



World Communion Sunday

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

***Joining Our Voices** *Adapted from I Wayan Mastra, Bali*
(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Rejoice, people of God! For in Christ, our eyes shall be opened!

In Christ, the present will have new meaning and the future will be bright with hope.

Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the Holy One

who is our wisdom and our strength.

Rejoice, people of God! For this day, we place ourselves before our God

that we may be reconciled and healed by the power of God's Spirit.

* 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** “O for a Thousand Tongues”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) *Adapted from a Nigerian Prayer*

God in heaven, you have helped our lives grow like a tree.

Now something has happened.

The Accuser, like a bird, has carried in one twig of its own choosing after another.

Before we knew it sin had a dwelling place and was living in it.

Help us to throw out both the bird and the nest.

Let our tree blossom once more.

(Silence is held.)

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Hear the good news:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

We hear the good news,

we believe the good news,

we will live out the good news.

Thanks be to God. 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 126:1–18 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

Leader: When God restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Our mouths filled with laughter,
and our tongues with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,
“God has done great things for them.”
God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O God,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.
Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
carrying the seed,
will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:11–22. (*New Testament, page 181*)

Sermon *Joseph L. Morrow*

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music

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

We Feast Together

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”

are they who come

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.

The Communion

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving *From The New Zealand Prayerbook He Karakia Mihinare O Aotearoa*

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

***Sending Song** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow	Minister for Evangelism
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Maggie Shreve	Lay Liturgist
Musicians	Leslie Beukelman, 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

“Called to Be a Church Alive,” our 2019 Annual Appeal, is underway! Please make your pledge by Commitment Sunday, October 28 to help us reach our goals of \$3.4 million for Fourth Church and \$700,000 for Chicago Lights. Pledge cards are in the pew racks and have been mailed to member homes; you can also make your pledge online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal

Inquirers’ Class, a one-session class that is offered monthly and is a prerequisite for membership, will be held next Sunday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day. To register for this one-session class, visit www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister. Visit www.fourthchurch.org/caring

Worship

Daily devotions written by members and staff are available via email (www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), online at www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

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.

The next candlelit Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Friday, October 26.

A Service of Remembrance will be held on All Saints’ Sunday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This Communion service will include the Morning Choir singing *Lux Aeterna*, a requiem by Morten Lauridsen.

Volunteers Needed

Ushers for the 8:00 a.m. service

Book Nook volunteers for the 12:00 p.m. Sunday Coffee Hour

Volunteer to unload Meals Ministry food truck once a month • **Volunteer to unload EDSCC food pantry delivery truck** on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. •

Volunteer to unload EDSCC food pantry produce delivery truck on the first Monday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. • All positions require being able to lift 50 pounds

To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382)

Mission

In all cultures of violence, God spreads a table of peace. Your support of today’s Peace and Global Witness Offering helps bring more people to that table. World Communion Sunday reminds us that God’s love can heal our deepest divisions. Gifts to the offering support the work of CureViolence in Chicago and of the PCUSA as it addresses systems of injustice here and across the world in places such as South Sudan. Visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission

The “History of Oppression Tour,” sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism (of which Fourth Church is a partner congregation), is underway, with thirteen travelers from Fourth Church joining for a week of learning in Washington, D.C.

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.

Mission *(continued)*

New tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring are still needed for Thursday evenings in particular. Sign up for a one-session orientation at <http://bit.ly/2CLtutoring>

The (In)Justice for All Film Festival, sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism, will be screening several films in Buchanan Chapel on Monday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m.

An Ignatian Spirituality small group will begin this Tuesday, October 9 at 7:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Contact Anne Ellis for details (312.569.3369).

An Interfaith Relations open meeting will be held Thursday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Contact Nanette Sawyer for details (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

The World Mission and Social Justice Committee invites you to a Vigil Against Gun Violence on Sunday, October 14, 5:00 p.m. at Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church (600 W. Fullerton). Contact Vicky Curtiss for details (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

New adult education classes begin in October. "Care of Creation" started today at 9:30 a.m.; "The Impact of Gun Violence" begins October 14 at 11:00 a.m.; and "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Bible" with Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger begins October 21 at 9:30 a.m. For course descriptions visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy

Books by Women will meet this Tuesday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The Door* by Magna Szabo.

A men's discussion group on "How God Speaks to Us through Scripture," led by Tom Forster-Smith, will begin this Friday, October 12 at 7:15 a.m. in the Randolph Room. Register (*required*) with Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

Horizons women's Bible study will meet Wednesday, October 10 at 12:00 p.m. in 5H.

Men's Breakfast will meet this Saturday October 13 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4 for a program on the Pacific Garden Mission.

Men's Bible Study next meets on Tuesday morning, October 16 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

The Day School will offer a complimentary introductory class for the weekly "Together We Play" toddler-and-parent class this Tuesday, October 9. Contact Josie Phelps for details (312.640.2577).

Sunday School children will join us in worship next Sunday, October 14 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., sitting with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when they will leave with their teachers for their classrooms.

Tunes for Tots meets next Sunday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Our Pumpkin-Decorating Family Night will be Friday, October 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For details, see www.bit.ly/fpc-family-night

Music and the Arts

The 100th anniversary of the end of World War I will be commemorated in concert on Friday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, when the Fourth Church Choral Society will present music by Elgar, Bainton, Tavener, and Meador as well as poems and letters written by the soldiers. A freewill donation will be received at the door.

Calendar for October 7–14, 2018

- Sunday, October 7 *World Communion Sunday***
 4:00 p.m. **Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching** **Sanctuary**
 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
- Monday, October 8**
 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool (*also Tues.–Fri.*) Day School Classrooms
 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities
 5:00 p.m. Tutoring (*also Tues.–Fri.*) Fifth Floor, Gratz Center
 6:30 p.m. (In)Justice Film Festival. Buchanan Chapel
- Tuesday, October 9**
 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Stone Chapel
 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (*also Wed., Thurs.*) Anderson Hall
 6:00 p.m. Books by Women Bumpus Room
 7:00 p.m. Meditation with Replogle Center Boyle Conference Room
 7:15 p.m. Ignatian Spirituality. Randolph Room
- Wednesday, October 10**
 7:00 a.m. Men’s Discussion Group Room 5A
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer. **Buchanan Chapel**
 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B
 12:00 p.m. *Horizons* Bible Study Room 5H
 7:00 p.m. Exploring Self-Compassion Boyle Conference Room
- Thursday, October 11**
 6:00 p.m. Interfaith Relations Open Meeting Randolph Room
 7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel
- Friday, October 12**
 7:15 a.m. Men’s Discussion Group Randolph Room
 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Iain Quinn, organ Buchanan Chapel
- Saturday, October 13**
 8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Room 4E
- Sunday, October 14 *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***
8:00 a.m. Worship • Judith L. Watt preaching. **Sanctuary**
 8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
 9:00 a.m. Inquirers’ Class. Page Smith Room
 9:00 a.m. Tunes for Tots Nursery
 9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsals Room 4F
 9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall/Commons
 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery Nursery / Day School
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon Kershner preaching. **Sanctuary**
 9:30 a.m. “Care of Creation”. Room 5E
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Fourth Floor, Gratz Center
 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups Bumpus Room
 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons. Stone Chapel
 11:00 a.m. “Impact of Gun Violence” Room 5G
 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
 12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Shannon Kershner preaching. **Sanctuary**
 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, available from the ushers, 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 Sunday, October 14 or November 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room (register online for the class at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers). 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 (member@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3399) or go to www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

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 considering baptism or becoming a member of Fourth Church during the 4:00 p.m. service, 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 October 28 or November 25.

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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