



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 14, 2024 • 10:00 a.m.

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

- Arabesque . . . . . Louis Vierne
- Prelude in E-flat Major . . . . . Alexandre Guilmant
- Gaelic Air . . . . . Keith Chapman

### Introit

“Cantate Domino” . . . . . Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni/arr. Norman Greyson  
*O sing to the Lord a new song; praise him in the company of his saints. Let all of Israel rejoice now in him who made all; the sons and daughters of Zion, be joyful and praise God on high.*

### \*Doxology

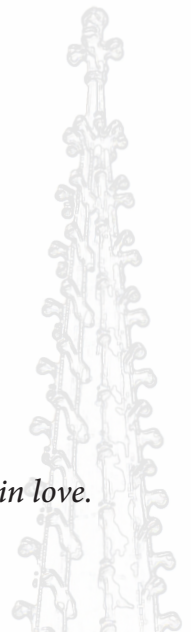
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise God, all creatures here below;  
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

### \*Call to Worship

*One: Though we may be inclined to boast, let us look for God’s image in others.*  
*All: How good it is when God’s people gather together in unity.*

*One: Though our world is often so harsh, let us gather as people of gentleness.*  
*All: How good it is when God’s people gather together in unity.*

*One: Though our world often encourages selfishness, let us draw near each other in love.*  
*All: Let us worship the God who has called us together.*



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*\*Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

**\*Hymn 401** . . . . . “Here in This Place”

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Almighty God, you approach us as a humble servant seeking the lost and lonely.  
But we gather before you as those who too often serve ourselves first and most.  
We cast aside those our society deems least while boasting in our own acts of piety.  
Forgive our self-serving ways and unpure motives.  
Rather than justifying ourselves, help us to return your great love  
by sharing it more freely with others. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

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

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: And also with you.

*We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,”  
and encourage those online to text or email someone to let them know you are thinking of them.*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please take a moment to let us know you are with us today! There are information pads in the pews for those in the Sanctuary and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.*

## The Sacrament of Baptism

### Anthem

“Psalm 150” . . . . . John Harper  
*Alleluya! Praise God in his holy place; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his powerful deeds; praise his surpassing greatness. Alleluya! O praise him with sound of trumpet; praise him with lute and harp; praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe. Alleluya! O praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with clashing of cymbals. Let everything that lives and breathes give praise to the Lord.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

**First Lesson** . . . . . Micah 6:6–8

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

All: Thanks be to God.

### \*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. Amen.

**Second Lesson** . . . . . Luke 18:9–14

One: *The grass withers, and the flower fades,*

All: *but the word of our God shall stand forever.*

### Sermon

Don't Forget Who You Are Talking To . . . . . Tom Are Jr.

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†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

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## Responding to the Word

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**\*Hymn 794** . . . . . “O Savior, in this Quiet Place”

O Savior, in this quiet place, where anyone may kneel,  
I also come to ask for grace, believing you can heal.  
If pain of body, stress of mind, destroys my inward peace,  
in prayer for others may I find the secret of release.  
If self upon its sickness feeds and turns my life to gall,  
let me not brood upon my needs, but simply tell you all.  
You never said “You ask too much” to any troubled soul.  
I long to feel your healing touch; will you not make me whole?  
But if the thing I most desire is not your way for me,  
may faith, when tested in the fire, prove its integrity.  
Of all my prayers, may this be chief: till faith is fully grown,  
Lord, disbelieve my unbelief, and claim me as your own.

**Affirmation of Faith** . . . . . from an affirmation by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

We believe in God, creator of all things, heavenly father and mother, of infinite love,  
wisdom and power, ruler of all that is and all that is to come,  
who is mystery, yet revealed.

We follow Christ, God’s chosen one, who loved and served humbly,  
who gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life.

He calls us to humbly follow him and obediently serve him  
for the sake of proclaiming God’s grace.

We trust that he accompanies us and will help, guide, heal, and defend us  
through all difficulty and suffering.

