

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Introit :: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" German chorale; arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;

with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.

By God the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;

sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.[†] Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Call upon the Lord! I asked for help, and I was healed!

People: We asked for freedom, and we were given liberty beyond measure!

Praise God!

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks to God's holy name.

People: God turned our mourning into dancing!

The Great Tailor took away the sackcloth and dressed us up in celebration!

Leader: Our hearts sing without ceasing!

People: O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks!

^{*}Please rise in body or spirit. †Or "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

***Hymn 340**..... "This Is My Song"

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, we come to you with the hope of restoration.

We walk with our heads held high,

without noticing others and their burdens.

We are even unable to see our own!

We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us.

We even keep our actions silenced

as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world

that we do nothing to overcome them.

Fill us with your peace and with your mercy.

Free us from the destruction of sin, and restore us to a life lived in you. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends*, *believe the good news*: All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:[†] as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

the skies when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Responding to the Word

^k Hymn 700	"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"
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I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;

for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,

who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah". John Hughes; arr. Andrew Hawryluk

Guide us, O thou great Jehovah, guide us to the promised land.

We are weak, but thou art able; hold us with thy powerful hand.

Holy Spirit, feed us 'til the Savior comes.

Open, Jesus, Zion's fountains; let her richest blessings come.

Let the fiery, cloudy pillar guide us to this holy home.

Great Redeemer, bring, O bring the welcome day!

When the earth begins to tremble, bid the fearful thoughts be still;

when thy judgments spread destruction, keep us safe on Zion's hill.

Singing praises, songs of glory unto thee.

*Offertory Response

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Ever-faithful God, we long to be faithful givers,

modeling ourselves on you who have given everything to us.

May your Spirit of abundance,

which gives more than we ask or imagine,

grace these gifts for your kingdom, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

- *Hymn 338......"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"
 - O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

 America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!
 - O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! God mend thine every flaw; confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!
 - O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! May God thy gold refine till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

*Charge and Benediction

We invite you to enjoy the postlude. If you need to leave prior to the end of the postlude, please do so quietly out of respect for those who choose to stay.

We are glad to be worshiping with you 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.



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. With the COVID risk level in Chicago at "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 choose to require masks. * Additionally, while we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, 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. * In the Sanctuary, the front section on the pulpit side is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. **** Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service.

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**

If you would like to join us for in-person worship, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 4:00 p.m. for our Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel. ** On Sundays the doors open for worship a half hour prior to the service. For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four 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) and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher. ** Nursery care* is not available at this time. ** Worship can be heard in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. ** Please silence electronic devices when in the Sanctuary or Chapel.



Following worship, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) to pray with individuals who would like to offer prayers of praise or concern. ** We also gather on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer via Zoom and at 10:00 a.m. for in-person Morning Prayer in Buchanan Chapel. The chapel is open for opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). ** A Sacred Pause time of meditation is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ** We invite you to use our daily devotions, written by members and staff, as a resource for meditation and reflection. These devotions are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive the meditations daily via email, simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ** During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service and sermon available via podcast on iTunes as well as Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast). ** You can also receive the previous Sunday's sermon text by email by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons



In the pew racks you will find a **Connection Card, which we invite you to fill out** and place in the offering plate. It provides opportunity for you to let us know in what ways you would like to connect with Fourth Church, to update your contact information, and to share prayer concerns.



Those worshiping with us in person are invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following worship.

To help us continue to shape meaningful connections for the many who are engaging with us online, we would appreciate your responses to a brief survey at www.bit.ly/fpconline2022



Next Sunday morning, July 10, we look forward to welcoming back to Fourth Church Patrick

Daymond, who will be our guest preacher for the 10:00 a.m. service. In September 2005,
Patrick joined the Fourth Church staff as a Pastoral Resident, having graduated from Princeton
Theological Seminary with concentrations in biblical studies and homiletics. Upon completion
of the residency program, he was called to serve as Pastor of Sixth Grace Presbyterian Church
of Chicago and then as Pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Long Island, New York.
Dr. Daymond is currently Senior Pastor of Covenant United Church of Christ in South Holland,
Illinois. His passion is rooted in engaging and empowering all of humanity, locally and globally,
through preaching and teaching the life-changing Word of God and living out the convincing
gospel of Jesus Christ. A sought-after preacher, teacher, revivalist, and conference and workshop
facilitator, he has been awarded numerous citations for his community and civic activism and
involvement. We hope you will join us for this opportunity to again take part in worship with
Dr. Daymond!



Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study—which offers two Zoom gathering times (12:00 and 6:30 p.m.) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month—next meets on Wednesday, July 13 for a discussion about practicing spiritual disciplines and the way that over time prayer, Bible study, and worship shape us. For Zoom details for the Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ** The First Tuesday Book Club invites all who are interested—including those who have not read this month's book—to a Zoom discussion of *The Nones: Where They Came From, Who They Are, and Where They Are Going* by Ryan Burge this Tuesday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m. For a Zoom link to this conversation with the author about insights into those who say they have no religious affiliation, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday722



For additional resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch). ** Online events are posted on our church calendar, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar ** The church offices will be closed on Monday, July 4 for the Fourth of July holiday.

Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist in helping our neighbors who are hungry and food insecure. To learn more or explore these volunteer needs, see our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers). ** To purchase fresh produce and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, stop by their Farmstand on Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p m (444 W. Chicago Ave.).



Women at Fourth is collecting **donations for the annual School Supply Drive.** The school supplies will be given to students connected with Chicago Lights Summer Day and Tutoring and the Urban Farm. For details about how to contribute or how to receive a list of items needed, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ** The World Mission and Social Justice Council of Fourth Church is seeking volunteers to **assist sponsored refugee families** coming from conflict areas around the world. Also needed will be items to help these families settle into a new home. **Those who are interested in helping** are asked to email refugeeproject@fourthchurch.org ** The **Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need** of the following items, either new or gently used: adult-sized backpacks; men's jeans and casual pants (34–42 waist); men's belts; men's underwear (L, XL, 2XL); men's tennis shoes (sizes 10–14). Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk (enter via Chestnut Street doors). For more information, email Lynn Milligan (lmilligan@chicagolights.org).



Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the **Center for Life and Learning's eight-week** summer term, which begins Monday, July 11. Register for this broad portfolio of fitness classes, member-led groups, and special events (with most classes on Zoom) at www.bit.ly/cllsummer22

- * Knitting and Crocheting will gather in person this Tuesday, July 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4F.
- ** Our **Music by the Fountain** series of outdoor, in-person concerts continues this Friday, July 8 with a performance by the **Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble**, which provides music leadership weekly at our Jazz at Four service of worship. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard for this Friday noonday concert. While we will not be livestreaming our outdoor concerts this summer, if you would prefer to enjoy music from Fourth Church online, we encourage you to explore the concert offerings on our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/fpcvideos



Shannon Kershner is on sabbatical and will return August 15. During Shannon's time away, Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor, is serving as Head of Staff.

For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. To have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ** To explore options for teletherapy, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. ** To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ** To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@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 to pick up a single-day badge at the 126 E. Chestnut reception desk.

Reusable badges are being 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. Anyone who does not bring their reusable campus badge is able to pick up a single-day badge.

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 on Sundays and for other worship opportunities, concerts, and Meals Ministry meals. Our ongoing commitment to the safety and security of all on our campus undergirds this practice, which was 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!

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Samuela Kosipa, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

The Men's Choir Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

THE MEN'S CHOIR WILL BE SINGING IN MORNING WORSHIP through July 17, followed by the Women'S Choir from July 24 through September 4. Anyone interested in participating in one of these choirs is encouraged to contact John Sherer at jsherer@fourthchurch.org.

Offering Gifts to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering plates at the time of the offering or, after the service, in one of the offering boxes at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at www.fourthchurch org/give-online (or via the "To Make a Gift" button at www.fourthchurch.org).

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor **Lucy Forster-Smith** Senior Associate Pastor

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Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry
Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement
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Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry and Worship

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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