



Gathering

Gathering Music “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” *African American spiritual*
“Here, There, and Everywhere” *John Lennon and Paul McCartney*

Greeting

***Opening Responses**

Leader: From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

People: God’s holy name be praised.

Leader: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

People: God’s holy name be praised.

Leader: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

People: Amen!

* Stand as you are able

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.

***Opening Song** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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Litany of Confession

Leader: Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation and the wind of change.

People: You open up to us new dreams and give us hope in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Forgive us our closed minds, which barricade themselves against new possibility, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow.

People: Forgive our closed eyes, which fail to see the needs of your world and overlook opportunities for service and compassion.

Leader: Forgive our closed hands, which clutch our resources for our own use alone.

People: Forgive our closed hearts, which limit our affections to those we already know.

Leader: Spirit of new life, break down any walls of selfishness, and pry us open for your love.

People: Help us unleash that love into your world. 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 139:1–12 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made, I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Leader: God, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeying and my resting
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips
but you, O God, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is a mystery I cannot fathom.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made, I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Leader: Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you;
night is as bright as day; darkness and light are the same.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made, I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10–19 (Old Testament, page 24)

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 “Come Sunday” Duke Ellington

***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!

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" *Doris Akers*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord.
Now we return thanks to you for these gifts.
We thank you for the gift of your presence in our quiet.
We thank you for the gift of your presence in our music.
We thank you for the gift of your presence in each other.
As we leave this place tonight, may we be daring,
faithful parts of your work of love and mercy to this world. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song.** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Sandra Glenn	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano

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

This Friday a service in the style of Taizé will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This candlelit service offers a time to gather for song and silent meditation. Opportunity to walk the labyrinth is available in Anderson Hall beforehand between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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. and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Our weekly Jazz at Four service will be held outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard on Sundays, August 13 and September 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Our Communion table cloth contains painted handprints from members of this worshipping community. The handprints are different shades of green—the liturgical color of the Season of Ordinary Time—symbolizing growth and change.

The new “I Am” banners were made for the liturgical season of Ordinary Time by Vicky Curtiss. In the literature racks is a brochure explaining them.

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.

Sacred Pause meditative silence is offered Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

News and Resources

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating as well as in the pew racks. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. When completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Fourth Church is abuzz with activity this summer! The programs, opportunities, outreach, and services that more than fill our campus on summer weekdays—from Chicago Lights Summer Day to Urban Youth Mission to Meals Ministry Bag Lunches—depend on the generous summer giving of members and friends. Gifts can be placed in the offering plate or made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving. Thank you for your support!

Inquirers’ Class offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church and Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Sunday, August 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life and keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.

Needed: School Supply Donations and Volunteers!

Our annual School Supply Drive is underway! Organized by Women at Fourth, the drive collects back-to-school supplies for children taking part in our Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Tutoring, and Summer Day programs. For a list of materials and volunteer help needed, visit www.fourthchurch.org or email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).



Children, Youth, and Family

Outdoor Family Movie Nights conclude this Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. on the Day School playground (or, in case of rain, in the Day School classrooms).

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

Vacation Bible School—which this year will take us back to ancient Rome as we travel with the Apostle Paul and explore the early church and our call to be disciples—will be held August 7–11 in the mornings. Register online at www.bit.ly/fpcvbs17 by Monday, July 31.

Youth who are entering eighth grade this coming school year are invited to register for Confirmation, which begins in September and continues through April. Sign up online at www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc

Those who will be in college this fall are invited to participate in a mission trip to Mexico to build cisterns in Yucatan over Christmas break (December 26 to January 2). Register by Thursday, August 31. Details and a registration form are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcmexico17info

Youth and their families will go camping Labor Day weekend, September 1–3, at Warren Dunes State Park in Michigan. For details or to sign up (*space is limited*), go to www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

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

Enrichment

Men's Book Club will discuss *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil de Grasse Tyson this Monday, July 24 at 7:30 a.m. in the Randolph Room.

Men's Bible Study next meets Tuesday, August 1 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Horizons Bible Study, a monthly Bible study for women, next meets Wednesday, August 9 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H.

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

Participants in our Spiritual Formation Pilgrimage to Iona will be spending this week in Scotland. Please keep these travelers in your prayers in the days ahead as they continue their journey.

Fellowship

Young Adults meets each summer Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach for a fun evening of beach volleyball. On Sundays they come together for a weekly Sunday Gathering time of discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. This Thursday they will also gather for their monthly SpeakEasy time of fellowship, this month at Jack and Ginger's, which is at 2048 W. Armitage.

Women at Fourth will gather Thursday, July 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for an ice cream social and to prepare backpacks for the School Supply Drive.

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

Mission and Outreach

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday afternoon, July 25 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials for additional projects.

Fresh, local produce is available at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm Farmstand on Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (The Farm is at 444 W. Chicago Avenue.) Weekly produce shares are also available through the Urban Farm's Community-Supported Agriculture program. For details, visit www.bit.ly/clcsa2017

Chicago Shares voucher booklets—which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a grocery store or restaurant—are available by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

Dance Showcases featuring students from Chicago Lights Dance Academy's summer program will be presented this Thursday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m. and Friday, July 28 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to attend these free performances.

"Introduction to Systemic Racism," a one-day training opportunity taking place on Saturday, September 23, will be held at Fourth Church and led by staff of Chicago Regional Organizing for Antiracism. Space is limited; register with Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Individually wrapped snack items for Meals Ministry bag lunches; drop off items (labeled "Meals Ministry") at the reception desk

Cooks to prepare meals for Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper, 2:00–6:00 p.m.

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

Taizé greeters and liturgists on the fourth Friday of the month for the 7:30 p.m. service

Shower Ministry greeters (men) for a rotating schedule on Tuesdays between 1:15 and 4:00 p.m.

Urban Farm volunteers on Saturdays during open volunteer hours, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Farm (444 W. Chicago)

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

Music and the Arts

Music by the Fountain with Lucy Smith, our weekly Jazz at Four worship leader and vocalist, is this week's free Friday Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

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.

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. Attend Sundays, August 6, September 10, or October 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For details or membership information, contact Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.274.3815 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 Nancy Davis (ndavis@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 August 27.

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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