

June 2, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Spirit of the Living God" (Hymnal 288)

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Psalm Psalm 37:1–11

**Please rise in body or spirit.*



**FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
A Light in the City

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.

Song "Standing in the Need of Prayer"

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Refrain:

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. (*Refrain*)

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. (*Refrain*)

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

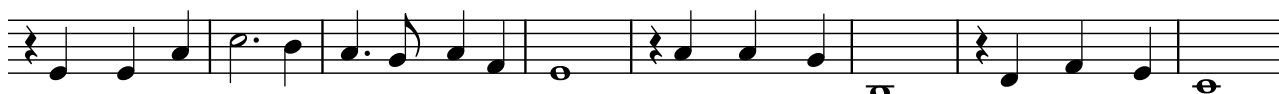
Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. (*Refrain*)

*Peace

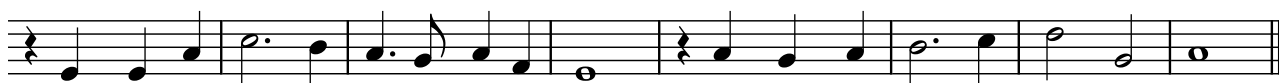
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Song "How Great Thou Art" (refrain only)



Thensings my soul, my Sa-vior, God to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.



Thensings my soul, my Sa-vior, God to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

We Hear.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:27–31

Sermon Rocky Supinger

We Respond.

Offering

The gifts we share to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in the offering plate or, upon leaving today, in the offering boxes at the Sanctuary exits. Gifts also can be given online at www.fourthchurch.org/give or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church)

Song “Every Time I Feel de Spirit” (arr. by Cicely Perry)

Communion

*Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the juice).
Gluten-free bread is available.*

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Communion Song

“On Eagle’s Wings” (Michael Joncas)

***Song** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

She's got the wind and the rain in her hands. . . .

She's got the whole world in her hands.

He's got the little bitty baby in his hands. . . .

He's got the whole world in his hands.

She's got everybody here in her hands. . . .

She's got the whole world in her hands.

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

Beena David, vocals; Bryan Doherty, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Neal Wehman, drums

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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You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church “home”; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life**, we discover hope and even joy, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city.

If you are new to us, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”**

Worshipping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, **during the summer we gather on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

Entering the building

A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship, with three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (*between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*) as well as at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and 115 E. Delaware.

Sound

- Worship can be heard through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

Parking

Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) for \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.

Ensure you receive the latest updates, stories, and snapshots from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Worshipping Online

We livestream our 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos

Accessing the services

Worship can be viewed anytime after the services begin. For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning

Online extras

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the worship video (*after exiting full screen*) as well as on our website.

For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 10:00 a.m.

Let Us Know You're Here

We are grateful to be worshipping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out the information form.

In person

Those worshipping with us in person are asked to add their names to the information pads in the pews, passing them down their row so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service. If your contact information has changed, please indicate that too.

Online

Those worshipping with us via livestream will find a link to the online form included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

Get Connected

Bible studies

Two Bible studies meet via Zoom: Men’s Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and *Horizons* Women’s Bible Study, which meets on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. (*as it will on the second Wednesday of each month during the summer*). During the summer, the Women’s Bible Study will focus on Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *Life Together*. Email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom details.

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets in person this Tuesday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. Both a fellowship group and a ministry of caring, Knitting and Crocheting supplies partners around the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort.

Benevolent Guild

The Benevolent Guild, which creates sewn and crafted items for those in need, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. Their work includes baby and child care items, which are donated to hospitals and social service organizations, as well as sensory/activity mats for individuals with dementia. No sewing experience is required.

Cornerstones with Tom Are

This Friday evening, June 7 Cornerstones, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will gather for dinner and conversation with Tom Are, who will talk about “Life at Fourth Church.” Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones672024

Book group

The Books by Women book group will discuss *Lucy by the Sea* by Elizabeth Strout on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome

You are invited to the Pride Breakfast “Why We Walk” on Sunday, June 23 at 11:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. This gathering is hosted by Fourth Church’s LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW) group.

Then the following Sunday, June 30 join us as we again walk in the Pride Parade with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches. The walk will kick off at 11:00 a.m. For details about when and where to meet, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Women at Fourth Paint-and-Sip

Join Women at Fourth on Thursday, June 27 when they gather at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for Paint-and-Sip, a fun-filled evening of painting with a professional artist while enjoying fellowship, snacks, and drinks. Space is limited, so RSVP early at bit.ly/waf62024

Civil rights pilgrimage

Fourth Church is cosponsoring an October 18–27 Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage to New Orleans, Jackson, Montgomery, and Birmingham. To learn more about this opportunity, see the trip description at bit.ly/civilrightstrailinfo2024

Caring for One Another

Stephen Ministry

For those facing life’s challenges, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Men’s clothing needed

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of men’s clothing, of all types and all sizes. Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk (enter at 126 E. Chestnut) between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Walk for peace

Our World Mission and Social Justice Council invites you to join them for this summer’s Friday night Peace Walks at Saint Sabina Church in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. For two decades, Saint Sabina has hosted Peace Walks to prevent violence and build community. This will be the third year Fourth Church has shown up in support. We will join the kickoff walk on Friday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. as well as the June 28, July 12, August 2, and August 16 walks. To learn more, email Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Prayer requests and pastoral care

To submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@fourthchurch.org).

Also email Gloria if you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

Counseling and well-being

To explore options for counseling or well-being offerings, including our grief groups, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit repluglecenter.org

“Rhythm and Word”: Renewal

Weekly “Rhythm and Word” videos

“Renewal” is the theme of our June “Rhythm and Word” videos, led by Rocky Supinger and the Gathering musicians. These ten minutes of music, scripture, and prayer are released on Wednesdays. To receive them in your inbox, sign up at bit.ly/rhythmandword; to receive notice via YouTube, subscribe to our channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos

Honoring John Sherer

John Sherer's last Sunday as our Organist and Music Director will be June 23. Join us as we give thanks for his ministry among us!

- Tuesday, June 4, 5:30–7:00 p.m.: Reception celebrating John's ministry; RSVP required at bit.ly/sherercelebration
- Friday, June 14 at 12:10 p.m.: John plays his last Friday Noonday Organ Concert.
- Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.: John plays an Organ Recital.
- Sunday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m.: John's last Sunday leading us in worship music. If you would like to sing with the choir that day, please come for an 8:45 a.m. rehearsal that morning.

Gifts in honor of John

We invite you to make a gift in honor of John's dedicated leadership of music ministry at Fourth Church. Gifts given in honor of John will support key areas of this ministry, including the Director of Music and Organ Scholar positions as well as the Morning Choir. Gifts can be made online at bit.ly/jwwshonorgif

Memory book

As an expression of gratitude for John Sherer and his ministry among us, we invite you to share your well-wishes, notes, photos, and thank-yous with John through our online memory book at bit.ly/sherermemories

Stay Connected

You can find details about ways to connect with one another and this congregation as well as discover various resources and opportunities on our website: fourthchurch.org

Weekly newsletter

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc and visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session online Inquirers' Class on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers624).

Tom Are Jr. Interim Pastor

Associate Pastors

Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

Matt Helms Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries

Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry and Worship

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