



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024 • 10:00 a.m.

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Selected Variations on “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

*Margaret Vardell Sandresky*

Variations on “America”

*Charles Ives*

### Introit

“Praise We Sing to Thee” . . . . . Franz Josef Haydn /arr. Morten J. Lutvass  
*Praise we sing to thee thou mighty ruler, King forever. Praise we sing to thee, dear Lord, and we will fail thee never. All the joys of nature tell us of thy wonder working power. Still thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour. Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forevermore. Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts thou dost ordain, Lord of hosts, who over the wondrous realm of heaven doth reign. Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forevermore.*

### \*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

*One: We are called to love God our Creator.*

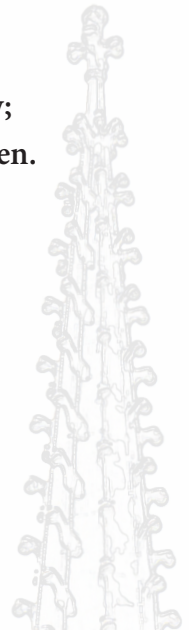
*All: We are called to love with all our heart and soul.*

*One: We are called to love with all our mind and strength.*

*All: We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

*One: Come, let us share God’s love in this time of worship!*

*All: Let us worship God!*



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

**\*Hymn 346** . . . . . “For the Healing of the Nations”

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.  
Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.  
All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life’s brief span.  
You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

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

Holy God, we are hesitant to confess how hard it is to love as you wish.  
It is easy to love you with all that we are,  
except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have.  
We find it hard to love our neighbor when it is linked to the way we love ourselves.  
Forgive us, Love Eternal. Help us to take risks to love others compassionately,  
to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us  
in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

One: *Friends, believe the good news.*  
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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 text or email someone to let them know you are thinking of them.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Please take a moment to let us know you are with us today! There are information pads in the pews  
for those in the Sanctuary and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

**First Lesson** . . . . . Philipians 4:4–7

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

All: Thanks be to God.

### \*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. Amen.

**Second Lesson** . . . . . Mark 12:38–44

One: *The grass withers, and the flower fades,*

All: but the word of our God shall stand forever.

### Sermon

A Mature Patriotism . . . . . Tom Are Jr.

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## Responding to the Word

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**\*Hymn 316** . . . . . “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ’s love, by love we thus are bound.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God’s holy Son.  
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.  
Be God’s the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other’s faults as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s name;  
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

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<sup>†</sup>Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

## Call to Offering

### Offertory Anthem

“Die Ehre Gottes aus der Natur” . . . . . Ludwig van Beethoven/arr. Peter W. Dykema

*The heavens resound with God’s eternal praises, in might and glory they join to tell God’s name through the earth and oceans that all may hear the word divine. God holds the sun in the blue vaulted heavens; God plants his foot upon the world; the myriad stars bow in willing subjection; the universe displays God’s wonders unfurled.*

**\*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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### 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 right to give our thanks and praise. . .*

*. . . We join with angels in singing your praise:*

**Sanctus** (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 565

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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, 566

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 Anthem**

“Derr Herr Segne Euch” from *Cantata 196* . . . Johann Sebastian Bach /arr. Arthur Mendel  
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.*

**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*)

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us.  
Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend,  
and teach us to abide in your love,  
that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

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**Bearing the Word into the World**

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**\*Hymn 337** . . . . . “My Country ’Tis of Thee”

My country, ’tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
land where my fathers<sup>†</sup> died, land of the pilgrims’ pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom’s song.  
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;  
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers<sup>†</sup> God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light;  
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

American Hymn. . . . . Richard Keys Biggs

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***About Today’s Sermon***

Jesus sat across from the temple. He was watching as people offered their gifts to the table. Then he called the attention of his disciples to a woman. She gave all she had to the temple. Some say Jesus admired her. Some say Jesus was indignant that she sacrificed her life for a corrupt institution. Both might be true. But mostly, Jesus saw something of himself in her. It had to give him hope.



## You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church “home”; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life**, we discover hope and even joy, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city.

