



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

### Greeting

### \*Joining Our Voices

*(The congregational responses are in boldface type)*

We gather to worship the God of all things.

**Thanks be to God who welcomes all!**

God knows our deepest thoughts and loves us still.

**Thanks be to God who welcomes all.**

With grace God has lifted us up and made us God's own.

**Thanks be to God who welcomes all!**

\* Stand as you are able

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*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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**\*Opening Song** ..... “There’s a Wideness to God’s Mercy”

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## **We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

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

**Holy God, you love each and every child of your own making.  
You love each one that we call “us” and each one that we call “them.”  
You make no distinction between “us” and “them”  
but call us to reach across the barriers of our own making  
and find the human connections that we all share.**

**Help us to see each other as you see us.  
Help us to build communities that embody justice and compassion in all we do.  
We confess that in our self-concern we have sometimes forgotten  
your concern for all your creation.**

**Make us secure, we pray, in your love for us,  
so that we may trust in you and risk loving generously.  
We pray in the name of Christ,  
who always loves abundantly and calls us to follow him. Amen.**

*(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 116:1–9 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Leader: I love God, for God hears my voice, my supplication,  
for God inclines an ear to me whenever I call.  
The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
Then I called upon the name of God: "O God, save my life."

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Leader: God watches over the innocent;  
I was brought very low, and God helped me.  
Be at rest again, my soul, for God has treated you well.  
For you have delivered me from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of God  
in the land of the living.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

### Scripture Reading

Acts of the Apostles 15:1–12 . . . . . (*New Testament, page 126*)

**Sermon** . . . . . *Nanette Sawyer*

## **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 love,  
you have welcomed us at your table,  
fed us with your very self,  
and blessed us with this community.  
With gratitude we welcome your Spirit into our hearts  
as we prepare to carry your blessing into the world. Amen.**

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

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Nanette Sawyer</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Joseph L. Morrow</b>	Minister for Evangelism
<b>Connie Logelin</b>	Lay Liturgist
<b>Musicians</b>	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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*A Light in the City*

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## News and Opportunities

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**If you are away over the summer**, it is easy to make pledge contributions online at [www.bit.ly/FPCgiving](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)).

**Inquirers’ Class** offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class—a prerequisite for membership—will next be offered on Sunday, August 12 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. For details or membership information, contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).

**Please take a moment to sign** the pew information pad—whether you are a visitor or a member, whether you have updated contact information to share or whether it is the same—so that we might know you are with us.

**To recommend for the offices** of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board any Fourth Church members—or yourself—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please use the forms available in the pew racks and also online at [www.bit.ly/fpcnominating](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating); when completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

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

**Bookmark the Fourth Church website**—[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, photos, and more.

**Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook** to see photos of church life and keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.

**Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:**  
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago)

### Fellowship

**Young Adults group** meets next week for their weekly Sunday Gathering at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Each summer Monday, they also meet at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach for a fun evening of volleyball.

**Men’s Book Club** meets this Monday, July 23 at 7:30 a.m. in the Randolph Room to discuss *Murder in the News* by Robert Jordan.

### Needed: School Supply Donations and Volunteers

Our annual School Supply Drive is underway! Organized by Women at Fourth, the drive collects back-to-school supplies for children taking part in our Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Tutoring, Summer Day, and Dance Academy programs. Donations are due next Sunday, July 29. For a list of materials and help needed, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)) or visit [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)



## Worship

**This Friday a candlelit Taizé service** will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as it does on the fourth Friday of each month. A labyrinth will be available to walk beforehand in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

**“A Spirit Revolution,”** our summer sermon series on the Acts of the Apostles, invites us to widen our imaginations about what God might do through us as individuals and as a church. Next week’s sermon will be on Lydia (Acts 16:9–15).

**Sacred Pause meditation** is held 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 join staff in prayer 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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)); at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); and in booklets in the literature racks.

**Individuals experiencing life challenges** can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, who walks alongside them as a listening presence. Learn more online at [www.fourthchurch.org/caring](http://www.fourthchurch.org/caring)

## Volunteers/Donations Needed

### Walker with a seat

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

**T-shirts**, sizes XL and larger, for guests of the Social Service Center

**Ushers** for the 8:00 a.m. service

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

**Individually packaged snack items** for Meals Ministry Bag Lunch guests

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

*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)).*

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Our Day School preschool program has openings** for the 2018–19 school year. For details, call Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

**Vacation Bible School**, which will explore the Old Testament prophets in Babylon, will be held the mornings of August 6–10. Register online by Tuesday, July 31 at [bit.ly/fpcvbs18](http://bit.ly/fpcvbs18)

**Summer Sunday School** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G through Sunday, July 29.

**Registration for eighth-grade Confirmation** and the fall Confirmation retreat are due by September 1. For details and registration, go to [bit.ly/8thconf](http://bit.ly/8thconf)

## Mission and Outreach

**This week our Urban Youth Mission program** welcomes the youth group from Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis as they join us for a weeklong experience of learning and serving.

**Fresh produce** is available at the Urban Farm's Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Visit [bit.ly/2nDjvSL](http://bit.ly/2nDjvSL) to sign up for weekly produce shares through the Farm's Community-Supported Agriculture program.

**Knitting and Crocheting** meets this Tuesday, July 24 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.

**The Chicago Lights Summer Dance Intensive Showcase** will be held this Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to this free performance featuring multiple dance styles.

**A Community Cookout** will be held on Saturday, August 4 at 12:00 noon at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). All are invited to this free lunch and time of fellowship with neighbors. Volunteers are still needed. For details, contact Deja Stout (312.252.3559; [dstout@fourthchurch.org](mailto:dstout@fourthchurch.org)).

**The Urban Farm's Community Farm Day** will next be held on Saturday, August 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (444 W. Chicago).

## Enrichment

**The Tuesday meditation group** meets this Tuesday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room.

**The Circle of Healing Sound** will be offered by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well Being this Wednesday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Brochures with more information are in the literature racks. Register online at [bit.ly/healingsound0718](http://bit.ly/healingsound0718)

**Men's Bible Study** next meets on Tuesday, August 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

**A new men's discussion group** on the Gospels will begin meeting in September. Information sessions will be offered on Sunday, August 5 after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services and on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Contact Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

## Music and the Arts

**The Noonday Concert** moves inside this Friday, July 27 with the After School Matters Choir performing at 12:10 p.m.

**Gerald Griffin's exhibition of paintings**, "Paradigm Shift," is on display in the Loggia through Labor Day.

## 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](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

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**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 Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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 August 26 or September 23.

**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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