## **News and Resources**

June 28–July 4, 2020



- We continue to gather online for **livestream-only worship throughout the summer**, as our campus will remain closed through August. In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, where the service is available throughout the week, we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)**; we also invite you to sign up to receive our sermons **by email (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).**
- As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another and remaining together while apart, **we very much we want to hear from you!** Our pastors, Deacons, Stephen Ministers, and other volunteers are available to connect with you by phone and email. Please let us know by contacting our Pastoral Care Office (*callerton@fourthchurch.org*)—
  - ▶ if you want to talk about the grief, anger, and frustration you are feeling
  - ▶ if you are—or someone you know is—feeling isolated, lonely, anxious, or sick
  - ▶ if you are a medical professional or are a provider of essential services
  - ▶ **if you have a prayer request;** Dave Handley (*dhandley@fourthchurch.org*) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries
  - ► If you would like to explore options for teletherapy with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, the Center invites you to call them at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.
  - ▶ If you would like to have a phone conversation with a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.
  - ▶ If you would like to talk to a pastor, please call the church (312.787.4570) and your request will be forwarded to someone on the pastoral staff.

Our daily devotions are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer.** You can receive them in your inbox (sign up at **www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions**) or read them online (**www.fourthchurch.org/devotions**), via Facebook (**www.facebook.com/fourthchurch**), or on Twitter (**www.twitter.com/fourthchicago**). \* On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for **Morning Prayer via Zoom.** Email Carol Allerton (*callerton@fourthchurch.org*) for details. \* A virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted by our Replogle Center on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) and Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

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- **New virtual small groups** (of six to eight members) are being formed for fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation. Groups will meet via Zoom for four weeks, beginning July 6, on weekday late afternoons or mid-mornings. (August groups will also be offered.) Topics may include book studies or open conversation regarding spiritual journeys and faith life. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please email Anne Ellis (*aellis@fourthchurch.org*).
- A new Men's Small Discussion Group will begin in July and meet weekly for three months to discuss the participants' "spiritual autobiographies." For details contact David Handley (dhandley@ fourthchurch.org). \* TwentiesThirties offers opportunities for young adults, including a weekly Zoom Coffee Hour following worship and a book study. Details are available from Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). \* Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in online Center for Life and Learning exercise classes, Book Club, virtual tours, and more. Details are available from Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org). \* Information about online youth group gatherings is listed at fourthchurch.org/youth. \* For details about weekly online programming for children, parents, and families, including Sunday School, and midweek craft and story time, as well as information about online VBS, contact Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@ fourthchurch.org). \* Noonday Concerts are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/ fpcprograms, where they are also available later in the week.
- As part of our commitment to caring for the most vulnerable, Fourth Church **Meals Ministry** is providing—via outdoor pickup—"to go" meals for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and "to go" lunches for the Tuesday-through-Thursday Bag Lunch program. \* Tuesday through Friday mornings the Chicago Lights **Social Service Center** offers "curbside" pickup of emergency clothing; hygiene items; and pre-assembled bags for scheduled Food Pantry appointments. \* For ways to **order and ship items needed for these ministries** see www.fourthchurch.org
- To purchase fresh produce and support the community, stop by the **Farmstand at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm** on Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Guests are required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing while at the Farm (444 W. Chicago Ave.). \* The Chicago Lights Dance Academy's **Summer Dance Intensive** will be online Monday to Friday, June 29-July 23. This curriculum features two live Zoom classes each morning in the styles of ballet, jazz, musical theater, tap, and hip hop, plus prerecorded dance lessons and independent study. Advanced choreography will be offered in the afternoons for seasoned students. Information, including registration details, can be found at chicagolights.org/dance-academy/#sdi
- Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for additional resources and ways to connect. We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) for updates and glimpses of our life together while apart.

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