



Trinity Sunday

Gathering

Today is Trinity Sunday, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian 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.

We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the back cover.

Gathering Music "Little Sunflower" Freddie Hubbard
"Nature Boy" Eden Ahbez

Greeting

*Opening Responses

Leader: We praise our God, the Creator,
who lit the world and breathed the breath of life into us.

**People: We praise our God, the Son,
who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us.**

Leader: We praise our God, the Spirit,
who blows through the world and blesses our souls with yearning.

**People: We praise our God, the Trinity of love:
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;**

Leader: the beginning, the end, the everlasting one. Let us worship!

* Stand as you are able

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Litany of Confession (*unison*)

Leader: Shining, surprising, grace-full God,
for avoiding the searchlight of your desire for us and running away from your love:

People: forgive us.

Leader: For preferring the safe, familiar, and certain to the risky, unknown, and mysterious:

People: forgive us.

Leader: For failing to believe in the vulnerability of power and the power of vulnerability:

People: forgive us.

Leader: For taking no delight in variety and insisting on sameness and conformity:

People: forgive us.

Leader: For not noticing your presence in darkness as in light, in body as in spirit,
in feeling as in intellect, in pain as in healing, in Good Friday as in Easter Day:

People: forgive us.

Leader: Set us free, we pray, to live our lives graciously and without fear.

People: We pray in your name, Father, Son, and Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Song** "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace". *Lucy Smith*

Welcome

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 8 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **O God our sovereign, how great is your name in all the earth.**

Leader: O God our sovereign,
how great is your name in all the earth!
Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **O God our sovereign, how great is your name in all the earth.**

Leader: When I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
what is humanity that you should be mindful of them?
The children of humanity that you should seek them out?
You have made humanity little lower than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and honor.
You give them mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under their feet: all sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O God our sovereign,
how great is your name in all the earth!

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **O God our sovereign, how great is your name in all the earth.**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:4 (Old Testament, page 1)

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner



Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Sharing of Gifts *(Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.)*

Offertory Music “Trees” Margaret Pleasant Douroux

***Doxology** Lucy Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

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.**

The Communion

Communion Music "For the Fruit of All Creation" *Welsh melody and Fred P. Green*

Blessing for our Leaving

Leader: In the leaving, in the letting go,
let there be this to hold onto at the last:

**People: the enduring of love,
the persisting of hope,
the remembering of joy,**

Leader: the offering of gratitude,
the receiving of grace,
the blessing of peace.

People: May it be so. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Song. "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Paul Bedal, piano Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums

A note on inclusive language

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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Worship

Bring a friend to worship next Sunday! June 18 is Welcome Sunday, a day when we will also welcome the St. Giles' Cathedral Choir—from Edinburgh, Scotland—which will be singing in worship that day during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Our Jazz at Four service will be outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard on Sunday afternoons July 2, August 13, and September 3 at 4:00 p.m. Come join us!

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Sacred Pause, twenty minutes of meditative silence, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to pray with Fourth Church staff for members and those in need.

A candlelit service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. Our next opportunity to gather for this contemplative time of song and meditation will be June 23.

Daily devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

News and Resources

Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2017 are asked to send their names to Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org) by tomorrow, Monday, June 12 so that they can be included in the bulletin on Sunday, June 18, which is Baccalaureate Sunday.

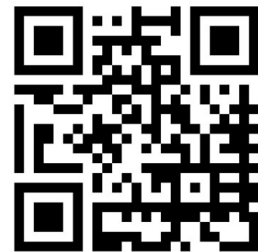
A Fourth Church contingent will be expressing our support of the LGBTQ community by walking with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches—of which Fourth Church is a partner—in the Chicago Pride Parade on Sunday, June 25 at 12:00 noon. For details, contact Nanette Sawyer at nsawyer@fourthchurch.org

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to both learn more about Fourth Church as well as explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Sunday, July 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Class attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

If you are away over the summer, it is easy to make pledge contributions online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving (or by clicking on the "To Make a Gift" button at the top left of the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org).

Will you be traveling in the weeks ahead?

