



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

The God of all creation calls us into life.

God has placed a new song upon our lips.

The God of our salvation hears our cries for help.

Happy are those who put their trust in God.

The God of steadfast love gathers us in a healing embrace.

Great is God's strength and God's compassion.

Let us give thanks for God's faithful love.

Let us worship God!

* 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** "Come! Live in the Light!"

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more. (*Refrain*)

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. (*Refrain*)

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, we confess that we have sometimes strayed from your will and your way.
We have been unkind to others or even unjust.
Wrapped up in concerns for our own well-being,
we have neglected the well-being of others.
Concerned for our reputations, we have withheld the full truth.
Trying to prove that we are good, we have slipped into arrogance.
Help us to trust that we are precious to you even when we make mistakes.
Give us humility and self-respect in equal measures,
so we know we are as valuable as every other person, no more and no less.
Forgive us and heal us, O God. Amen.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 40:1–11

ANTIPHON: *You are my help and my rescuer. My God, do not delay.*

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!

O, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

ANTIPHON

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

"I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me."

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Lesson Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

Sermon *Nanette Sawyer*

Musical Reflection

Gloria

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

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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 God, we have heard your call,
beckoning us to a life of love and service.
As we dedicate these offerings,
may our lives exemplify your steadfast love,
your never-ending generosity,
and your call to bring hope and bounty to this world.
Through the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus; . . .

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; . . .

Here all the world will find a welcome; . . .

We're gonna feast on milk and honey; . . .

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Lucy Forster-Smith	Senior Associate Pastor
Toni Yang	Liturgist
The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet	

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 (or via the "To Make a Gift" button at www.fourthchurch.org).

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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 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. With the COVID risk level in Chicago at "high," we **not just encourage but 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 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 would 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).



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 * For **resources** as well as additional ways to connect with the church and one another, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and Facebook (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**

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. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom details. * The chapel is also open for opportunity to **walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays; between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays; and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For labyrinth information, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@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 as a resource for personal meditation and reflection**. To receive the devotions daily by email subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions



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 this 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).



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. To arrange conversation with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. * To explore options for teletherapy or in-person conversations with a counselor, 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, 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



Women at Fourth is collecting donations for the **annual School Supply Drive**. The supplies will be given to students connected with Chicago Lights Summer Day and the Urban Farm. **To make a monetary gift** to be used for purchasing supplies, go to www.fourthchurch.org/give-online and select "Congregational Life" and then note "School Supplies" in the comment box. Supplies can also be **purchased online and shipped to the church** using this wish list: www.bit.ly/fpcschoolsSupplies22. Supplies are needed by Monday, July 25 for 120 Summer Day students and by Monday, August 8 for 80 Urban Farm students. For more information contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).