



Gathering

Gathering Music “Welcome” *John Coltrane*
“Let Us Break Bread Together” *African American spiritual*

Greeting

***Opening Responses**

Leader: Jesus says, “Ask and you will receive,
seek and you will find,
knock and the door will be opened.”

All: Amen.

Leader: Jesus says, “Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden. I will give you rest.”

All: Amen.

Leader: Jesus says, “Heal the sick.”

- “Feed the hungry.”
- “Free the oppressed.”
- “Watch and pray.”

All: Amen.

* Stand as you are able

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Church welcomes all of God’s children into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

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Prayer of Confession

All: For the right roads we avoided traveling,
and the kindly words we refused to share;
for the false gods who received our worship,
and the true selves we have starved of love—
God, by your grace, forgive us.

For the fear that there never is enough,
and the hoarding of our resources that become chains;
for the careless use of our time and money,
and the lame excuses we should never have made—
God, by your grace, forgive us.

(Please hold silence.)

Leader: For all we should be
and all we can amend,
God, in your love,

All: renew us.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world.

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: 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*

Welcome

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 105:1–6, 39–45 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Sing praise to God, who rescued us from the nations.**
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Leader: Give thanks to God, call upon the Name;
make known God's deeds among the peoples.
Sing to God, sing praises,
 speak of all the marvelous works.
Glory in the holy Name;
 let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.
Search for God and God's strength;
 continually seek God's face.
Remember the marvels done,
 the wonders and judgments of God's mouth,
O offspring of Abraham, the servant,
 O children of Jacob, the chosen.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Sing praise to God, who rescued us from the nations.**
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Leader: God spread out a cloud for a covering
 and a fire to give light in the night season.
They asked, and quails appeared,
 God satisfies them with bread from heaven.
God opened the rock, and water flowed,
 so the river ran in the dry places.
For God remembered the holy word and Abraham, the servant.
So the people were led forth with gladness, the chosen with shouts of joy.
God gave the people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,
 that they might keep the statutes and observe the laws.
Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Sing praise to God, who rescued us from the nations.**
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42–47 (New Testament, page 112)

Sermon Abbi Heimach-Snipes



Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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.

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

Offertory Music “In This Very Room”. Ron and Carol Harris

***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!

Sanctus *Lucy Smith*

The Communion

Communion Music "One Bread, One Body" *John B. Foley, SJ*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O Brother Jesus,
we have been guests at your table;
come with us wherever we go
and be present in all we share.
Summon out in us generosity of spirit,
imaginative determination, groundedness in community,
to ensure that there is indeed enough for everyone;
with food, faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

Sending

*Closing Song. "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Rob Koon	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Amr Fahmy, piano Isaiah Spencer, drums

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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Worship

Our next outdoor Jazz at Four service will be on Sunday, September 3. We hope you will not only join us then but also, on future Sundays, indoors in the Sanctuary, where we gather for weekly jazz worship with communion.

The “I Am” banners were made for the liturgical season of Ordinary Time by Vicky Curtiss. In the literature racks is a brochure explaining them.

Our Communion table cloth contains painted handprints from members of this worshipping community. The handprints are different shades of green—the liturgical color of the Season of Ordinary Time—symbolizing growth and change.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Monday and Tuesday between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., on Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Sacred Pause meditative silence is offered Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to pray with Fourth Church staff for members and those in need.

A candlelit service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. Friday, August 25 will be our next opportunity to gather for this contemplative time of song, prayer, and silent meditation.

News and Resources

Fourth Church is abuzz with activity this summer!

The programs, opportunities, outreach, and services that fill our campus on summer weekdays—from Vacation Bible School to Meals Ministry Bag Lunches to Center for Life and Learning exercise classes—depend on the generous summer giving of members and friends. Gifts can be made at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving or placed in the offering. Thank you for your support!

Alex Wirth will be joining our pastoral staff on

September 5 for a two-year term as Minister for Evangelism. So he might have flexibility in helping us think about how to define the Associate Pastor for Evangelism position in the future, he will not be eligible for that role. Alex will also serve as the primary pastoral presence at the Jazz at Four service while he is with us.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating as well as in the pew racks. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. When completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—

www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, and more.

It couldn't be easier to share your church with friends: whether it's an invitation to enjoy a free Friday outdoor summer concert in the courtyard, a thought-provoking quote from a sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, or fun pictures of life at Fourth Church, you will find all on our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch). Why not share at least one with friends?



Mission and Outreach

The annual School Supply Drive—which benefits participants in Chicago Lights Urban Farm and Tutoring programs and is organized by Women at Fourth—is in need of materials, donations, and volunteers. For a list of materials and help needed, visit www.fourthchurch.org or email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Knitting and Crocheting meets on Tuesday afternoon, August 22 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

Fresh, local produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available for purchase on Saturdays at the Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and through the Community-Supported Agriculture program (for more information, visit www.bit.ly/clcsa2017). It will also be available during morning Coffee Hour next Sunday, August 20.

“Introduction to Systemic Racism,” a one-day training opportunity taking place on Saturday, September 23, will be held at Fourth Church and led by staff of Chicago Regional Organizing for Antiracism. Space is limited; register with Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Shares voucher booklets—which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a grocery store or restaurant—are available by emailing Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

“We Play Together,” an interactive class for parents and their children ages eighteen to twenty-four months (by September 1), will be offered by the Day School on Tuesdays from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., September through June. To sign up (*enrollment is limited*) or for more information, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; khager@fourthchurch.org).

Youth and their families will go camping Labor Day weekend, September 1–3, at Warren Dunes State Park in Michigan. For details or to sign up (*space is limited*), go to www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

Confirmation registration is open for youth entering eighth grade. High school students wishing to make a profession of faith are also invited to participate in this program, which begins in September. Sign up online at www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc

Sunday School does not meet in August. Families are encouraged to have their children worship with them in the Sanctuary. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day weekend, with the Children, Youth, and Family Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 10.

Those who will be in college this fall are invited to participate in a mission trip to Mexico to build cisterns in Yucatan over Christmas break (December 26 to January 2). Register by Thursday, August 31. Details and a registration form are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcmexico17info

News and Opportunities

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Individually wrapped snack items for Meals Ministry bag lunches; (label donations “Meals Ministry”)

Shopping bags—large-size, from grocery or department stores—for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry

Greeters and liturgists for the Taizé service on the fourth Friday of the month

Ushers for the Jazz at Four service

Donations can be left at the reception desk. To sign up—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults meets each summer Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach for a fun evening of beach volleyball. On Sundays they come together for a weekly Sunday Gathering time of discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, meets on Friday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and a program—presented by professional storyteller Anne Shimojima—on the impact World War II incarceration had on Japanese American families. RSVP (*required*) to Carol Allerton (312.640.5448; callerton@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, August 30.

For ways to connect with the community of Fourth Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/community

Enrichment

Inquirers’ Class offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church and Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Sunday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Class attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

A Grief Support Group begins Monday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge, but pre-registration (by calling the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425) is required.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, August 15 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Men’s Book Club meets on Monday, August 28 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room to begin the first of a two-part discussion of *An American Sickness* by Elisabeth Rosenthal.

Daily devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

Music and the Arts

The Music by the Fountain free Friday concert this week features a performance by vocalist Claudia Hommel at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

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 prayer requests will be read by the pastoral staff during the week.

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.

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

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

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. Attend Sundays, September 10, October 8, or November 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For details or membership information, contact Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.274.3815 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 Nancy Davis (ndavis@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 27.

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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