



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

#### \*Call to Worship

"Whistling Swans" by Mary Oliver

\* Please rise in body or spirit

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*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 God of Every Nation”

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## **We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

### **Litany of Confession**

Heavenly Creator, we call upon you in Jesus' name. We come with empty hands.

**We have not been able to love our enemies. As a rule we have never even seen them.**

We have avoided them. When we saw them, we felt only fear and anger, not love.

**So we come to you, not as the children of your love,  
but as the enemy of our enemies, beseeching you for ourselves and all the others.**

Bless those who curse you; do good to those who hate you.

Forgive us for what we have failed to do for our enemies.

**You lead us out of the constriction of fear  
and out of the prison of hate, into the wide space of freedom.**

Let us see your sun, which rises upon the evil and the good.

**Let us rejoice in its warmth, together with our enemies.**

### **God Forgives and Blesses Us**

In Jesus, the just, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **\*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.*

## We Proclaim the Story

### Welcome

**Psalter** (*congregation sings the antiphon*) . . . . . Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40

Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.  
For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.  
Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.  
Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.  
Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.  
The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.  
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**ANTIPHON: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.  
For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.  
In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.  
But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.  
The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash at them with their teeth.  
But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord;  
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.  
You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because in you they seek refuge.

**ANTIPHON: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

**Scripture** . . . . . Luke 6:27–38

**Sermon** . . . . . *Nanette Sawyer*

## We Offer Ourselves

### Musical Reflection

### Sharing of Gifts

*In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty. Please place your gifts and pledges in the plate as it passes.*

### Offertory Music

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

## We Feast Together

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### The Great Thanksgiving

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”

## 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

*We celebrate an open table. All, including children, are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive Communion. You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask), dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.*

### Communion Music

## **We Go Out with Gratitude**

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

**Holy God, you have given us love and the capacity to love.  
You have given us food and the capacity to share.  
You have given us grace and the capacity to forgive.  
Fill us with every good thing, and open our hearts and hands  
to share it all with gratitude, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song**

“Today We All Are  
Called to Be Disciples”

## \*Benediction

### Sending Music

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## Worship Leaders

**Nanette Sawyer** Associate Pastor

**Joseph L. Morrow** Minister for Evangelism

**Ethan Jacobs** Lay Liturgist

**The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet**

## Baptized during worship today

Bree Ruth Holsteen, child of Charles and Chelsi Holsteen

## 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

## Worship

**Is there a topic or biblical story you have hoped would be addressed in a sermon?** If so, please share that with us by email ([sermons@fourthchurch.org](mailto:sermons@fourthchurch.org)). The pastors will then use these suggestions to shape their “Big Questions” sermon series in May and June.

**Next Sunday, March 3**, our youth will be leading the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services of worship.

**A candlelit Taizé service**—a time of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month.

## Lent

**Ash Wednesday worship** will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6. Also that day, as part of “Ashes on the Way,” pastors and Fourth Church members will be present in the Narthex and outside the Sanctuary between 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. They will be available to impose ashes for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection.

**“Path of Discipleship,”** a six-week Lenten series hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council and including presentations by the pastors on spiritual practices, will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning Tuesday, March 12. The registration deadline is Tuesday, March 5. Space is limited, so register soon at [www.bit.ly/fpcpod2019](http://www.bit.ly/fpcpod2019)

**To receive Lenten devotions** daily via email beginning March 6, sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)

## News and Resources

**Did you see the *NBC Nightly News* and *Washington Post* profiles** of the Good Memories Choir, which meets weekly at Fourth Church? Both stories about this opportunity for those experiencing early-stage memory loss are posted on our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and on Twitter (@fourthchicago).

**Follow us on Instagram** ([www.instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://www.instagram.com/fourthchurch)) to see photos of church life—from children’s service projects to celebrations of staff, the beauty of our campus, and a Taizé triptych.

**The deadline for Stephen Minister applications** is this Monday, February 25. For more information about Stephen Ministry, being paired with a Stephen Minister, or taking part in Stephen Minister training, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/caring](http://www.fourthchurch.org/caring)

**Year-end giving statements** for 2018 are available upon request. To receive a copy of your statement by mail or email, contact Andrea Miller (312.640.2576; [amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)). Also, to the more than 500 individuals who completed the survey about pledging and giving to Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, thank you!

**A new book of prayers by John Boyle** is available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour or by calling the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425. All proceeds benefit the Replogle Center.

