



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

#### \*Call to Worship

God who is one, you call us to be one;

**may we be one with all who are made in your image.**

God who is three, you call us to be community;

**may we find community with all who are called by your blessed name.**

God who calls each of us by name,

**may we find our place in your eternal family.**

Tied together in a single garment of destiny

**may we lift our voices and sing your praises this day.**

\* Please rise in body or spirit

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

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

**God of truth, we yearn to find rest in you but are so often restless.**

**God, you call each of us by name but we forget who and whose we are.**

**In our frustration we become blind to the image of God within ourselves and others.**

**We are quick to label and slow to value those who do not look, love, or worship like us.**

**We seek your forgiveness for sullyng what you have meant to be a gift.**

**In your forgiveness, offer us memory and vision to see ourselves and others as you see us.**

### **God Forgives and Blesses Us**

In Jesus Christ,

**we are forgiven.**

### **\*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.*

### **Community Life**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 40:1–5, 11–17 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.  
The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.  
The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and they shall trust the Lord.  
Happy are they who put their trust in the Lord!  
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.  
Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God!  
In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
But they are more than I can count.

**ANTIPHON**

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.  
For troubles without number have crowded upon me;  
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.  
Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.  
Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it;  
let them draw back and be disgraced who delight in my misfortune.  
Let those who say “Aha, aha!” be appalled at their own shame.  
Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad;  
let those who love your salvation continually say,  
“Great is the Lord!” Though I am poor and afflicted, the Lord has plans for me. You  
are my help and my savior; do not delay, O my God.

**ANTIPHON**

**Scripture** . . . . . John 1:29–42

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** . . . . . *Joseph L. Morrow*

## **We Offer Ourselves**

**Musical Reflection**

**Minute for Mission**

**Sharing of Gifts**

*In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty. Please place your gifts and pledges in the plate as it passes.*

**Offertory Music**

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

## **We Feast Together**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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”

### **Prayers of the People**

... Let justice roll down like waters,  
**and righteousness like a mighty stream.**

### **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**

*We celebrate an open table. All, including children, are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive Communion. You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask), dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.*

## We Go Out with Gratitude

### \*Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

Soaring Spirit, Breath of Love,  
you have visited us in the breaking of bread  
and the sharing of the cup.  
In these ties that bind us,  
remind us of our common hope.  
Send us out to be heralds of justice  
and bearers of a profound peace,  
till all the world is covered in your glory. Amen.

\*Closing Song . . . . . "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

\*Benediction

Sending Music

## Worship Leaders

**Joseph L. Morrow** Minister for Evangelism

**Nanette Sawyer** Associate Pastor

**Laura Sterkel** Liturgist

**The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet**

**Today's Minute for Mission** is presented by Dianne Blanco, co-chair of the Chicago Lights Gala of Hope Committee.

**This weekend we join churches and communities** across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was born ninety-one years ago, on January 15, 1929. As we do so, we read again these words Dr. King wrote from the Birmingham Jail in April 1963, excerpted from his letter that was first printed in the *Christian Century*: "Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be coworkers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right."

### 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

**We are glad to have you with us today** and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! \* **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. \* **We invite you to join us** at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



Today we join churches and communities across the nation in **honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**, who was born ninety-one years ago, on January 15, 1929. A banner in his memory hangs above our Sanctuary entrance this weekend as public witness for all who pass by. \* Next month a variety of guest lecturers will guide us in learning more about **"Black History: Impact on Our Faith Traditions"** in a Sunday morning series on February 2–23 at 11:00 a.m. \* Also in honor of Black History Month, Robert Crouch will present a **Cornerstones** program on the Racial Equity Council-sponsored **civil rights movement tour** this past fall. All those fifty and over are invited to this Friday, February 7 dinner and program. To register (*required by February 4*), see the Sign-Up Page noted below.



This Friday, January 24 the **labyrinth** in Buchanan Chapel will be available for walking between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.; hosts will be on hand for anyone who has never walked a labyrinth before and would like to learn more about it. \* The **weekly livestream** of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship) and the Fourth Church website, where it can also be viewed throughout the week. \* **Men's Bible Study** meets this Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details see the Sign-Up Page noted below. \* **Women's Horizons Bible Study** meets this Wednesday, January 22 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H.



Cozy winter fun is on the calendar for the January **Women at Fourth** gathering this Thursday, January 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse. Come celebrate the season with hot chocolate, stories, and good cheer! \* This Thursday, January 23, **TwentiesThirties** will gather for their monthly social outing, this time at MingHin (333 E. Benton Place, #300) at 7:00 p.m. \* And our monthly **LGBTQIA Brunch** will take place next Sunday, January 26 at 12:30 p.m.



This Saturday, January 25 the **Day School is hosting its winter Open House** from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Preschoolers and their families are invited to explore the classrooms and meet the teachers. \* Friday, January 31 is the registration deadline for the **youth summer trips** to Detroit and Ferncliff, Arkansas. For details or to sign up, see the Sign-Up Page noted below.



