



Gathering

Gathering Music “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” Joe Utterback
“Aria” Paul Manz

Welcome

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God’s children into the life of the church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.

We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the back cover.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

All: come dwell with us as we gather in this place.

Leader: Find us where we are.

All: Show us what stops us from reaching out to those who are different.

Leader: Show us what stops us from speaking your word of truth and strength.

All: Show us what stop us from building bridges to those who have hurt us.

Leader: Dissolve the attitudes and fears in our lives that block the flow of your healing.

**All: As we worship, free us and fill us with your power
so we can do your work in the world. Amen.**

* Stand as you are able

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Litany for Confession and Renewal (*unison*)

Leader: Almighty God, we thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this nation.
They restore us, though we often destroy them.

All: Heal us.

Leader: We thank you for the great resources of this nation.
They make us rich, though we often make others poor.

All: Forgive us.

Leader: We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land.
It is for all people, though we have often kept its brightness for just a few.

All: Enlighten us.

Leader: We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety.
It sustains our life, though we have often been faithless.

All: Renew us.

Leader: Help us to know

**All: that the world does not belong to us, that what we do to the world will be done to us.
Help us to turn away from the gods of power and wealth and to find our true greatness
in listening to others and in serving the world and all its peoples.**

Leader: Humble us.

**All: Make us wise in our understanding, open in our listening, generous in our giving,
and vulnerable in our sharing. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: As beloved children of God, let us not be strangers to one another but family in Christ.

Please stand and greet each other with the peace of Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Song** "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace" *Lucy Smith*

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 50 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: God, the God of gods, has spoken and has called the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines in glory.
Our God will come and will not keep silence;
before God there is consuming flame, and round about a raging storm.

God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.
“Gather before me my loyal followers, those who made a covenant with me with a sacrifice.”
Let the heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause; for God is judge.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **To the wicked, God says: “You quote my laws and imagine I’m just like you.”**

Leader: Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; I am God, your God.
I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me.
I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, nor he-goats out of your pens;
For all the beasts of the forest are mine, the herds in their thousands upon the hills.
I know every bird in the sky, and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world is mine and all that is in it.
Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.
Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **To the wicked, God says: “You quote my laws and imagine I’m just like you.”**

Leader: But to the wicked God says:

“Why do you recite my statutes? and take my covenant upon your lips;
since you refuse discipline and toss my words behind your back?
When you see a thief, you make him your friend,
and you cast in your lot with adulterers.
You have loosed your lips for evil and harnessed your tongue to a lie.
You are always speaking evil of your brother and slandering your own mother’s son.
These things you have done, and I kept still, and you thought that I am like you.”
But I have made my accusation and lay a charge before you.
Consider this well, you who forget God, lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **To the wicked, God says: “You quote my laws and imagine I’m just like you.”**

Leader: “Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me;
but to those who keep in my way I will show the salvation of God.”

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **To the wicked, God says: “You quote my laws and imagine I’m just like you.”**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 1:10–20. (*Old Testament, page 593*)

Sermon “Stories from the Other Side” *Hardy H. Kim*

Responding to the Word

*Musical Reflection

Sharing of Gifts *(Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.)*

Offertory Music "Fool on the Hill" *John Lennon and Paul McCartney*

***Doxology** *Lucy Smith*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.**

The Communion

Communion Music "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" . . *Vicar Earle Copes and Louis F. Benson*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Loving God, you have fed us at your table;
you have claimed us as your own.
So now empower us to become channels of your goodness.
Empower us to become witnesses to your truth.
Empower us to become bearers of your hope.
Strengthen us with your love as we serve in your world. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song**

“Lift Every Voice
and Sing”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano Patrick Mulcahy, bass
John W. W. Sherer	Organist and Director of Music

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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Nanette Sawyer, Minister for Congregational Life
Jeffrey Doane, Parish Associate for Older Adults
Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Pastoral Resident
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News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds, a weekly women's Bible study that follows a United Church of Christ lectionary-based curriculum, meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

Yoga Nidra, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held this Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For details, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study will meet this Wednesday, August 10 at 12:00 noon in Room 5H.

Men's Bible study will meet next Tuesday, August 16 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP for this meeting (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Christian Century Study Group will meet for a film screening on Thursday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4G. All are invited to attend. Those new to the group are asked to RSVP with Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

A screening of the film *The Age of Love* will be offered through the Replogle Center on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (*required*), visit www.bit.ly/rcfilm0716

Worship

Morning prayer will be held this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in Stone Chapel. All are invited to join staff for this weekly opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

A time of prayer is held in Stone Chapel on Sundays after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Individuals can join a Deacon in prayers of praise or concern or place written prayer requests in any of the prayer request boxes located just outside the Sanctuary entrances.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org. They are also available via Twitter (@fourthchicago) and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch

Recent Fourth Church sermons are available in print format in booklets that can be found in the literature racks. An archive of previous sermons is also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons

What's going on at Fourth Church?