We hope you'll stay connected with us while away: to see the latest Fourth Church news; thought-provoking quotes from sermons, prayers, and devotions; and photos of church life, "Like" the Fourth Church page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch). And why not tell a friend about Fourth Church by sharing one of our posts!



Enrichment

Meditation opportunities are offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. This week's session will feature sacred sound meditation and will incorporate walking the labyrinth. For information and fee details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

Weekly Seeds, a Sunday women's Bible study, meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

Horizons Bible Study, a monthly study for women, meets this Wednesday, June 14 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 4J.

Men's Bible Study meets next Tuesday, June 20 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende will be the topic of discussion at this Tuesday's June 13 gathering of Books by Women at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Men's Book Club will discuss *The Cubs Way* by Tom Verducci on Monday, June 26 at 7:30 a.m. in the Randolph Room.

Author Carl Greer will talk about his new book, *Change the Story of Your Health*—and how to tap into inner resources for healing—in an event hosted by the Replogle Center on Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Proceeds from book sales will benefit the Replogle Center and Chicago Lights. RSVP to the Center at 312.787.8425 by Tuesday, June 13.

An Iftar dinner during Ramadan, again cohosted with the Niagara Foundation, will follow a program on "Self-Renewal through Service" on Wednesday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. RSVP online at www.bit.ly/2re17O6

Children, Youth, and Family

Summer Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

A volunteer opportunity for families will take place this Saturday, June 17 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Lakeview Food Pantry. To sign up, contact Briana Belding-Peck at bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org

Our Day School preschool program has openings for the 2017–18 school year. For details, call Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

Vacation Bible School—which this year will take us back to ancient Rome as we travel with the Apostle Paul—will be held the mornings of August 7–11. Early-bird registration discounts are available through Friday, June 30. Register online at www.bit.ly/fpcvbs17

Youth and their families will go camping Labor Day weekend, September 1–3, at Warren Dunes State Park in Michigan. For details, go to www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

Fellowship

Young Adults meets each summer Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach for a fun evening of beach volleyball. They also meet on Sunday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A for a weekly Gathering time.

For ways to connect with the community of Fourth Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/community

Music and the Arts

Saturday, July 1 is the deadline to sign up

for the South Africa music trip planned for summer 2018. For details, contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

The St. Giles' Cathedral Choir from Edinburgh will perform this week's free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m.

Mission and Outreach

A Community Cookout will be held on Saturday, June 17 at 12:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). All are invited to this free lunch.

Ofelia Ortega, theologian from Cuba, will speak on "Changes in Cuba and the Church's Response" on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Estephan Salameh will be speaking on "Progress and Potential for Palestinians" on Sunday, June 25 at 12:15 p.m. in 4F.

A mission trip to China September 23–30 is being offered through Opportunity International. Register by Monday, July 3. For details, contact Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers Needed

Housing hosts for St. Giles' Choir members from Edinburgh, Scotland, who will be with us June 15–19

Cookout volunteers to assist with the Chicago Lights Urban Farm Community Cookout Saturday, June 17; shifts begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue through 3:00 p.m.

Liturgists to read scripture during Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. services

Greeters and liturgists for the Taizé service on the fourth Friday of the month

Shower Ministry greeters (men) on Tuesdays, 1:15–4:00 p.m., on a rotating schedule

Chicago Lights Summer Day volunteers (June 26–August 3) for academic and art class assistance and as field trip chaperones; for details, contact Fernie Tiflis at ftiflis@chicagolights.org

To volunteer—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayer requests will be read by the pastoral staff during the week.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper "cup" within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary were designed by Nanette Sawyer and created by the Fourth Church community.

Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. There is also an area in the left-side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin for children, are available from a greeter.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons/index.html.

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal. Attend Sunday, July 9 or Sunday, August 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 or go to www.fourthchurch.org.

Information about opportunities and resources available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website (www.fourthchurch.org), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

If you are interested in considering baptism or membership at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Church, please contact Hardy Kim (hkim@fourthchurch.org) or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on June 25.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

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