Do you have gifts for compassionate listening? If so, we encourage you to **consider becoming a Stephen Minister**. Our next fifty-hour Stephen Ministry training class begins in March and will be offered on Saturdays. Details and links to the application are on the Sign-Up Page noted below.

Fourth Church's new mission group, **Employment Network**, is working in partnership with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center to increase job opportunities for those in the Auburn-Gresham and Englewood neighborhoods and could use your help: if you become aware of **entry-level job openings** where you work or live, please email [employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org](mailto:employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org) so we can share that information through the Resource Center. \* Those interested in criminal justice reform or worshiping and talking with detainees in the Cook County Jail are asked to email [jailministry@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jailministry@fourthchurch.org) by Friday, January 31. Participation in our 2020 **jail ministry** requires attendance at a one-hour training by the Cook County Sheriff's Office in early February.



Are you looking for **volunteer opportunities in 2020**? Check out our new volunteer management software, **VOMO**, for ideas! You can sign up for and manage your volunteer engagement with the church by going to [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers). (Simply click "join" on the right side of the VOMO page and fill out the requested details.) For assistance with VOMO or volunteering with Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).

## *Chicago Lights* **Building Brighter Futures**

One of the ways that we live out our call to be a light in the city is through the work of Fourth Church's youth development and social service nonprofit Chicago Lights, which builds brighter futures for Chicago's youth and adults through supportive relationships and life-changing programs. It is your support of this Fourth Church mission arm that makes this possible, through—

**The Dance Academy** as it fosters self-esteem and academic growth through dance instruction taught by professional artists for more than 1,500 students at Chicago schools.

**The Elam Davies Social Service Center** as it helps more than 1,300 adults achieve individual goals through case management and enrichment groups, plus provides appointments for food, clothing, housing case management, and other resources.

**Summer Day** as it bridges the summer learning and safety gap for 125 students through six weeks of academic, arts, and enrichment programming, outdoor recreation, field trips, and a dynamic final performance.

**Tutoring** as it matches 440 students one-to-one with caring volunteer mentors to help students build academic and social-emotional skills, graduate from high school, and pursue meaningful careers.

**The Urban Farm** as it cultivates a thoughtful and engaged community of youth and adults through job-training opportunities, hands-on learning experiences, and access to fresh, local, and sustainably grown produce.



### **How can you support the ministry of Chicago Lights?**

#### **Make your reservations now for the Gala of Hope!**

This fun-filled benefit at the Radisson Blu Aqua on Friday, March 6 supports the life-changing work of this community outreach program.

Details are available online at [bidpal.net/clgala2020](http://bidpal.net/clgala2020)

## Calendar for January 19–26, 2020

<b>Sunday, January 19.</b>	4:00 p.m.	<b>Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, January 20</b>		<i>Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
<b>Tuesday, January 21</b>	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	(see announcement on page 9)
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause Meditation	Stone Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Day School (also Wed.–Fri.)	Day School Classrooms
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (also Wed.–Thurs.)	Anderson Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring (also Wed.–Thurs.)	Gratz Fifth Floor
<b>Wednesday, January 22</b>	9:00 a.m.	Day School Storytime	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	12:00 p.m.	Horizons Bible Study	Bumpus Room
<b>Thursday, January 23</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Faith Discussion Group	Randolph Room
	5:30 p.m.	Women at Fourth	Manse
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	TwentiesThirties	(see announcement on page 9)
<b>Friday, January 24</b>	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Lyric Opera Stage Artists	Sanctuary
	6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
<b>Saturday, January 25.</b>	10:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Day School Open House	Day School Classrooms
<b>Sunday, January 26.</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
	9:00, 10:00, 10:30 a.m.	Cherub/Youth/Children's Choir Rehearsals	Room 4F
	9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
	9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Nursery / Day School
	9:30 a.m.	"A Year with the Bible"	Room 5E
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Youth Group	Bumpus Room
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship • Nanette Sawyer preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	All-Youth Fellowship	Allison Library
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Youth Group	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	"Beloved Community"	Room 5E
	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m.	LGBTQIA Brunch	Meet in Coffee Hour
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

To sign up for opportunities described on these pages,  
please see the Sign-Up Page: [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up)

## During Today's Worship

**All are encouraged to visit a prayer station** to offer joys and concerns by writing them on a prayer card. The cards will be collected at the end of worship, read by the pastoral staff during the week, and then displayed in an ongoing art project.

**We celebrate an open table at Communion. All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion.** You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask), dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.

**Worship can be heard** through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids.

**Please** silence all electronic devices when in the Chapel.

**Printed copies of sermons** recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks. They are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org/sermons](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sermons) and by email: subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)

## If You Are New to Fourth Church

**Inquirers' Class** explores Presbyterian history and beliefs and is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, February 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room (register online for the class at [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers)). 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 ([member@fourthchurch.org](mailto:member@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3399) or go to [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers)

**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 (subscribe online at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)).

**If you are interested in considering baptism or becoming a member** of Fourth Church during the 4:00 p.m. service, 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 January 26.

**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 Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)).

**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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