



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Fantasia on “Veni Creator Spiritus” Richard Proulx

Introit

If You Believe and I Believe Zimbabwean / arr. John L. Bell

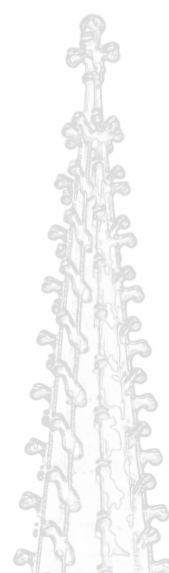
*If you believe and I believe and we together pray, the Holy Spirit shall come down
and set God’s people free; the Holy Spirit must come down and set God’s people free.*

*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: *Let us worship our great God together.*
All: To the God of justice, love, and peace
we lift up our hearts and minds and voices.
One: *For even in the midst of injustice and oppression,
this is still the day that the Lord has made,*
All: and we shall rejoice and be glad in it.



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

***Hymn 410** “God Is Calling through the Whisper”

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit’s deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors’ urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of need; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent,
turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. 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 person and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.

Solo

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes unto the Hills Ralph Vaughan Williams
Lyrics based on Psalm 121

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 42

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.

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 19:1–15

One: *Lord, your Word is a lamp unto my feet,*

All: and a light unto our path.

Sermon Rocky Supinger

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 295** “Go to the World”

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God’s redeeming grace.
Go seek God’s presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;

the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ’s own way.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!”

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) adapted from the Confession of 1967

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family.

In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between people
and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference,
real or imaginary.

The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another
as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education,
leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights.

Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination
and ministers to those injured by it.

Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize
people, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God
and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

Reception of New Members

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.

Offertory Anthem

"It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks" Paul Bouman
Lyrics based on Psalm 92

***Offertory Response** Hymn 652, v. 1

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Gracious God, receive our offering.
Guide those who use it, that it may bring fullness of life to those who live in need
and long for our care. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 339** “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”. Healey Willan

Commemorating and Celebrating Juneteenth

Today in our worship service we commemorate and observe Juneteenth. This past week many people celebrated it with family reunions and backyard parties. Cities held street fairs with music and dancing, museums sponsored Juneteenth exhibits, and organizations hosted special events.

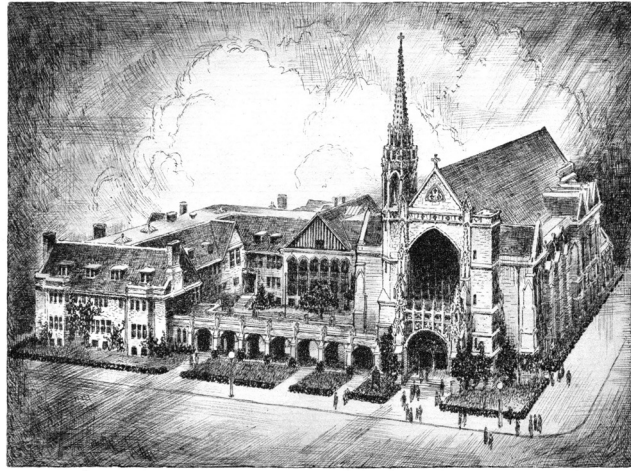
Juneteenth is also a time of reflection. To widen and deepen our observance of Juneteenth, Fourth Presbyterian Church's Racial Equity Committee presents this brief history and context:

Though the Emancipation Proclamation was issued January 1, 1863, it was not until more than two years later that the people of Texas, the most remote state of the former Confederacy, first learned of freedom for enslaved people, which they did when Union soldiers, following the end of the Civil War, traveled to Galveston where the pronouncement was publicly read on June 19, 1865. Celebrations of Juneteenth started in Texas, which declared Juneteenth a state holiday starting in 1980. By 2019, forty-seven states recognized Juneteenth, and it became a federal holiday in 2021.

In the immediate post-Civil War era, there was much hope that the formerly enslaved people would finally have peaceful and free lives. Families tried to reunite. The granting of land by the federal government promised to provide a means to live, and African American men were given the right to vote. During Reconstruction, 16 African Americans were elected to the U.S. Congress, 600 to state legislatures, and hundreds more to local offices. However, the backlash against these changes was swift, widespread, and ruthless. The land grants were taken back within a year. African Americans were depicted as little more than savages while Ku Klux Klansmen were depicted as saviors, as famously portrayed in the 1915 film *The Birth of a Nation*. Lynchings, Black Codes, and Jim Crow laws that only applied or were only enforced against Black people kept the formerly enslaved people subservient.