We believe the Holy Spirit guides us, empowers us, and sustains us  
as servants of God’s grace.

We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection,  
and the light of eternal life. 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.

### Offering

#### Offertory Anthem

“May the Road Rise to Meet You” . . . . . Ruth Watson Henderson  
*May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back, the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand. Amen.*

#### \*Offertory Response. . . . . Hymn 717

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

Holy God, bless these gifts with your transforming grace,  
that they may be used to heal, serve, and bless  
many who are in need of your holy love. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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**\*Hymn 547** . . . . . “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

Paeon . . . . . Tim Knight

#### **Baptized today**

Thomas Baldwin, child of Michael and Danielle Baldwin

#### ***About Today’s Sermon***

Two people went into the temple to pray. Most people of faith believe prayer is important, but not many feel that they are particularly adept at prayer.

It’s a good thing that we don’t have to be particularly good at prayer for God to listen to us. Just don’t forget that God is actually listening.



## 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.”**

## Worshiping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshiping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, **throughout 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.

## Worshipping Online

We livestream our 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services on our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://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](https://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 an information form.

### In person

Those worshipping with us in person are asked to add their names to the pads in the pews, passing the pads to the center of the row and then back again so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following worship. Please also indicate if your contact information has changed.

### Online

Those worshipping 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.

## Children in Worship

### Children in worship

Children are always welcome in worship! If you need to step out to comfort your child, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed.

### Nursery care

During the morning service nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

## Sunday Opportunities

### Sunday school

Summer Sunday school meets at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4D for three-year-olds through fifth graders.

### You're invited to a picnic today!

If you are worshipping with us in person, we invite you to join us after the service today for our first picnic of the summer. There will be food, fellowship, and fun outside in the Michigan Avenue courtyard as well as indoors in Anderson Hall, providing opportunity to connect with one another over a meal. Also be sure to mark Sunday, August 18 on your calendar and plan to be with us then for our second picnic of the summer.

### Praying with a Deacon

If you would like to pray with a Deacon, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following worship.

### Afternoon worship service

We invite you to join us for The Gathering: Communion at 2:00, a casual, intimate service. Beena David and the Gathering Ensemble lead our music; Tom Are will be preaching.



## Get Connected

### CLL summer session

The summer session of Center for Life and Learning programming for adults sixty and over began this past week. Learn more and register at [fourthchurch.org/cll](http://fourthchurch.org/cll)

### Bible studies

Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. This summer's monthly Women's Bible Study, focusing on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*, meets via Zoom on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom details for either study, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Handcrafts

Knitting and Crocheting meets next Sunday, July 21 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

### LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome

Next Sunday, July 21 our LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome group will gather in the Commons after worship to walk together to Aster Hall food court (900 N. Michigan) for brunch.

### Deep Listening Dinner

Our next Deep Listening Dinner, a time to get to know one another through conversation over a shared meal, will take place on Friday evening, August 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To join the dinner discussion, register (*required*) at [bit.ly/deeplisting82024](http://bit.ly/deeplisting82024)

### Stay connected

For resources and information about connecting with one another and Fourth Church, see our website at [fourthchurch.org](http://fourthchurch.org) and our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at [bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://bit.ly/newsfromfpc); visit our news archive at [fourthchurch.org/news](http://fourthchurch.org/news).

## Caring for One Another

### Blood Drive

The Center for Life and Learning is cosponsoring a blood drive this Saturday, July 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments, which can be made at [bit.ly/blooddrive72024](http://bit.ly/blooddrive72024), are appreciated.

### School supply drive

Our School Supply Drive to collect items for the students of Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Tutoring, and Summer Day programs is underway! For details about donating supplies or funds for their purchase, see [bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc](http://bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc) or email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@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](mailto: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.

