



Trinity Sunday

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

***Joining Our Voices**

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Breath of God,
who gives us life and expresses our deepest yearning—

breathe in us, Holy Spirit.

Comforter, Disturber, Interpreter, Inspirer—

awaken us, Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Friend, Midwife of Change,
who reveals truth and directs our path—

transform us, Holy Spirit.

For we know that the Lord is here.

The Spirit of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer is with us.

* 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.

***Opening Song** “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Ever-faithful God,
patiently you have walked among us,
nourishing us and guiding our feet on the journey of life.
But we do not exercise such patience with you or with one another.
With skeptical minds we are quick to accuse and condemn.
Fists clenched with fear, we withhold the hand of hospitality to our neighbors.
Concerned for what we might lose, we hesitate to answer the call of Jesus to new life.
Lord, forgive us and renew us. Ground us in your grace.
Join our hands together in kinship.
Help us walk boldly into the future you have prepared.
And now, hear us as we silently pray.**

(Please hold silence.)

God Forgives and Blesses Us

The Holy Spirit is upon us and has given us 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.

Welcome

We Proclaim the Story

Psalter Psalm 66 (*antiphon*); Psalm 40:1-11 (*verses*); *the congregation sings the antiphon*

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Leader: I waited patiently upon God, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
God lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in God.
Happy are they who trust in God! They do not turn to the proud or turn to the false.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Leader: Great things are they that you have done, O God, my God!
How great your wonders and your plans for us!
There is none who can be compared with you.
O, that I could make them known and tell them, but they are more than I can count.
You have led me to believe in sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure;
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
So I said, "Behold, I come. It is written in the roll of the book concerning me:
I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."
I proclaim righteousness in the great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O God, you know.
I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithful deliverance;
I have not concealed your faithful love from the great congregation.
You are God; do not withhold your compassion from me;
let your faithful love keep me safe forever.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17 (*New Testament, page 88*)

Sermon *Joseph L. Morrow*

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

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Communion

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

**God of amazing compassion,
lover of wayward humanity,
you have birthed a pilgrim people,
cleansed in the waters of baptism
and nourished at the Lord's table.**

You call us to be a blessing for ourselves and all the world.

**We pray for grace to take your generous gift
and step with courage on this holy path,
confident in the radiant life that is your plan for us,
made known and given in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Closing Song** "We Will Walk with God"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow	Minister for Evangelism
Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Arlene Raine	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

Encore, a benefit for our Center for Life and Learning, will be held this Friday, June 1 at 5:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. CSO concertmaster Robert Chen and friends will perform. For further details and tickets visit www.fourthchurch.org/cll

Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2018 are asked to send their names to Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, June 11 so that they can be included in the bulletin on Sunday, June 17, which is Baccalaureate Sunday.

A Fourth Church contingent will be expressing our support of the LGBTQ community by walking with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches—of which Fourth Church is a partner—in the Chicago Pride Parade on Sunday, June 24. For details, contact Nanette Sawyer (312.274.3835; nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

Connection Corner helps you discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church. Look for the lighted table during 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to both learn more about Fourth Church as well as explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Sunday, June 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 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.

If you are away over the summer, it is easy to make pledge contributions online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving (or by clicking on the "To Make a Gift" button at the top left of the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org).

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

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister. Learn more at www.fourthchurch.org/caring.

Please use the recycling baskets around campus to help us care for creation.

Children, Youth, and Family

Summer Sunday School, with classes at 9:30 a.m. only, will begin next Sunday, June 3.

The Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for the fall. For details, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579).

Vacation Bible School will be Monday, August 6 through Friday, August 10 here at Fourth Church. Register online at bit.ly/fpcvbs18

It couldn't be easier to share your church with friends:

whether it's an invitation to enjoy a free Friday outdoor concert in the courtyard this July, 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?



News and Opportunities

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.

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

Music and the Arts

An art exhibit by Gerald Griffin is on display in the Loggia through Labor Day.

This Friday's free Noonday Concert will be presented by Black Tulip in Buchanan Chapel at 12:10 p.m. It will feature voice, recorders, viols, lute, and theorbo.

Mission and Outreach

Registration for Salad Shares from the Urban Farm is now open. Shares (half and full) can include vegetables, fruit, and eggs. Sign up at www.bit.ly/2nDjvSL

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.*)

A free screening of *Milwaukee 53206*:

The Epidemic of Vanishing Black Men will be hosted by the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism, of which Fourth Church is a member, on Saturday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. at University Church (57th Street and University Avenue).

Join the Gospel Run 5K/10K on Saturday, June 2 to support anti-racism training programs at Fourth Church. To donate or run register online at www.racerooster.com/16612

Fourth Church's Sunlight Project will host a sex trafficking awareness and speaker training event with Selah Freedom on Thursday, June 7 at 4:45 p.m. To volunteer, visit selahfreedom.com

A mission trip to Washington, D.C., to explore oppression and resistance in our history will take place October 6–13. Applications for this trip led by Robert Crouch and Vicky Curtiss are due Saturday, June 30. To apply visit www.bit.ly/fpcdc2018

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

“Race: The Power of an Illusion” with Vicky Curtiss and Robert Crouch meets next Sunday, June 3 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

Men’s Book Club will discuss *Elephant Company* by Vicki Constantine Croke this Tuesday, May 29 at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room. For more information contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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

Books by Women will discuss *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline on Tuesday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Fellowship

Cornerstones—a group for those fifty and older—will meet Friday, June 1 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G for dinner and a program by Robert Edger entitled “The Art of Aging.” Register by Wednesday, May 30 (*required*) at www.bit.ly/cfpc0618 or with Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The men’s discussion group, “How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels,” meets this Friday, June 1 from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. in the Randolph Room. To register (*required*), email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth for Bridge will gather this Saturday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. at a member’s home. For details contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Men’s breakfast next meets on Saturday, June 9 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4E.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Adult-size men and women’s socks for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Clothes donations, particularly men’s, for guests of the Social Service Center

Ushers for memorial services and special events at the church

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.)

Greeters for the 4:00 p.m. jazz service

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

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

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, June 10, July 8, or August 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 Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3399) 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 Joe Morrow (jmorrow@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 June 24 or July 22.

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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