Fourth Presbyterian Church is committed to racial equity, the purposeful inclusion of all people, the striving for radical hospitality, and the modeling of anti-racism. As we strive to be an anti-racist church, our observance of Juneteenth comes with the sobering recognition that racism is still a powerful force in our country. Persistent and pervasive racist practices have created social injustices that have enduring repercussions in our society. Extensive racial property covenants in existence during the lifetimes of many of our members have left a legacy of profound segregation in our city that is visible to all today. Throughout our nation there is an increase of voter suppression laws, disproportionate incarceration and more severe sentencing of Black people, violent policing in Black and Brown neighborhoods, and unequal application of medical support and health care for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). In the face of all these things, Fourth Church remains committed to anti-racism.

Anti-racism goes beyond diversity; it is a spiritual practice of self-reflection that examines how we individually live out the truth that God created humanity in God's own image. This Juneteenth, let us redouble our efforts at building unity, mutual care and compassion, honoring our shared identity as children of God, and celebrating the gift of our exuberant diversity.



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 **as we live out our calling to love God and love one another.**

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 summer Sunday our worshipping body—which is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews—gathers at 10:00 a.m.

Entering the building

The doors open at 9:30 a.m. There is an entrance without steps that leads to the Sanctuary on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (*next to the courtyard*). There are also two fully accessible entrances: one at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and one at 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 \$10 for 6 hours (*and \$20 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) for \$10 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.

Worshipping Online

Livestream

We livestream the worship service each Sunday on our YouTube channel—bit.ly/fpcvideos—which is also accessible from the home page of our website: fourthchurch.org

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service has begun. 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 9:30 a.m.

Notes for Tom and Carol Are

Messages for Tom and Carol

Last weekend we celebrated Tom Are's final Sunday with us as Interim Pastor and wished Tom and Carol well in their retirement.

Through Monday, June 30 we will continue to collect messages of gratitude and well-wishes to Tom and Carol. You can add to that collection by emailing your note to amacdonna@fourthchurch.org and putting "Tom Are" in the subject line.

You can also mail an envelope, addressing it to Tom Are c/o Allison MacDonna at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Gifts honoring Tom's ministry

To recognize his ministry among us, gifts honoring Tom will be used to support expanding opportunities for our digital ministry. They can be given online (fourthchurch.org/give) or by check (payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, noting "Digital Ministry" in the memo line).

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.

Online

Those worshipping via livestream will find a link to the online form in the 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.

Bob Hagel to Preach Next Sunday

Next Sunday, June 29 we will welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit the Reverend Bob Hagel, Pastor of Youngstown Presbyterian Church in Youngstown, New York. Last summer our Senior High mission trip took our youth to Youngstown, and next week we will be hosting the Youngstown youth for a mission experience with our Senior Highs here in Chicago. We look forward to welcoming them and Reverend Hagel next weekend.

Welcoming Camille Cook Howe: Sept. 21

With Tom Are's retirement, we are entering a summer period of transition as we prepare to welcome the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe as our next Pastor.

Be sure to mark Sunday, September 21 on your calendar, as that will be the day when Camille preaches and leads us in worship for the first time.

Sunday, October 19 will also be a special day in our relationship with Camille: she will be officially installed as Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago during the 9:30 a.m. service that morning. Please plan to be with us to celebrate this exciting new chapter in the life of our congregation!



Connections and Belonging

Come connect with others as we foster a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone feels supported in building meaningful relationships

In-Person Coffee Hour

If you are worshiping with us in person, we invite you to stop by Anderson Hall after the service for our weekly Coffee Hour, an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

This month we also encourage you to browse the Pride Month and Juneteenth resources and information available at the Coffee Hour tables along with the slideshow celebrating Fourth Church families.

Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshiping with us via livestream, we would be delighted if you would also join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our online Coffee Hour. We gather via Zoom at 11:00 a.m., following the livestream of worship, for a time of fellowship.

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc; passcode: 676359

Connecting Online

Whether you are traveling this summer, live out of town, or have difficulty getting to Fourth Church, we invite you to explore our wide variety of ways to connect online with one another and Fourth Church, whether through Zoom Coffee Hour (see above), Bible studies, or Morning Prayer or as part of in-person classes with a Zoom component.

You're Invited to a Picnic!

Mark Sundays, July 13 and August 10 on your calendar and plan to join us in the courtyard and Anderson Hall for a congregational picnic following worship.

TwentiesThirties Brunch

Young adults meet in the Commons following worship today to go to brunch at Aster Hall (900 N. Michigan).

Welcome, New Members!

This morning we are delighted to welcome the newest members of our Fourth Church family: Kathy Beavers, Kate Davison, Jacquelyn Delphos, Dana Dimitri, Charles Freda, Lindy Girman, Andrea Hamlin, Tyler Harding, Natalie Heater, Zach Heater, James Hilmert, Lori Hilmert, Joshua Kelly, Lainey Kelly, Stephanie Klotter, Julia Muller, and Rich Ollerer. We are grateful you have chosen to join us in our life together and look forward to continuing to welcome and connect with you in the days ahead!

