



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

*Joining Our Voices

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

* 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** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Holy One, you call us to proclaim your grace, but we often remain silent.

**You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.**

You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.

Forgive us, O Lord. Bring us closer to you and to each other.

Give us courage and strength. Immerse us in hope.

We pray all of this in the name of Jesus, our brother and our Savior. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

The Holy Spirit is upon us and has given us this good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world! Alleluia! Amen!

***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.

Welcome

We Proclaim the Story

Psalter Psalm 93 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: God is sovereign,
 robed in grandeur;
 God is robed
 and girded with strength.
The world stands firm;
 it cannot be shaken.
Since the world began, your throne has stood;
 you are from everlasting.
The oceans have lifted up, O God,
 the oceans have lifted up their voice;
 the oceans have lifted up their pounding waves.
Mightier than the sound of many waters,
 mightier than the breakers of the sea,
 mightier is God who dwells on high.
Your testimonies are very sure,
 and holiness adorns your house, O God.
 forever and for evermore.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1–14 (*New Testament, page 111*)

Sermon *Shannon J. Kershner*

We Offer Ourselves

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, pledges, and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.)*

Offertory Music

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Communion

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, for your love for us that is gentle as a shower,
that heals our pain and binds up our wounds:

we give you thanks.

For your love for us that is as sure as the dawn,
that transforms our shadow places and reveals your truth:

we give you thanks.

For your love for us that is mercifully steadfast, that calls us to you and raises us up:

we give you thanks.

For your love for us that encourages questions and is open to doubts:

we give you thanks.

Urge us on, O Christ, to find wholeness through serving you by serving others
in the power of your Spirit until you make all things new. Amen.

***Closing Song** "We Will Walk with God"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Fred Schwartz	Lay Liturgist
Musicians	Allison Orobia, 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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News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2018 are asked to send their names to Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org) by next Monday, June 11 so that they can be included in the bulletin on Sunday, June 17, 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 24. For more information and details, contact Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

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).

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, meets next Sunday, June 10 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.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
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Connection Corner helps you discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church. Look for the lighted table during 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon Coffee Hour.

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, photos, and more.

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister who walks alongside them as a listening presence. Learn more at www.fourthchurch.org/caring

Please use the recycling baskets around campus to help us care for creation.

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

Music and the Arts

An art exhibit by Gerald Griffin is on display in the Loggia through Labor Day.

This Friday’s free Noonday Concert will be presented by pianist Mio Nakamura at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

This Summer: “A Spirit Revolution”

In June and July our Sunday scripture texts will be drawn from the Acts of the Apostles. Together we will read about the early church and disciples from Paul to Tabitha to Barnabas to Lydia. From those focal texts our sermon series, “A Spirit Revolution,” will invite us to widen our imaginations about what God might do through us as individuals and as a church.



Mission and Outreach

Chicago Shares voucher booklets—which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets—are available by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

The Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children. (*No sewing experience necessary.*)

Fresh, local produce is available at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm Farmstand (*444 W. Chicago*) on Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Weekly produce shares are also available through the Farm's Community-Supported Agriculture program. Visit www.bit.ly/2nDjvSL

Fourth Church's Sunlight Project will host a sex trafficking awareness and speaker training event with Selah Freedom this Thursday, June 7 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 4F. To volunteer, visit selahfreedom.com

A mission trip to Washington, D.C., to explore oppression and resistance in our history will take place October 6–13. Applications for this trip led by Robert Crouch and Vicky Curtiss are due Saturday, June 30: www.bit.ly/fpcdc2018

The Sunday Church Market hosted by the Chicago Lights Urban Farm will be held on every other Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning next Sunday, June 10.

Children, Youth, and Family

Summer Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G during June and July.

Family Drive-In Movie Night will be held on Friday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall and will include dinner, time to build “cars,” and movie viewing.

Our Day School preschool program has openings for the 2018–19 school year. For details, call Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

Vacation Bible School—which this year will take us back to ancient Babylon as we visit with the Old Testament prophets and learn about our call to be disciples—will be held the mornings of August 6–10. Register online at bit.ly/fpcvbs18

Worship

Sacred Pause meditation, a time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is held Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

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

Devotions written by both Fourth Church members and staff are available daily via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as online at www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

A candlelit service in the style of Taizé is offered on the fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 22 will be our next opportunity to gather in Buchanan Chapel for this contemplative time of song and meditation.

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

“Race: The Power of an Illusion” continues next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, June 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. A time of discussion follows for those interested.

Books by Women will discuss *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline next Tuesday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Horizon’s Women’s Bible Study meets next Wednesday, June 13 at 12:00 noon in Room 5H.

Men’s Book Club will discuss *On Tyranny* by Timothy Schneider on Monday, June 25 at 7:30 a.m. at a member’s home. Contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

Fellowship

Men’s breakfast next meets this Saturday, June 9 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4E.

To sponsor Coffee Hour in memory or honor of a loved one or for a special occasion, email Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org

Young Adults group meets for their weekly Sunday Gathering next Sunday, June 10 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Each summer Monday, they also meet at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach for a fun evening of volleyball.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Adult-size men’s and women’s socks for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Clothes donations, particularly men’s, for guests of the Social Service Center

Shower Ministry greeters (*men*) for rotating Tuesday schedule (1:15–4:00 p.m.)

Chicago Lights Summer Day volunteers to help with this six-week academic, arts, and enrichment program for students; learn more at new volunteer orientation on Thursday, June 14 at 3:00 p.m. or Thursday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m.; register online at www.bit.ly/2w9B96e

Ushers for memorial services and special events at the church

Ushers for the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services

Greeters for the 4:00 p.m. jazz service

Coffee Hour Hospitality Team members to serve at Coffee Hour once a month

Chicago Lights Urban Farm volunteers; all volunteers must preregister, and new volunteers must attend an orientation; to sign up or for details, visit www.bit.ly/1aNY3AQ/

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

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" or "T-coil" 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, 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, June 10, July 8, or August 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 Joe Morrow (jmorrow@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 Joe Morrow (jmorrow@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 24 or July 22.

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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