

June 9, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (Hymnal 837, v. 1 and 3)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

Psalm Psalm 130

**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 "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

This is the day (this is the day)
that the Lord has made (that the Lord has made).
We will rejoice (we will rejoice),
and be glad in it (and be glad in it)!

This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day (this is the day)
that the Lord has made!

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Song "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (Hymnal 465, v. 1 and 3)

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

We Hear.

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 8

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 "Jesu, Jesu" (Hymnal 203, v. 2 and 3)

Refrain

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. (*Refrain*)**

**These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (*Refrain*)**

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 "El Shaddai" (Amy Grant)

We Go.

*Song "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" (Hymnal 591, refrain)

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

*Blessing

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, 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

Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *Life Together* will be the focus of this summer’s *Horizons Women’s Bible Study*, which meets via Zoom this Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. (*as it will on the second Wednesday of July and August as well*).

Men’s Bible Study, which focuses on Sunday’s scripture readings from the pulpit, meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

For Zoom details for either study, email Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

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.

Handcrafts

The Benevolent Guild, which creates sewn and crafted items for those in need, meets this Wednesday, June 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. They will then be on hiatus until September.

Knitting and Crocheting meets via Zoom on Tuesday, June 25 at 4:00 p.m. Email Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Japanese fellowship group

Japanese community members are invited to a Chicago Exchange evening on Thursday, June 13 at 5:45 p.m. in the Manse for a Western-style cooking workshop, English conversation practice, and an optional introductory Bible course. RSVP with Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@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

Video Update from Tom Are

This past week we emailed a video update from Tom Are highlighting our financial situation, the census project, the long-range plan, and the Pastor Nominating Committee. If you did not receive that email and video link, you can find it here: bit.ly/update624; we also encourage you to subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc to ensure you receive all future updates.

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.

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 reproglecenter.org

Celebrating Pride Month

You are invited to the Pride Breakfast "Why We Celebrate—and Keep On Keeping On" 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.

Pride parade

The following Sunday, June 30 at 11:00 a.m. we will again walk in the Pride Parade along with fellow members of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches. Because the number of walking slots allocated to Fourth Church is limited, if you would like to join us at the parade please reach out to Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org) to put your name on the list of interested walkers.

Walking Our Faith

The Pride Parade is one of the ways we express our faith with our feet. Two other walks also take place this month.

Camino pilgrimage

Today sixteen members and friends of Fourth Church—led by Joe Morrow (*Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement*) and Howard Kim (*Young Adult Ministry Manager*)—set off for a week of walking part of the Camino de Santiago in Spain, one of Christianity's oldest and most popular pilgrimage routes. Please join us in keeping these pilgrims in prayer.

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 this 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).

“Rhythm and Word”

This summer we invite you to pause midweek to reflect on the theme of renewal, as explored by Rocky Supinger and the Gathering musicians in our June “Rhythm and Word” videos. 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 of them 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!

- 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 featuring works composed by past Fourth Church organists.
- 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/jwwshonorgift

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

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