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (register at bit.ly/inquirers82025) or in person on Sunday, September 21 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (register at bit.ly/inquirers92025).

For more information, contact Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org), Senior Associate Pastor, who would welcome hearing from you!

Caring for One Another

Pastoral care

If you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@fourthchurch.org). 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 a one-to-one listening presence through life challenges, we invite you to consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. To learn more about this resource, contact Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org), or to request support from a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.



Community Engagements and Partnerships

Come alongside us as together, through programs and collaboration with partners, we advocate for social and community needs

Celebrating Juneteenth and Pride Month

Bearing public witness

The front of the church is decorated with ribbons to bear public witness to two important June celebrations: Pride Month and Juneteenth. These decorations will remain up throughout the month, boldly proclaiming to all passersby our Christian values and God's inclusive love of all.

Juneteenth is represented by the red and blue ribbons and flags. The front steps of the Sanctuary are flanked by the traditional rainbow colors of Pride, and in between, the pink, blue, and white ribbons are tied in the style of the Transgender Pride flag.

The PCUSA and the LGBTQIA+ community

During Pride month we look back at the history of the LGBTQIA+ community in our Protestant denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA):

In 1995 the PCUSA banned openly LGBTQIA+ people from serving as ordained ministers, elders, and deacons. This decision was reversed by the General Assembly in 2011 as the result of the hard work of many congregations, including Fourth Church.

In 2014 the PCUSA's General Assembly voted to allow LGBTQIA+ marriages, becoming the first mainline Protestant church to do so. The Session of Fourth Church actively supported overtures to the General Assembly that eliminated the denominational ban against LGBTQIA+ persons being ordained and supported Presbyterian pastors conducting same-gender marriages.

The 2025 Chicago Pride Parade

As further witness to God's love for all and our commitment to radical hospitality, next Sunday, June 29 representatives from Fourth Church will be walking in the Pride Parade along with fellow members of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches.

Urban Farm Farmstand

In conjunction with today's Michigan Avenue Arts Festival, the Chicago Lights Urban Farm will have a farmstand outdoors in the Cloisters following worship.

Also for those visiting the Arts Festival we will have a Sanctuary open house from 11:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Today's Bus Tour of North Lawndale

There may be limited seating still available on this afternoon's bus tour of Chicago's historic North Lawndale neighborhood, which will be led by historian and storyteller Shermann "Dilla" Thomas. The bus will depart from Fourth Church at 1:45 p.m. and return by 6:00 p.m. Register at bit.ly/bustour622 or check in with the Racial Equity Council at the bus to learn about possible availability.

Volunteering with Meals Ministry

Fourth Church Meals Ministry now has openings for volunteers to serve between July 1 and September 30. You can sign up for them at bit.ly/fpcvolunteers; when doing so, we ask that you sign up for no more than two roles per program per month so as to allow opportunities for all who want to experience supporting Meals Ministry in this way. For more information, contact Mike Usiak (musiak@fourthchurch.org), Meals Ministry Manager.

Peace Walks in Auburn Gresham

The Mission and Justice Committee invites you to join them in taking part in the Peace Walks of the St. Sabina Parish in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. We'll be walking on Fridays, July 11 and August 1 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. Sign up at bit.ly/peacewalks2025, or for details, contact Nancy (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Summer Blood Drive

The next Center for Life and Learning–hosted blood drive will be Saturday, July 12 in Borwell Dining Room between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For appointments register at bit.ly/blooddrive20257

Art Exhibition in the Loggia

The summer art exhibition in our Loggia Gallery features works by Charlene Moy, a Chicago-based Chinese American artist who assembles and weaves artificial materials with artist media to draw attention to the impact plastics have on our environment.

Supporting the Urban Farm

The Chicago Lights Board invites you to Bubbles and Blooms, an evening in support of the Urban Farm, this Thursday evening, June 26 at the Driehaus Museum. For details and tickets (required), see bit.ly/bubbles20256

“Repair of Historical Harms”

This year’s Paul Galloway Lecture will take place on Saturday, July 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel and via Zoom. Those planning to attend are asked to register at bit.ly/galloway25

This year’s speaker, the Reverend Jermaine Ross-Allam—a minister, social ethicist, and scholar ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 2013—will talk about “Repairing Historical Harms,” as we further understand the Christian church’s role in creating and perpetuating transgenerational injustice. Acknowledging complicity and responsibility in past actions and inactions, we pave the way for healing, reconciliation, and positive change in us and in our communities

Summer Day Begins This Week!

