



Gathering

Gathering Music "Falling Grace" Steve Swallow
"The Man Who Never Sleeps". Charles Mingus

Greeting

*Opening Responses

Leader: O Lord our God, whose righteousness is like the strong mountains
and whose justice is as the great deep:

People: Let us know your presence now.

Leader: O Lord our God, whose power girds the mountains,
whose hands cradle the hills and yet whose mercy is boundless:

People: Let us know your presence now.

Leader: O Lord our God, whose glory is greater than our understanding
and whose love cannot be measured:

People: Let us know your presence now.

* 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** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, there is no pain in our hearts or in our planet that you do not know,
for you have touched the lowest places on earth.

**People: Teach us to grieve with you, O Christ,
the loss of all the beauty that is being killed.
Help us to take responsibility for the ways we abuse your creation;
for our role in marring your image in ourselves, in each other, in the earth.**

Leader: There is no sin or failure in our lives that cannot be redeemed
and transformed by the power of your love,
for your love is a transforming fire that never goes out.

People: Help us to accept your forgiveness, learn from our mistakes, and live more wisely.

Leader: There is no place in the heavens that cannot be touched
by your resurrection presence, for you fill all things.

**People: Give us strength in your victory over death to grow into your way of love,
which does not despair but keeps sowing seeds of hope
and making signs of wholeness.
Hear our prayer, O God.**

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 17 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Hear my plea of innocence, O God; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice. Weigh my heart, summon me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
I give no offense with my mouth as others do; I have heeded the words of your lips.
My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Keep me as the apple of your eye and hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

Leader: I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,
from the wicked who assault me, from the deadly enemies who surround me.
They have closed their hearts to pity, and their mouths speak proud things.
They press me hard; now they surround me, watching how they may cast me to the ground,
like a lion, greedy for its prey, and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Keep me as the apple of your eye and hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

Leader: Arise, O God; confront them.
Bring them down; deliver me from the wicked by your sword.
Deliver me, O God, by your hand from those whose portion in life is this world;
whose bellies you fill with your treasure, who are well supplied with children
and leave their wealth to their little ones.
But at my vindication I shall see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Keep me as the apple of your eye and hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22–31 (Old Testament, page 29)

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

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.

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

Offertory Music "You Have Me" Gungor

***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!

Sanctus *Lucy Smith*

The Communion

Communion Music "Now to Your Table Spread" *John Ireland and Shirley E. Murray*

Closing Prayer (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God, you have welcomed each of us by name to your holy table.

Open our hearts to receive your blessing and to allow ourselves to be nourished by you.

Strengthen us so that we may embody and bring your blessing out into the world,

shining your love every place we go. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Roger Wilson	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals
	Philip Castleberry, 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

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.

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 labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Monday and Tuesday between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., on Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday between 8:00 and 10:00 a.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, prayer, and silent meditation.

News and Resources

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, September 10 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.

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 fill our campus on summer weekdays—from Vacation Bible School to Meals Ministry Bag Lunches to Center for Life and Learning exercise classes—depend on the generous summer giving of members and friends. Gifts can be made at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving or placed in the offering. Thank you for your support!

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to see photos of church life and keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.

Join Us for Worship Outdoors Next Sunday, August 13!

We’re taking our Jazz at Four Communion service outdoors next Sunday, August 13—and again Sunday, September 3—to the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Join us by the fountain at 4:00 p.m. next Sunday for a time of worship, the music of the Lucy Smith Quartet, and fellowship with one another, all while surrounded by the beauty of summer.



Mission and Outreach

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

Fresh, local produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available for purchase 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).

The annual School Supply Drive—which benefits participants in Chicago Lights Urban Farm and Tutoring programs and is organized by Women at Fourth—is in need of materials, donations, and volunteers. For a list of materials and help needed, visit www.fourthchurch.org or email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

“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

Vacation Bible School children will journey back in time with the Apostle Paul to visit ancient Rome each morning this week.

Confirmation registration is open for youth entering eighth grade. High school students wishing to make a profession of faith are also invited to participate in this program, which begins in September. Sign up online at www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc

Those who supported the youth’s summer trips to Cuba, Detroit, and Montreat are invited to hear the students share their experience. Join them following 11:00 a.m. worship next Sunday, August 13. A light lunch will be served. RSVP to Rocky Supinger at rsupinger@fourthchurch.org

Sunday School does not meet in August. Families are encouraged to have their children worship with them in the Sanctuary. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day weekend, with the Children, Youth, and Family Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 10.

“We Play Together,” an interactive class for parents and their children ages eighteen to twenty-four months (by September 1), will be offered by the Day School on Tuesdays from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., September through June. To sign up (enrollment is limited) or for more information, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; khager@fourthchurch.org).

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

News and Opportunities

Volunteers/Donations Needed

School Supply Backpack distributors to hand out backpacks at the Urban Farm at 444 W. Chicago this Saturday, August 12

Cookout volunteers to assist with the Chicago Lights Urban Farm Community Cookout on Saturday, August 12 at the Urban Farm; 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

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

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

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, meets on Friday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and a program—presented by professional storyteller Anne Shimojima—on the impact World War II incarceration had on Japanese American families. RSVP (*required*) to Carol Allerton (312.640.5448; callerton@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, August 30.

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

Enrichment

A Grief Support Group begins Monday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge, but pre-registration (by calling the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425) is required.

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

Men's Bible Study next meets Tuesday, August 15 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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

Music and the Arts

The Music by the Fountain free Friday concert this week features a performance by vocalist Laura Freeman 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, September 10, October 8, or November 12 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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