### 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.

### Counseling and well-being

To explore options for counseling, including our grief groups, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit [reploglecenter.org](http://reploglecenter.org)

## Calendar for July 14–July 20

<b>Sunday, July 14</b>	All day	Junior High Mission Trip . . . . .	St. Louis
	10:00 a.m.	Worship . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
	10:00 to 11:15 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room. . . . .	Hospitality Suite
	10:00 to 11:15 a.m.	Nursery . . . . .	Room 4A
	10:00 a.m.	Summer Sunday School. . . . .	Room 4D
	11:00 a.m.	A Time of Prayer. . . . .	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour. . . . .	Anderson Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Organ Tour . . . . .	Sanctuary
	2:00 p.m.	The Gathering: Communion at 2:00 . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30) . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room

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<b>Monday, July 15</b>	All day	Junior High Mission Trip . . . . .	St. Louis
	8:30 a.m.	Summer Day . . . . .	Fifth Floor
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . .	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Bastille Day Party. . . . .	Manse
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Taps . . . . .	Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga. . . . .	Room 4F / Zoom

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<b>Tuesday, July 16</b>	All day	Junior High Mission Trip . . . . .	St. Louis
	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study . . . . .	Zoom
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
	8:30 a.m.	Summer Day . . . . .	Fifth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . .	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program. . . . .	Morse Lounge
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv . . . . .	Room 4D
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language . . . . .	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk. . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry. . . . .	Showers
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting. . . . .	Room 4F
	6:00 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Council . . . . .	Room 4G

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<b>Wednesday, July 17</b>	All day	Junior High Mission Trip . . . . .	St. Louis
	7:30 a.m.	Joint Finance Council . . . . .	Zoom
	8:30 a.m.	Summer Day . . . . .	Fifth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) . . . . .	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program. . . . .	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Lake Geneva Trip . . . . .	Lake Geneva
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap Too. . . . .	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing. . . . .	Zoom

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CLL = Center for Life and Learning ([fourthchurch.org/cll](http://fourthchurch.org/cll))

## Calendar for July 14–July 20

11:00 a.m.	CLL: Meditation	Room 4F
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 4D
1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Portraiture	Room 4F
5:30 p.m.	Chicago Lights Board	Bumpus Room
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4E

<b>Thursday, July 18</b>	All day	Junior High Mission Trip	St. Louis
	8:30 a.m.	Summer Day	Fifth Floor
	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Parish House Kitchen
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Supreme Court Decisions	Room 4D
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Range of Motion	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Street Safe	Room 4G
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	12:30 p.m.	CLL: Sound Meditations	Room 4D
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	3:30 p.m.	Meals Ministry Steering Team	Morse Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	Chicago Exchange: Japanese Fellowship	Manse

<b>Friday, July 19</b>	All day	Junior High Mission Trip	St. Louis
	8:30 a.m.	Summer Day	Fifth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Grief Cafe	Room 4D
	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain	Michigan Avenue Courtyard

<b>Saturday, July 20</b>	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Blood Drive	Borwell Dining Room

*(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)*

### Preaching on Sunday, July 21

10:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.  
2:00 p.m. • Rocky Supinger

## Worship Leaders

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Joseph L. Morrow, Colleen Mraz, Nanette Sawyer, Tom Are Jr.

## The Music Today

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Women's Choir

Michael Rees, Acting Director of Music

## Worship Notes

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THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM, a setting of the well-known Irish blessing "May the Road Rise to Meet You," was sung by twelve combined children's choirs from the United States, Canada, and Australia when it debuted at the first Tuscany International Children's Choir Festival in 1995. It was composed by Ruth Watson Henderson, a Canadian composer, organist, and pianist who was the accompanist for the Toronto Children's Choir for almost thirty years.

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in the plates passed during the service, or, afterwards, in an offering box at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at [fourthchurch.org/give](http://fourthchurch.org/give)

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**Tom Are Jr.** Interim Pastor

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**Joseph L. Morrow** Evangelism and Community Engagement

**Nanette Sawyer** Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry and Worship

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