We wish the 100 Chicago Lights Summer Day youth and the staff a wonderful six weeks of learning and growing together as they begin the 2025 session here Monday!



Faith Formation

Join us on our journey to grow spiritually through worship, educational opportunities, and programs that nurture faith across all ages

Children, Youth, and Family

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.

Also during morning worship, nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School takes place in June and July at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

“Jesus’ Parables”

Our Sunday morning class on Jesus’ parables, led by Associate Pastor Matt Helms, continues today and next Sunday, June 29 at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details register at bit.ly/parables2025

April Ajoy to Speak July 20

In a special July Adult Education class, Matt Helms will talk with April Ajoy about her book *Star-Spangled Jesus: Leaving Christian Nationalism and Finding a True Faith*. Mark Sunday, July 20 on your calendar and plan to join us at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room; register at bit.ly/aprilajoy20257

Prayer

Sunday Morning Prayer with Deacons

If you would like to offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following worship.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

On Wednesdays we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. to remember in prayer members of the congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Prayer requests

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

Bible Studies via Zoom

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study—which focuses on recent or upcoming scripture readings from the pulpit—meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Women's Summer Bible Study

Women's Summer Bible Studies meet via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, including this Wednesday, June 25, at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

The noon gathering is studying the *Horizons* Bible Study “Dispatches to God’s Household: The General Epistles” by Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol.

The evening gathering is studying the Sunday lectionary readings, with passages from the Old Testament, Psalms, a non-Gospel New Testament book, and a Gospel.

For Zoom details for either group, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Resources for Reflection

Daily devotions

We invite you to use our daily devotions written by members and staff for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them online at fourthchurch.org/devotions as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

“Rhythm and Word” videos and podcast

Each week we share a five-minute video and podcast reflection by a member of our pastoral staff. Sign up at bit.ly/rhythmword to have the videos sent to your inbox on Wednesdays or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast (fourthchurch.org/podcasts).

Sermon transcripts

In addition to listening to sermons from Fourth Church via podcast (see below), you can read the text of the previous Sunday’s sermon (or past sermons in our archives). See fourthchurch.org/sermons or, to receive the sermons by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermon

Podcasts

In addition to listening to our “Rhythm and Word” podcast (see above), you can also find among our podcast offerings—on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts—the Sunday worship service and sermon as well as Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger’s “Bible Top Ten” podcast, a lively, informative, and often lighthearted podcast exploring the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

News, Updates, and Snapshots

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

Calendar for June 22–28, 2025

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	New Members and Session.	Room 5F
June 22	10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	10:00 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room.	Hospitality Suite
	10:00 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.	Chicago Lights Farm Stand	Garth
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom
	11:15 a.m.	“Jesus’ Parables”.	Borwell Dining Room / Zoom
	11:15 a.m.	Mission and Justice Committee.	Room 5E
	11:15 a.m.	Open House during Avenue Arts Fest	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	TwentiesThirties Brunch.	Offsite
	12:30 p.m.	Deacon Calling Ministry	Manse
	1:45 p.m.	Racial Equity Council Bus Tour	North Lawndale
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper.	Anderson Hall

Monday	8:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Fifth Floor
June 23	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Advanced French.	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors Mondays	Zoom
	10:45 a.m.	CLL: Intermediate French	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Taps.	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner French	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Art History	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge	Room 4D
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 4F

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
June 24	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause.	Online
	8:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Fifth Floor
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic.	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	Together We Play	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors Tuesdays	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish	Offsite
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor.	Room 4D / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall Zoom

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Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite Location
June 25	8:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Fifth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap Too	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation.	Room 4D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 4G
	12:00 p.m.	Women's Horizon Bible Study	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series.	Room 4G
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
	5:30 p.m.	Session	Room 4G
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Fifth Floor
June 26	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Parish House Kitchen
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: The "Art" of Conversation	Room 4K
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health.	Room 4D / Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History.	Zoom
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Fifth Floor
June 27	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: June Lunch Meetup	Offsite
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Hooray for Hooks	Room 4C
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause.	Online
June 28	3:00 p.m.	Senior High Mission Trip	Room 4C

Sunday, June 29 • 10:00 a.m. • Bob Hagel preaching (see p. 9)

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Paula Addington, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

The Summer Choir; Jeremiah Strickler, Soloist

Laura Perkett, Oboist

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THE HYMN “LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING” began as a poem written by James Weldon Johnson for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Abraham Lincoln’s birthday in 1900. Five years later Johnson’s brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, wrote the stirring music to go with the powerful words. Recognized as the Black National Anthem, this text and tune have gained widespread devotion, not only within the African American community but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

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