



We Approach God

Gathering Music "Peace" Horace Silver
"O, Give Thanks unto the Lord". Judith Christie McCallister

Greeting

***Joining Our Voices**

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

The Source of all life has called us to be members of one body.
We join with those who in all times and places have praised God's name.
With one heart and mind may we show the unity of the church
and witness to the amazingly inclusive grace of God.
Let us worship God.

* 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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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Christ is risen! Rise up and rejoice; be witnesses to the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we also are raised to new life.

Turn your hearts toward Christ and receive this good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world! Alleluia! Amen!

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

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

We Proclaim the Story

Psalter Psalm 98 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Sing a new song to God who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won victory.
God has made known victory
and displayed righteousness in the sight of the nations.
God remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal! Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**

Leader: Shout with joy, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to God with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before God, the Most High.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal! Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**

Leader: Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the hills ring out with joy
before God,
who comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness, God shall judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal! Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1–6 (*New Testament, page 227*)

Acts 10:44–48 (*New Testament, page 122*)

Sermon “Astounding and Abounding” *Victoria G. Curtiss*

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

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.**

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

Offertory Music "I Just Want to Praise You" *Maurette Brown Clark*

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Words by Brian Wren*

We Feast Together

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Sanctus *Lucy Smith*

The Communion

Communion Music "Someday We'll All Be Free" *Donny Hathaway*

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

Loving God, you graciously feed us, who have received these holy mysteries,
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.

May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service;

we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth;

we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face-to-face in your realm.

For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of Christ our Lord
and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

***Closing Song** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Victoria G. Curtiss	Associate Pastor
Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Sandra Glenn	Lay Liturgist
Musicians	Allison Orobia, 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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News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Joe Morrow joined the Fourth Church staff this past Tuesday as Minister for Evangelism. He will be filling that role and serving as the primary pastor for the Jazz at Four service for the next two years. As you see Joe today and in the weeks ahead, please greet him and extend a warm Fourth Church welcome!

Be a stockholder in the youth's 2018 trips and support their summer work in Cuba, Detroit, Missouri, and Montreat. Share certificates are available only on Sunday, May 13 during Coffee Hour or online at www.bit.ly/fpcyouthstock18

Enrichment

Two new adult education classes are being offered Sunday mornings: "The Confession of 1967" with Jeff Doane in Room 5E at 9:30 a.m. and "Race: The Power of an Illusion" with Vicky Curtiss and Robert Crouch at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

Books by Women will discuss *The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation* by Natalie Y. Moore this Tuesday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Horizons Women's Bible Study meets this Wednesday, May 9 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 4J.

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

Worship

Sacred Pause meditation, a time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is held Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

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

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

The next candlelit Taizé service—a contemplative time of meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection—will be held on Friday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month.

Devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available daily via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, [@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago), as well as online at www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

Fourth Church extends its gratitude to the officers who this spring complete their three-year term as Elder, Deacon, or Trustee. Please take opportunity to keep the continuing officers, and those officers who were ordained and installed this morning in your prayers and give thanks for their dedication and service to this congregation.



Mission and Outreach

Just 4,900 more individually packaged snack items are needed by next Sunday, May 13 to reach our goal of 10,000 snacks to be included in Meals Ministry bag lunches the next two months. Thank you to all who have generously donated so far!

The Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children. (*No sewing experience necessary.*)

World Fair Trade Day will be celebrated at Fourth Church this Friday, May 11 with a fair trade sale in Anderson Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and panel discussions at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Fresh plant starts for home gardening will be available at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm Plant Sale on both Saturday, May 12 and Saturday, May 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Urban Farm, which is located at 444 W. Chicago Ave.

“Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism” training will be offered May 24–26 here at the church. Contact Vicky Curtiss (312.981.3598; vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org) to register.

Join the Gospel Run 5K/10K (and a half-mile walk for children) on Saturday, June 2 to walk, run, or pledge to raise funds in support of anti-racism training programs at Fourth Church through the Interfaith Council Against Racism. Register or pledge online by May 15 at www.raceroster.com/16612

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Administrative volunteer for the Urban Farm to help two to three hours weekly

Coffee Hour Hospitality Team members to serve at Coffee Hour once a month

Shower Ministry greeters (*men*) for rotating Tuesday schedule (1:15–4:00 p.m.)

Ushers for the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services

Chicago Lights Urban Farm volunteers; all volunteers must preregister, and new volunteers must attend an orientation; to sign up or for details, visit www.bit.ly/1aNY3AQ/

Chicago Lights Summer Day volunteers to help with this six-week academic, arts, and enrichment program for students, learn more at new volunteer orientation on Thursday, June 14 at 3:00 p.m. or Thursday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m.; register online: at www.bit.ly/2w9B96e

Clothes donations, particularly men’s, for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

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

Children, Youth, and Family

Kindergarteners received Bibles from the congregation this morning during Children's Chapel, which is held weekly in Buchanan Chapel. These Bibles reflect the baptismal pledge of this church to support its children and youth.

Due today is Family Camp registration. Camp will be held on Friday, May 18–Sunday, May 20 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Registration can be completed online at www.bit.ly/fpcfamilycamp18

Children will worship with their parents next Sunday, May 13 during the first part of the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. They will come to the Sanctuary with their parents and then go to their Sunday School classrooms prior to the sermon.

Youth will meet next Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

The last day for regular Sunday School and youth programming for this school year is next Sunday, May 13. Sunday School will then be on break until Sunday, June 3 when Summer Sunday School will begin, with classes at 9:30 a.m. only.

Tunes for Tots next meets Sunday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B for its last session before its summer hiatus.

The Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its various 2018–19 early childhood programs as well as its June weeks. For details, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; khager@fourthchurch.org).

Vacation Bible School will be Monday, August 6–Friday, August 10 here at Fourth Church. Register at www.fourthchurch.org/children/vbs

Fellowship

A new men's discussion group, "How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels," will meet for three months on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. beginning in May.

Men's Breakfast next meets this Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room.

Music and the Arts

The Fourth Church Choral Society will present their spring concert featuring Baroque music from the Bolivian rainforest on Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Organist Thomas E. Gouwens will present this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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" or "T-coil" 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, 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, May 13, June 10, or July 8 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; 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 May 27 or June 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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