



Seventh Sunday of Easter

## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.**

Righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.

**The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.**

The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord, and all the peoples see your glory.

**The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.**

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\* Please rise in body or spirit

*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** . . . . . "We Are One in the Spirit"

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

*Refrain:*

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: *(Refrain)*

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: *(Refrain)*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *(Refrain)*

**We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

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

**O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world  
where all will be fed and have dignity,  
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.  
You call us to seek justice and peace,  
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.  
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,  
but we do not insist on freedom for all.  
Forgive us, O Lord.  
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,  
so that all may know your justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

**God Forgives and Blesses Us**

Friends, believe the good news!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**Anthem "In the Sanctuary" . . . . . Kurt Carr**

*We lift our hands in the sanctuary; we lift our hands to give you the glory.  
We lift our hands to give you the praise, and we will praise you for the rest of our days.  
We clap our hands in the sanctuary to give you the glory.  
We clap our hands to give you the praise, and we will praise you for the rest of our days.  
We sing our song in the sanctuary to give you the glory.  
We sing our song to give you the praise, and we will praise you for the rest of our days.  
Jesus, we give you the praise. Emmanuel, we lift up your name.  
Heavenly Father, coming Messiah, and we will praise you for the rest of our days.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter . . . . . Psalm 97**

**Song . . . . . "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (Refrain)  
Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)  
We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)  
Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)*

**Scripture Lesson . . . . . John 17:20–26**

**Sermon "Intercession" . . . . . Nancy Benson-Nicol**

**Musical Reflection**

**Gloria**

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

## **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 Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **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**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

## **We Offer Ourselves**

#### **Call for Offering**

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

**O most merciful and gracious God, from your open hand we have received much:  
accept the offering of your people.**

**Remember in your love those who have brought it.**

**Remember those who will benefit from it.**

**Through your blessing may it promote peace, justice, and goodness for all. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song** ..... “Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Nancy Benson-Nicol</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Rocky Supinger</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Susanna McColley</b>	Lay Liturgist
<b>Bryan Johnson</b>	Gospel Choir Director
<b>Gospel Choir</b>	
<b>The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet</b>	

## Worship Notes

**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.

**Offering gifts to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church** can be placed in the offering plate at the time of the offering or, after the service, in the offering box at the exit from the Chapel. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) (or via the “To Make a Gift” button at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)).

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### PASTORAL STAFF

**Shannon J. Kershner**, Pastor

**Lucy Forster-Smith**, Senior Associate Pastor

**Nancy Benson-Nicol**, Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

**Matt Helms**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

**Joseph L. Morrow**, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement

**Nanette Sawyer**, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

**Rocky Supinger**, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry and Worship

**Maggie Shreve**, Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus

# 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 Presbyterian 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.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be a **mask-welcoming campus**, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. Now with the COVID risk level in Chicago increased to "high," we are going a step further to **not just encourage but to recommend** (*though not require*) **that individuals wear masks** while on campus. This is consistent with city health officials recommending that—in light of the "high risk" level—individuals wear masks indoors when they are not certain of the vaccination status of others present. As a mask-welcoming—and now recommending—campus, we also remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church**. \* Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus still choose to require masks. \* Additionally, we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, but **anyone coming on site certifies** by doing so that (a) they do not currently have COVID-19; (b) they are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) they have no reason to quarantine; and (d) they will wear a mask and practice social distancing if they are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



If you like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays for a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and the **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. \* **Worship in the Chapel can be heard** through hearing aids' "T" or "T-coil" setting. \* **Please** silence electronic devices when in the Chapel. \* The **doors open for worship** on Sundays a half hour before each service. For the 4:00 service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. \* **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (and \$18 for up to 12 hours). Validation tickets for the garage must be picked up from an usher. \* **For those who prefer to worship online** or are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)).



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to **connect with one another**. Online and in-person events are posted on **our church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar) \* For **resources** as well as additional ways to connect with the church and one another, watch our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) and Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)).

**Ensure you receive the latest updates** from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply **sign up at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)**

We invite you to use our **daily devotions as a resource for personal meditation and reflection**. Subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) to receive the meditations daily via email. \* Also available for your reflection is our new **“Rhythm and Word” video series** on the fruits of the Spirit. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, are released on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on June Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up online at [www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail) \* On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. and for **in-person Morning Prayer** at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. The chapel is also open for opportunity to **walk the labyrinth** between 9:00 and 9:45 a.m. on Wednesdays and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For Zoom details or information about walking the labyrinth, email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)).



As we return to more on-site programming, Fourth Church and Chicago Lights have implemented a new safety and security practice: **anyone present on the Fourth Church campus is required to wear a campus badge while on site, except on Sundays and for other worship opportunities, concerts, and Meals Ministry meals**. Anyone who does not already have a campus badge (*except for those exceptions noted above*) will be asked upon their arrival to **pick up a single-day badge at the 126 E. Chestnut reception desk**. Reusable badges are issued by some programs with regular, ongoing weekly programming, such as Chancel Choir. These reusable badges are only available from the staff of those programs, not from the reception desk.

To facilitate this process—as well as for safety and security reasons—**all access to the building is through the 126 E. Chestnut entrance only**, except for worship, concerts, and Meals Ministry. Our ongoing commitment to the safety and security of all on our campus undergirds this practice, which has been under discussion since prior to the pandemic. (*Implementation was set aside while the campus was largely closed.*)

The campus badges and single-entry access point were strongly encouraged by our safety and security consultants and advisors and are also consistent with practices at other large, spread-out, multi-use buildings with spaces and uses like ours. They enable us to know who is in the building throughout the day. (*Previous unlimited access has at times resulted in unknown individuals hiding in corners of the campus.*) They also ensure that should we ever have to evacuate the buildings, we will know who was on site and needs to be accounted for.

As a congregation, we **value radical hospitality and welcome for all**, and we believe one expression of that is our care for the well-being of those who are present with us. **This safety and security practice is but one expression of that**. For those who will be joining us on site as programming on campus continues to expand, we look forward to seeing you!



Shannon Kershner is on sabbatical and will return August 15. While she is away, Lucy Forster-Smith is acting Head of Staff. \* We look forward to welcoming **Amantha Barbee**, Senior Pastor of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia, as our guest preacher next Sunday morning, June 5. \* **To learn more about Fourth Church or become a member** email [member@fourthchurch.org](mailto:member@fourthchurch.org) or register at [www.bit.ly/inquirers622](http://www.bit.ly/inquirers622) for the **one-session Inquirers’ Class**, which will be held next Sunday morning, June 5.