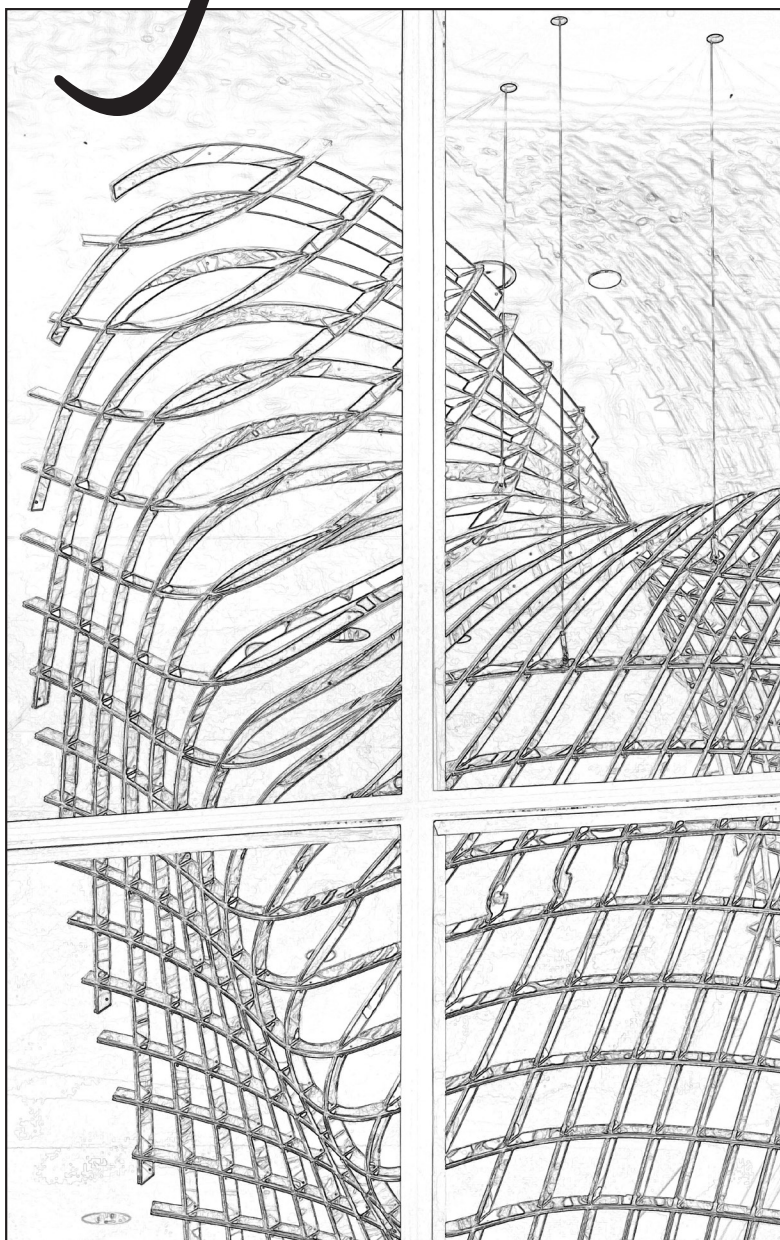




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4:00 p.m. • April 16, 2023

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.

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome

***Opening Song** “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession

God of hope, God of joy, God of life,
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.

We have been so dead to miracles
that we have missed the hope you have promised us.

We have preoccupied ourselves with small things
and have overlooked the true joy you offer each one of us.

We have been so concerned with making a living
that we miss the new life you have given to us.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Open our eyes and our minds to receive your promises,
and open our hearts and hands to share them freely.

We pray this in the name of Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Refrain:

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We Share Peace with One Another

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 16

Response “Be Not Afraid”

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Second Reading Acts 1:6–14

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

*“I believe in Jesus Christ; . . . he ascended into heaven
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.”*

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 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

Offering and Dedication

Musical Offering

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** “He Is King of Kings”

Refrain:

He is King of kings, he is Lord of lords.

Jesus Christ the first and last, no one works like him (*repeat*)

He build his throne up in the air, no one works like him.

And called his saints from ev’rywhere, no one works like him (*Refrain*)

He pitched his tents on Canaan’s ground, no one works like him.

And broke the Roman kingdom down, no one works like him. (*Refrain*)

***Benediction**

Sending Music

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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. 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**.



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 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).



On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. and, this Wednesday, for **in-person Morning Prayer** at 10:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom information. * The chapel is also open for opportunity to **walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. this Tuesday. For details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org).



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, 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. * For those who are 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 with a counselor, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260.

Today is Volunteer Recognition Sunday at Fourth Church, a day when we give thanks for the many individuals who so generously give of their time and talent to bring to life the mission and ministry of Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights. **For all of you who share of your gifts in this way, thank you!**

• **If you are interested in volunteering with Fourth Church**, we invite you to explore the volunteer opportunities listed on VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers), our Volunteer Ministry software platform, or contact Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382), Director of Volunteer Ministry.



Our Easter season “Rhythm and Word” video series, which offers a ten-minute midweek worship experience that includes **music by the Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble and is led by Shannon Kershner**, is released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.; to receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail • Our **daily devotions** (fourthchurch.org/devotions), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available as a resource for your personal meditation and prayer. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions



To receive our Jazz at Four email newsletter, with weekly information about the afternoon service as well as reflections from our worship leaders, subscribe at www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews • 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 (fourthchurch.org) and Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch).



Opportunities to engage in Bible study include Men’s Bible Study, which meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m., and **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 and next meets on Wednesday, April 26. For Zoom details for either Bible study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



In late May our worship at 4:00 p.m. will enter a summer sabbatical season of rest and refocusing for the future. We will worship together through Sunday, May 21, and then, beginning Memorial Day weekend, we will not worship at 4:00 p.m. during the summer. Our afternoon service will resume on Sunday, September 10 (*after Labor Day*). If you have questions about this, please email Pastor Rocky at rsupinger@fourthchurch.org

• Session has voted to **add a second Sunday morning worship service after Labor Day**. Beginning Sunday, September 10, our morning worship services will be at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Until then, and through the summer, we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

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**

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor

The Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble

Leslie Beukelman, vocals

Bryan Doherty, bass

Amr Fahmy, piano

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 in the offering box at the Chapel exit. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give

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