Check out the churchwide calendar on the website for a complete look at what's happening at Fourth Church in the days and months ahead. You'll also find there calendars by program and interest areas, and you can add the dates to your electronic calendar as well. Just visit www.fourthchurch.org or scan this QR code with any smartphone to learn more.



News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

More backpacks are needed by Tuesday, August 9 for children taking part in the Chicago Lights Urban Farm program. For a list of materials and more information about the School Supply Drive, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Tuesday, August 30; Tuesday, September 6; Tuesday, September 13; Wednesday, September 14; and Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at www.bit.ly/chitutor1617

Fresh produce is available at the Farmstand at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) holds open volunteer hours on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. For details, call Stephanie Budd at 312.274.3801.

Used bicycles are being collected by the World Mission and Social Justice Committee on September 24. For details, call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

Music and the Arts

Lucy Smith Jazz, from our Jazz at Four service, will perform this Friday's free "Music by the Fountain" Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard.

Those who would like to receive *Music Notes*, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

Children, Youth, and Family

Volunteers are needed for VBS this week to assist children in preschool through fifth grade the mornings of August 8–12 as they explore Joseph's story. Stop by Coffee Hour for more information.

Senior High Youth will meet at Fourth Church this Tuesday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m. to go to Millennium Park for a screening of the film *Grease*. For details, contact Shelley Donaldson at 312.981.4036.

A Shareholder Meeting, with lunch, will be hosted by the youth next Sunday, August 14 at 12:30 p.m. Come hear about their amazing experiences on their summer mission trip to Asheville, North Carolina.

Thursday Family Movie Nights continue next Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. on the Day School playground (or, in case of rain, inside the Day School).

A camping trip for youth and their families will be held September 2–4 at Warren Dunes State Park in Sawyer, Michigan. Register online at www.bit.ly/youthcamping16

Fellowship

Young Adults gather on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They also meet for volleyball on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Women at Fourth will gather for fellowship and a free concert in Millennium Park on Thursday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. All are invited.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week, Monday–Thursday; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Servers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers, on a signup basis

Gardeners at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago); Saturdays, 12:00–3:00 p.m.

Physicians, nurses, or pharmacists to serve as medical resources to guests of Sunday Night Supper

GED tutors for staff of the Urban Farm, Mondays–Saturdays

Greeters and ushers for the 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship services

Hosts to serve refreshments during Coffee Hour

On-call aides to help Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center guests select groceries from the Consumer Choice food pantry.

Nursery caregivers on Sundays during 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Cooks for Sunday Night Supper on Sunday, September 4

“Good Neighbors” for daytime street outreach on Mondays and Fridays

Good listeners and typists to transcribe recorded audio interviews for the Fourth Church Oral History program.

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s spring clothes

Small women’s Depends pull-ups

Cloth ribbon, thread, and washable yarn for Benevolent Guild and Knitting and Crocheting

Travel-size toiletry items

Individually wrapped food items

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

News and Resources

Inquirers’ Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, meets this Monday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

A congregational meeting has been called by Session for next Sunday, August 14. The purpose of that meeting is to elect a Senior Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (SAPNC), which will be charged with identifying and recommending to the congregation a candidate to serve Fourth Church as Senior Associate Pastor.

A Stephen Minister is a trained lay person who walks alongside an individual experiencing life challenges. Applications to become a Stephen Minister (available at www.bit.ly/stephenminister) are due August 31; the next fifty-hour training course will begin in September, and upon completion of the series, Stephen Ministers will make a two-year commitment to this ministry of caring. Information is available online at www.fourthchurch.org

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.fourthchurch.org/contact/nominating_form.html. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

We are delighted to welcome Abbi Heimach-Snipes, a recent graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary, as our newest Pastoral Resident. Abbi will be with us in that role for the next two years. Please take a moment to greet her as you see her in the weeks ahead.

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayers will then be read aloud during this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper "cup" within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are artistic representations of our worship experience.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. There is also an area in the left-side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin for children, are available from a greeter.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons/index.html.

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal. Attend Monday, August 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org) or go to www.fourthchurch.org.

Information about opportunities and resources available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website (www.fourthchurch.org), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

If you are interested in considering baptism or membership at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Church, please contact Hardy Kim (hkim@fourthchurch.org) or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on August 28 or September 25.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

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