## Fellowship

**TwentiesThirties’** spring retreat will be the weekend of May 3–5; register online at [www.bit.ly/2030may19](http://www.bit.ly/2030may19)

**Benevolent Guild** meets weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

**Men’s Breakfast** will take place Saturday, March 9 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4E.

## Mission

**This Monday, February 25 is the deadline** to reserve tickets to attend the Gala of Hope, which will be this Friday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Radisson Blu Aqua (221 N. Columbus). Tickets for the Gala and for the Peloton drawing (*winner need not be present at the Gala*) are available at [bidpal.net/clgala2019](http://bidpal.net/clgala2019); all proceeds support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center.

**Knitting and Crocheting** meets this Tuesday, February 26 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.

## Volunteers Needed

**Fifty tutors** to pair with Chicago Lights Tutoring students who do not have a tutor; one evening a week at the church; sign up for a volunteer orientation at [www.bit.ly/2S314SC](http://www.bit.ly/2S314SC)

**Leaders for the summer youth trips** to Detroit, New Jersey, and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium; sign up online ([www.bit.ly/summeryouthleader](http://www.bit.ly/summeryouthleader)) by March 15

**Individuals to clean, fold, and prepare liturgical linens** and garments for worship (*once a month*)

**Individuals to read** occasionally to an elderly member who is blind

**Donations of individually packaged snacks**, especially chips and fruit cups, for our Bag Lunch program; donations can be dropped off at the reception desk to the attention of Meals Ministry

*To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities or donation needs, contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382).*

## Enrichment

**Those who are considering taking part in the Reformation trip** to Prague, Luther sites in Germany, and Geneva—a trip that will be led by Judith Watt and Lucy Forster-Smith in October—are asked to contact Allison Santos ([asantos@fourthchurch.org](mailto:asantos@fourthchurch.org)) this week and to mark Thursday, March 14 on their calendar for a 6:30 p.m. information meeting in Room 4G.

**A trip to Alabama and Mississippi** that focuses on the civil rights movement is being planned by the Racial Equity Council for October 26–November 2. See [www.bit.ly/crtrip2019](http://www.bit.ly/crtrip2019) for details.

**“Galatians: New Testament Social Ethics for Today,”** a four-week class led by G. Walter Hansen, begins next Sunday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

**“A Time of Letting Go”** will be the topic of next Sunday’s “Conversations with Clergy,” led by Shawn Fiedler, Ministerial Associate for Worship, at 5:00 p.m. on March 3 following Jazz at Four worship.

**Women at Fourth** will meet this Thursday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for a program on “Optimal Aging: Eat Well, Move Well, Be Well.”

**Men are invited to join a group from Fourth Church** participating in Lumunos’s annual Chicago Area Men’s Retreat on March 15–17. To learn more or to register, see [www.conta.cc/2Gk06jz](http://www.conta.cc/2Gk06jz)

**Books by Women** will discuss *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

## Music and the Arts

**The choral group Bella Voce** will be in concert, presenting “Tudor Splendour,” this Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at [www.bellavoce.org](http://www.bellavoce.org)

## Calendar for February 24–March 3, 2019

<b>Sunday, February 24</b>	4:00 p.m.	<b>Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching</b>	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, February 25</b>	9:00 a.m.	Day School ( <i>also Tues.–Fri.</i> )	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring ( <i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i> )	Gratz Fifth Floor
<b>Tuesday, February 26</b>	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches ( <i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i> )	Anderson Hall
	4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting	Room 4F
<b>Wednesday, February 27</b>	9:30 a.m.	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation	Borwell Dining Room
<b>Thursday, February 28</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Faith Discussion Group ( <i>also Fri.</i> )	Randolph Room
	5:30 p.m.	Women at Fouth Gathering	Bumpus Room
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, March 1</b>	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Brittany Hebel	Buchanan Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Gala of Hope	(see announcement)
<b>Saturday, March 2</b>	7:30 p.m.	Bella Voce Concert	Buchanan Chapel
<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Worship • Judith L. Watt preaching</b>	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Choir Loft
	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
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Youth-Led Worship</b>	Sanctuary
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	TED Talks for Parents	The Loft
	9:30 a.m.	Galations: New Testament Social Ethics for Today	Room 5E
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching</b>	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

## During Today's Worship

**All are encouraged to visit a prayer station** to offer joys and concerns by writing them on a prayer card. The cards will be collected at the end of worship, read by the pastoral staff during the week, and then displayed in an ongoing art project.

**We celebrate an open table at Communion. All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion.** You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask), dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.

**Worship can be heard** through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids.

**Please** silence all electronic devices when in the Chapel.

**Printed copies of sermons** recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks. They are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org/sermons](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sermons) and by email: subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)

## 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, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room (register online for the class at [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://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](mailto:member@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3399) or go to [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (subscribe online at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)).

**If you are interested in considering baptism or becoming a member** of Fourth Church during the 4:00 p.m. service, please contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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 February 24.

**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](mailto:jwatt@fourthchurch.org)).

**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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