



Gathering

Gathering Music “Man in the Mirror” Siedah Garret and Glen Ballard
“God Bless the Child” Billie Holiday and Arthur Herzog Jr.

Greeting

***Opening Responses**

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.
Praise God above all, the giver of life!
The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,
but God’s presence is more powerful than the earth itself.
Come into God’s presence, for God is among us now.
O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways.
Come to the Rock, the Foundation of Life,
for God is present 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** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

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Litany of Confession

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart."

**Holy God, for when we have loved the things of this world—
our belongings and our comforts—more than we have loved you, forgive us.**

(Open your heart to God in silence.)

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul."

**Holy God, for those times we have invested our spirit and our lives into petty things,
misdirecting our passions into fleeting desires, forgive us.**

(Bow lovingly to God in silence.)

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your mind."

**Holy God, for when we have allowed our minds to become consumed with worry
and fear, forgetting that we live in you and you are with us always, forgive us.**

(Listen for God in silence.)

Jesus said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**Holy God, for those times when we have not loved ourselves,
and for those times when we have loved ourselves too much
and ignored the needs of others, forgive us.**

(Receive God's love as light and shine it silently toward those around you.)

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid."

**Holy God, your love is a steadfast love,
and nothing can separate us from your love given through Jesus Christ.**

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this good news.

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

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

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

Minute for Discipleship



Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 100 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **For God is good, and God's mercy is everlasting.**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Worship God with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that God is the Most High, who has made us, and we are God's;
we are God's people, and the flock of God's pasture.

Enter the gates with thanksgiving, and the courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

For God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever,

and God's faithfulness to all generations.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **For God is good, and God's mercy is everlasting.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15–22, 34–40 (*New Testament, page 23*)

Sermon "Gratitude and Responsibility" *Nanette Sawyer*

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

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 "From a Distance" *Julie Gold*

***Doxology** *Lucy Smith*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Sanctus *Lucy Smith*

The Communion

Communion Music "Beautiful Thing" . . . *Hadewijch of Antwerp, 13th century; adap. Dent Davidson*

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

**Spirit of Life, you call us to serve you
through loving all of your creation and all of our human family.
Open our hearts to receive and share your love;
open our hands to receive and to share your gifts;
open our minds to receive and to share the light of understanding,
and to trust in your presence with us.
Through you all things are possible. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song.** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Alex Wirth	Minister for Evangelism
Maggie Shreve	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Roger Wilson on behalf of Stephen Ministry.

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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A Light in the City

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News and Resources

At the congregational meeting this noon, the Senior Associate Pastor Nominating Committee presented for congregational vote, their recommended candidate for Senior Associate Pastor for Leadership Development and Adult Education: Lucy Forster-Smith. Information from the committee is posted online at www.fourthchurch.org

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, who walks alongside them as a listening presence. The next fifty-hour training course for those interested in becoming Stephen Ministers begins February 3, after which those trained will make a two-year commitment to this ministry of caring. More information is available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministry.html

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets Sunday, November 12 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.

The names of those who have made pledges to the 2018 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights by or on Commitment Sunday, October 29, will be printed, as part of our gratitude expressions, in the November 12 bulletin. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, please call Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576.

Worship

This Friday a candlelit Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Prior to this time of meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection, there will be a labyrinth available in Anderson Hall for walking between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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

Sacred Pause 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.

We gather for worship each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (with Communion), 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and, for Jazz at Four with Communion, 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.

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

Next Sunday, October 29 is Commitment Sunday!

If you have not yet submitted your pledge to the 2018 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, "Called to Be a Church Alive," please do so by next Sunday, when we will recommit ourselves to actively participating in God's work in this world. Pledge cards are in the pew racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal



News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday afternoon, October 24 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.

The purple bows on the trees outside the Manse are our annual public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse. Volunteers are needed to remove the bows on Friday, October 27 beginning at 10:00 a.m. To help, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Information about 2018 mission trips to Cuba; to Mexico to build rain cisterns; and to Washington, D.C., with the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism to learn about the history of oppression and resistance is available at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips and also in brochures in the literature racks.

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create gifts for hospitalized children.

Produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available at their Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

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).

Save the date! Our 25th-anniversary Gala of Hope will be held Friday, March 2, 2018, at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Men's pants for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Individuals to staff the Book Nook during the 12:00 noon Sunday Coffee Hour

Greeters for the weekly Jazz at Four service and the fourth Friday Taizé service

Volunteers to join teams assisting areas affected by recent natural disasters

Lage shopping bags for guests of the Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry

Single-serving snack items (5,000 per month) for Fourth Church Meals Ministry bag lunches and the Social Service Center emergency snack packs

Donations can be left 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, a group for those in their twenties and thirties, meets for their weekly Sunday Gathering—a time to discuss a different topic each week—at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their small group meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, will gather on Friday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program by Don Allerton on the history of Fourth Church from 1871 to the present. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, November 1.

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

Music and the Arts

John Rutter's *Requiem* will be sung by the Morning Choir during a special All Saints' Sunday Communion service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary on November 5.

Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Bach's *Magnificat*, and Handel's *Zadok the Priest* will be performed by the Fourth Church Choral Society and the orchestra Camerata Chicago on Friday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.cameratachicago.org (use code FPCC for a 50 percent discount).

"Palestine: Unlimited," a photo exhibition, is on display in the Loggia.

Fourth Church organist John Sherer will present this week's free Friday Noonday Concert.

Children, Youth, and Family

Tunes for Tots, for parents and children up to two years old, meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth groups and Confirmation meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m., with a weekly time for fellowship beforehand at 10:30 a.m.

Choirs for children and youth meet on Sundays in Room 4F: Cherub Choir (age 3–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:00 a.m., and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 10:30 a.m.

Enrichment

Two adult education classes meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.: "The Protestant Reformation," taught by David Nelson in Room 5D, and "Apocalyptic Literature and the Apocalypse of John," taught by Stephen Hall in Room 5E.

Men's Book Club will discuss *A Legacy of Spies* by John Le Carré on Monday, October 23 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

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

Reflections on the spiritual pilgrimage to Iona in July and information about plans for a pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch in 2018 will be shared on Sunday, October 29 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room.

A new Grief Group will begin Monday evening, November 6. For details, contact the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425.

The Interfaith Coalition Against Racism, of which Fourth Church is a member, is sponsoring a free viewing and discussion of the documentary *I Am Not Your Negro*, based on a manuscript by James Baldwin, Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m. at Chicago Theological Seminary (1407 E. 60th). RSVP to chicagoicar@gmail.com

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, November 12 or December 10 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 Alex Wirth (awirth@fourthchurch.org; 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 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 November 26.

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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