was composed by Ola Gjeilo. Born in Norway in 1978, he began composing when he was only five years old and subsequently studied at the Norwegian Academy of Music, the Royal College of Music, and the Juilliard School. He currently resides in Manhattan, composing works for chorus, orchestra, and piano.

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

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