**If you are new to us**, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”**

## Worshiping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshiping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, **throughout the summer we gather on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

### Entering the building

A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship, with three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (*between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*) as well as at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and 115 E. Delaware.

### Sound

- Worship can be heard through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

### Parking

Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) for \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.

## Worshipping Online

We livestream our 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services on our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos)

### Accessing the services

Worship can be viewed anytime after the services begin. For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see [fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning](https://fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning)

### Online extras

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the worship video (*after exiting full screen*) as well as on our website.

### For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 10:00 a.m.

## Let Us Know You're Here

We are grateful to be worshipping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

### In person

Those worshipping with us in person are asked to add their names to the pads in the pews, passing the pads to the center of the row and then back again so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following worship. Please also indicate if your contact information has changed.

### Online

Those worshipping via livestream will find a link to the online form included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

## Children in Worship

### Children in 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.

### Nursery care

During the morning service nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

## Sunday Opportunities

### Sermon discussion

Join Nanette Sawyer at 11:10 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room today for a discussion of the morning sermon and a time of fellowship.

### Sunday school

Summer Sunday school meets at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4D for three-year-olds through fifth graders.

### Sunday morning fellowship

If you are worshipping with us in person, we invite you to stop by Anderson Hall after the service for Coffee Hour — an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

### Praying with a Deacon

If you would like to pray with a Deacon, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following worship.

### Afternoon worship service

Tom Are will be preaching at this afternoon's The Gathering: Communion at 2:00, an intimate service with music by the Gathering Ensemble.



## Caring for One Another

### School supply drive

Our School Supply Drive to collect items for the students of the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Tutoring, and Summer Day is underway! For details about donating supplies or funds for their purchase, see [bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc](https://bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc) or email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Walking for peace

This Friday, July 12 we are participating in a Peace Walk with Saint Sabina Church in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. For details, email Nancy ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

### Blood Drive

The Center for Life and Learning is cosponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, July 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments, which can be made at [bit.ly/blooddrive72024](https://bit.ly/blooddrive72024), are appreciated.

### Prayer requests and pastoral care

To submit a prayer request to our Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming ([gfleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gfleming@fourthchurch.org)). Also email Gloria if you would like to talk to a pastor or notify them of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

### A listening presence

For those facing life's challenges, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. To explore options for counseling, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit [reploglecenter.org](https://reploglecenter.org)

## Get Connected

### We're having a picnic!

Next Sunday, July 14 we're having a picnic in the Michigan Avenue courtyard following the morning service. Come join us for food and fellowship!

### CLL summer session

The summer session of Center for Life and Learning programming for adults sixty and over begins this Monday, July 8. Learn more and register at [fourthchurch.org/cll](https://fourthchurch.org/cll)

### Bible studies

Men's Bible Study meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. This summer's monthly Women's Bible Study, focusing on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*, meets via Zoom this Wednesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom details for either study, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Stay connected

For resources and information about connecting with one another and Fourth Church, see our website at [fourthchurch.org](https://fourthchurch.org) and our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at [bit.ly/newsfromfpc](https://bit.ly/newsfromfpc); visit our news archive at [fourthchurch.org/news](https://fourthchurch.org/news).

## Summer Arts

### Music by the Fountain

Our weekly outdoor concert series, Music by the Fountain, continues this Friday at 12:10 p.m. with a performance by Andy Brown, jazz and blues guitarist.

### Art exhibition

Currently on exhibition in our Loggia Gallery is "Perceptions of Nature," featuring art by Helen Dannelly and Yolanda Fernandez-Shebeko.

