



## Gathering

**Gathering Music** "Freedom Jazz Dance" . . . . . Eddie Harris  
"High Hopes" . . . . . James Van Heusen and Sammy Cahn

### Greeting

#### \*Opening Responses

Leader: Breath of God, breath of life, breath of deepest yearning:

**People: come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Comforter, disturber, interpreter, inspirer:

**People: come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Heavenly friend, lamplighter, revealer of truth, midwife of change:

**People: come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: The Lord is here.

**People: God's Spirit is with us.**

\* Stand as you are able

**\*Opening Song . . . . .** “Praise God for This Holy Ground”

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

O God of burning bushes,  
we have chosen to live with dulled eyes and spirits,  
forgetting your gifts, ignoring your challenges,  
and wilting away from your will.  
We hide from the cries of your people—  
not knowing how to handle the grief and pain,  
not knowing how to reclaim your image within us.  
We miss the flames on your holy ground  
and prefer isolation instead of connection,  
instead of asking for help, instead of taking a risk.  
We do not ask for escape from life's difficulties,  
but for awareness and courage to tackle the tasks you assign us.  
Help us, today, to produce fruits of the Spirit. Amen.

### **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, 24, 26, 43–45 (*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,  
your deliverance among all nations.  
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 made the people exceedingly fruitful  
and made them stronger than their enemies  
God sent Moses, the servant, and Aaron, the chosen.  
So the people were led forth with gladness, the chosen with shouts of joy.  
God gave the people the land 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

Exodus 3:1–15 . . . . . (*Old Testament, page 47*)

**Sermon** . . . . . *Abbi Heimach-Snipes*

## Responding to the Word

### Musical Reflection

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

**Offertory Music** "Go Down, Moses" . . . . . *African American spiritual*

\***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 Earl Copes and Louis F. Benson

### Closing Prayer (*unison*)

We cannot tell you anything you do not already know;  
we cannot flatter you with what we do not understand;  
we cannot say what you have not given us the power to utter.  
But, in the mystery of your kindness and persistence,  
sometimes we feel summoned,  
and sometimes we stumble into that holy ground  
where earth vibrates with heaven, and the hardest heart softens,  
and the most resistant will bends, and the soul long quiet cries glory.  
God, send us out, for we praise your name  
and claim Jesus' presence on earth now. Amen.

# Sending

\***Closing Song** ..... "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Abbi Heimach-Snipes</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Shannon J. Kershner</b>	Pastor
<b>Shelley Donaldson</b>	Senior High Youth Coordinator
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano

## 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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**Judith L. Watt**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Nanette Sawyer**, Minister for Congregational Life  
**Jeffrey Doane**, Parish Associate for Older Adults  
**Abbi Heimach-Snipes**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus

# News and Opportunities

## Worship

**If this is your first time** worshiping with us at Jazz at Four, we are glad to have you with us! We invite you to return on future Sundays, as we gather weekly at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for jazz worship with Communion.

**Sacred Pause** meditative silence is offered on 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.

**The next candlelit Taizé service** will be held on Friday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month. Prior to this contemplative time of meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection, there will be a labyrinth available in Anderson Hall for walking that evening between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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

**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 worshiping community. The handprints are different shades of green—the liturgical color of the Season of Ordinary Time—symbolizing growth and change.

## News and Resources

**A Disaster Relief Offering** is being received today to help meet the emergency needs of those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Gifts, which will be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, can be made by using the Disaster Assistance envelopes in the pew racks, by writing “Disaster Assistance” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); you can also give by texting “fourthchurch” to 73256 (*standard text messaging rates may apply*).

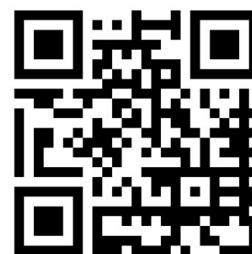
**Nominating forms for the offices** of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available online at [www.bit.ly/fpcnominating](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating) as well as in the pew racks. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership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

**“Get Connected”** through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 17, all are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following morning worship for the annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, volunteer needs, and other activities.

**Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—** [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)—for easy access to the church calendar and upcoming event details.

### Needed: 10,000 snack items by Sunday, October 1!

We need your help in collecting 10,000 snack items—a two-month supply of single servings of granola bars, chips, and fruit cups—that Fourth Church Meals Ministry will pack in bag lunches and Chicago Lights Social Service Center will include in emergency snack packs for neighbors in need during September and October.



# News and Opportunities

## Volunteers/Donations Needed

**102 new tutors by October 2** to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program one evening a week at the church; a one-session volunteer orientation will be offered on various days: September 7, 12, 13, 18, and 26 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room; to learn more or to RSVP online for an orientation session, go to [www.tutoringnvo2017.eventbrite.com](http://www.tutoringnvo2017.eventbrite.com)

**Men's pants, all sizes and styles**, for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

**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

*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](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).*

## Mission and Outreach

**The Benevolent Guild** gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create gifts for hospitalized children.

**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](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

## Enrichment

**Two new adult education classes** begin next Sunday, September 10, both in Room 5D: "The Language of Discipleship: A Brief Statement of Faith," led by Jeff Doane at 9:30 a.m., and "The Architecture of Faith: Exploring Sacred Spaces," led by Suzanne Morgan at 11:00 a.m.

**Inquirers' Class** offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, meets next 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.

**Men's Bible Study** next meets on Tuesday, September 5 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (required), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**A new Center for Life and Learning** program year kicks off the week of September 11. The CLL offers a wide range of classes, exercise programs, and day trips for adults sixty and over. Details—including opportunities to register for classes and renew CLL membership—are available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll)

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

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** will discuss prayer and the psalms during today's weekly Sunday Gathering time at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their four-week Bible study on service and faith begins on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

**For ways to connect with the community** of Fourth Church, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/community](http://www.fourthchurch.org/community)

# News and Opportunities

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School, youth gatherings,** and Children's and Youth Choirs resume next Sunday morning, September 10 when we kick off another exciting year of programming for children, youth, and families. There will also be a family picnic in the Michigan Avenue courtyard that noon, along with games and a dunk tank.

**Sunday School classes** meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. beginning September 10.

**Youth gatherings** meet at 11:00 a.m. beginning next Sunday, with a weekly time for fellowship beforehand at 10:30 a.m.

**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 September 10. Sign up online at [www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc](http://www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc)

**Choirs for children and youth** resume on Sunday, September 10 in Room 4F: Cherub Choir (age 3–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:00 a.m., and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 10:30 a.m.

**"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](mailto:khager@fourthchurch.org)).

## Music and the Arts

**This week's free Friday Noonday Concert** will be presented by organist Jillian Gardner at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Those interested in singing in the choir** for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to Chancel Choir rehearsals, which begin this Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**The Fourth Church Choral Society** invites all who like to sing to join them next Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. for their first weekly rehearsal preparing music by Bach, Handel, and Vivaldi for a November 10 concert that will be presented at Fourth Church.

**The Handbell Choir** begins rehearsals on Sunday, September 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)) at 312.274.3815 or go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 September 24.

**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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