



Gathering

Gathering Music "Careful" *Jim Hall*
"Family" *Pat Metheny*

Greeting

*Opening Responses

Leader: This is the day that God has made,
People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!
Leader: Let us worship God—our *Maker* and our *Giver of Joy*.

* 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.

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Litany of Confession (*unison*)

**Loving God, you told us that to love you,
our neighbors, and ourselves was to live a life of fullness.
Yet though we have been created by love
and are surrounded by love, we stumble.
We have trouble trusting in your infinite compassion for us.
Forgive our lack of faith.
We withhold forgiveness and compassion from others.
Forgive our desperate control.
Free us from the fears and anxiety that hold us captive.
We pray in Jesus' name. 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*

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

**Holy God, remind us of the promises given
in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Welcome

Minute for Mission



Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 105:1–11 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Sing praise to God, who rescued us from the nations.**
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Leader: Give thanks to God, call upon the Name;
make known God’s deeds among the peoples.
Sing to God, sing praises, speak of all the marvelous works.
Glory in the holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.
Search for God and God’s strength; continually seek God’s face.
Remember the marvels done, the wonders and judgments of God’s mouth,
O offspring of Abraham, the servant, O children of Jacob, the chosen.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Sing praise to God, who rescued us from the nations.**
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Leader: God is the Most High
whose judgments prevail in all the world.
God has always been mindful of the covenant,
the promise made for a thousand generations:
the covenant made with Abraham, the oath sworn to Isaac,
established as a statute for Jacob, and everlasting covenant for Israel,
saying, “To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance.”

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Sing praise to God, who rescued us from the nations.**
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Scripture Reading

Genesis 29:15–28 (*Old Testament, page 25*)

Sermon *Abbi Heimach-Snipes*

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music "Heaven Help Us All" *Ronald Miller*

***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 "When Thou Wakest in the Morning" *Traditional and G. M. Taylor*

Closing Responses

Leader: For this time and this place and these people,

People: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Leader: By the faithful on earth and the saints in heaven,

People: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Leader: Through this evening and at every day's dawning,

People: may Jesus Christ be praised!



Sending

***Closing Song.** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

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| Abbi Heimach-Snipes | Pastoral Resident |
| Nanette Sawyer | Minister for Congregational Life |
| Jamie Murphy | Lay Liturgist |
| Lucy Smith Quartet | Lucy Smith, vocals Philip Castleberry, bass Jon Deitemyer, drums Amr Fahmy, piano |

Baptized during worship today is Andrew Taylor. As fellow children of God, we welcome him into the worldwide family of faith.

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Gordon Addington on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

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

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

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Saturday between 8:00 and 10:00 a.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.

Sacred Pause meditative silence is offered 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. Friday, August 25 will be our next opportunity to gather for this contemplative time of song and meditation.

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, meets next 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).



Mission and Outreach

A fun-filled performance by Chicago Lights Summer Day students to mark the end of this year's six-week program will take place this Thursday, August 3 at 1:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to attend this free showcase of music, dance, singing, and more.

Next Sunday fresh, local produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm will be available for purchase during Coffee Hour. It is also available on Saturdays at the Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and through the Community-Supported Agriculture program (for more information, visit www.bit.ly/clcsa2017).

A Community Cookout with food, music, and fellowship will be held on Saturday, August 12 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm. All are invited to this free event.

Selah Freedom Training, which will be offered on Saturday, August 5 at 9:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room, offers a deeper understanding of the issue of commercial sexual exploitation of children and the population Selah Freedom serves in its homes for survivors of sex trafficking.

"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 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

The last day to register for VBS—which will be held the mornings of August 7–11—is tomorrow, Monday, July 31. Register online at www.bit.ly/fpcvbs17 for this week of fun that this year will take us back to ancient Rome, where we will travel with the Apostle Paul and learn about the early church and our call to be disciples.

There will be no Sunday School in August. During that time, families are encouraged to have their children worship with them in the Sanctuary. A worship bulletin designed for children and families is available from the ushers. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day weekend, with the Children, Youth, and Family Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 10.

Yesterday seven of our youth and three adult leaders headed to the mountains of western North Carolina to take part in a weeklong national youth conference held at Montreat, a Presbyterian Church (USA) conference center. In the days ahead, please keep in your prayers these travelers and all the youth and leaders gathered with them.

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.

News and Opportunities

Volunteers/Donations Needed

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

Cookout volunteers to assist with the Chicago Lights Urban Farm Community Cookout on Saturday, August 12 at 444 W. Chicago; shifts will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue through 3:00 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

An annual favorite, cabaret duo Tom Michael and Beckie Menzie will perform this week’s free Friday Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

Enrichment

Men’s Bible Study meets this 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](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

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.

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

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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