## Calendar for July 7–July 13

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<b>Sunday, July 7</b>	10:00 a.m. Worship . . . . . Sanctuary / Online 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. Infants/Parents Comfort Room. . . . . Hospitality Suite 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. Nursery . . . . . Room 4A 10:00 a.m. Summer Sunday School. . . . . Room 4D 11:00 a.m. A Time of Prayer. . . . . Stone Chapel 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Anderson Hall 11:10 a.m. Sermon Discussion . . . . . Borwell Dining Room 11:15 a.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary 2:00 p.m. The Gathering: Communion at 2:00 . . . . . Sanctuary / Online 4:00 p.m. Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30) . . . . . Anderson Hall 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Medical Service . . . . . Borwell Dining Room
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<b>Monday, July 8</b>	8:30 a.m. Summer Day . . . . . Fifth Floor 10:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . . Zoom 11:30 a.m. CLL: Silver Taps . . . . . Zoom 1:00 p.m. CLL: Bridge . . . . . Room 4J 2:30 p.m. CLL: Yoga. . . . . Room 4F / Zoom
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<b>Tuesday, July 9</b>	7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study . . . . . Zoom 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause . . . . . Online 8:30 a.m. Summer Day . . . . . Fifth Floor 9:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . . Zoom 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program. . . . . Morse Lounge 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . . Anderson Hall 1:00 p.m. CLL: Improv . . . . . Room 4D 1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language . . . . . Morse Conference Room 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk. . . . . Buchanan Chapel 1:00 p.m. Shower Ministry . . . . . Showers 2:45 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi . . . . . Anderson Hall / Zoom 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting. . . . . Room 4F
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<b>Wednesday, July 10</b>	8:30 a.m. Summer Day . . . . . Fifth Floor 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (via Zoom) . . . . . Zoom 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program. . . . . Morse Lounge 9:30 a.m. CLL: Tap Too. . . . . Zoom 10:30 a.m. CLL: Zing. . . . . Zoom 11:00 a.m. CLL: Meditation . . . . . Room 4F 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . . Anderson Hall 12:00 p.m. CLL: Current Events . . . . . Room 4D
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## Calendar for July 7–July 13

- 1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language ..... Morse Conference Room  
 2:00 p.m. CLL: Film Series ..... Room 4G  
 3:00 p.m. CLL: Portraiture ..... Room 4F  
 6:00 p.m. AA: LGBTQIA+ ..... Room 4E  
 6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study ..... Zoom

- Thursday, July 11** 8:30 a.m. Summer Day ..... Fifth Floor  
 9:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making ..... Parish House Kitchen  
 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program ..... Morse Lounge  
 9:30 a.m. CLL: Silver Barre ..... Zoom  
 10:00 a.m. CLL: Supreme Court Decisions ..... Room 4D  
 10:30 a.m. CLL: Range of Motion ..... Zoom  
 11:30 a.m. CLL: Art Day Cards 101 ..... Room 4G  
 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch ..... Anderson Hall  
 12:15 p.m. AA Meeting ..... Room 4F  
 1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language ..... Morse Conference Room  
 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk ..... Buchanan Chapel  
 2:45 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Ch ..... Anderson Hall / Zoom  
 7:00 p.m. Women’s Choir Rehearsal ..... Buchanan Chapel

- Friday, July 12** 8:30 a.m. Summer Day ..... Room 5C  
 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program ..... Morse Lounge  
 10:30 a.m. CLL: Nia ..... Zoom  
 11:30 a.m. CLL: Grief Cafe ..... Room 4D  
 12:10 p.m. Music by the Fountain ..... Michigan Avenue Courtyard  
 7:00 p.m. Peace Walk with St. Sabina ..... Offsite

- Saturday, July 13** 8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause ..... Online  
*(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)*

### Preaching on Sunday, July 14

- 10:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.  
 2:00 p.m. • Nancy Benson-Nicol

## Worship Leaders

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Nanette Sawyer, Kevin Reome, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Tom Are Jr.

## The Music Today

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Men's Choir

Michael Rees, Acting Director of Music

## Worship Notes

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“VARIATIONS ON ‘AMERICA,’” this morning’s prelude, was written by American composer Charles Ives when he was only seventeen years old and serving as an organist for a Methodist church in Brewster, New York. It contains Ives’ first usage of bitonality — simultaneous passages of music in different key signatures — which later became one of his most distinctive techniques.

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**Tom Are Jr.** Interim Pastor

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**Nancy Benson-Nicol** Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

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