



Fourth Sunday of Easter

We Approach God

Gathering Music

***Call to Worship**

Beloved, have we not known? Have we not heard?

East: God gives power to those who are wearied

West: and strengthens the powerless.

While many grow tired and exhaust themselves,

East: those who wait on God will find their souls renewed.

West: So let us walk with God and not grow weary.

All: Let us gather, pause, ponder, and praise God's Holy Name.

* Please rise in body or spirit

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.

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Generation after generation has told of your steadfast love,
but, God, we find it difficult to trust that you redeem us.
Promised abundance, we accept scarcity.
Promised justice, we practice indifference.
Promised relationship, we choose self-regard.
Promised forgiveness, we hold grudges.
Promised peace, we offer words and deeds of violence.
Forgive our lack of faith.
As you have raised Jesus from death,
wake us from our disbelief
that we may live fully into your salvation. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

In Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.

***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.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*congregation sings the antiphon*). Psalm 46:1–7

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

ANTIPHON: My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

ANTIPHON: My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.

Scripture. 2 Corinthians 5:10–18

Sermon. *Joseph L. Morrow*

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

***Gloria** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

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.*

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

Saving Christ, increase our faith that we may trust the truth of your body given
and your life shared.

Loving God, increase our hope that we may reach for your promised future
undeterred by delays and difficulties.

Inspiring Spirit, increase our love that we may give to our neighbors
the joy and compassion you grant to us.

For the sake of your new creation and to your praise and glory. Amen.

***Closing Song** "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Abbi Heimach-Snipes Pastoral Resident

Nathalie Loma Lay Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Baptized during worship today

Virginia Dawn Venable

Ethan Jacob Kennington

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

We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! ✱ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. ✱ We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



Our **"Big Questions" sermon series** continues today by exploring "Are we saved?" Next Sunday, May 19 we will wrestle with "How can we be church with differing political views?" ✱ We will then take a break in the series on Sunday, May 26 to welcome **Father Elias Chacour** to the pulpit at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Father Chacour, author of *Blood Brothers*, is internationally known for his work for reconciliation between Palestinians and Jews.



In addition to our Sunday morning services, we also **come together as a worshipping community** on Sunday afternoons for a 4:00 p.m. jazz Communion service in Buchanan Chapel. (If you are interested in serving as a greeter to welcome Jazz at Four worshipers, please let us know!) ✱ On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer**, an opportunity to pray for members and those in need.



Summer Sunday School, which will be in session during June and July at 9:30 a.m. only, begins on June 2. (There will be no Sunday School on May 19 or 26.) ✱ Also on our calendar of summer activities for children is our annual **Family Night Drive-In Movie** at the church on Friday, June 14 and a fun-filled week of **Vacation Bible School**, which this summer takes us to ancient Greece with the Apostle Paul, on the mornings of August 5–9. (VBS registration is now open!) ✱ Another way to support the faith journey of our youth is to sign up to be an **adult leader for junior and senior high programs** during the 2019–2020 program year. We need chaperones for retreats as well as leaders to assist with Sunday morning youth groups and Confirmation circles.



Preschoolers and their families are invited to enjoy a time of play and exploration at our **Day School open house** this Saturday morning, May 18 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. ✱ For those interested in our weekday preschool, the **Day School is accepting applications** for the 2019–2020 school year.



Each third Sunday of May we mark **Dedication Commemoration Sunday**, remembering the dedication of our Sanctuary in May 1914. This year our observance will pair with **"Leave a Legacy Sunday."** At Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 19 you will find information about how to remember the church in your will or as a beneficiary in your life insurance.



We have several **musical treats** in store for you this week! As part of our **free Friday Noonday series**, Fourth Church Choir member **Laura Perkett** will present a soprano and oboe concert. * That Friday evening, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tower Brass and the Fourth Church Choral Society will present their spring concert, which will feature **John Rutter's Gloria**. (*A freewill offering will be received at the door.*) * Then on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m., **Bella Voce** will present works by Handel, Purcell, and Vivaldi in Buchanan Chapel. (*Tickets are available online or at the door.*)



In addition to our **daily devotions**, we offer several other resources for **meditation and reflection**. Each Tuesday, we begin the day with time set apart for **Sacred Pause** meditation, twenty minutes of silence in Stone Chapel at 7:45 a.m. * We then end the day with **Tuesday evening meditation**, hosted by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, at 7:00 p.m. * Another opportunity for meditation, **"Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood"** meets this Wednesday, May 15 at 7:15 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. * On Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m., **Women at Fourth** will hold a program on contemplative prayer, and our monthly candlelit **Taizé service** will take place Friday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m., with opportunity to take part in a labyrinth walk beforehand (between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.).



If you are looking for **ways to connect** with others here at Fourth Church or in the community, we invite you to find a program or event that matches your interests or has you curious. Perhaps you would like to take part in a book group conversation, sign up for a three-month Bible study, or join us in gardening! This Tuesday evening, May 14, **Books by Women** will discuss Paulette Jiles' *News of the World* at 6:00 p.m. * Later in May, a three-month **Men's Faith Discussion group** will begin on Friday mornings. (*Advance registration is required; see the sign-up page noted on page 1 or at the bottom of this page.*) * If you would like to help tend the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, spots have opened up for **community gardeners**. Register (*required*) on the sign-up page to attend orientation on Saturday, May 18.



Our **World Mission and Social Justice Committee** invites you to learn about ways in which we can work for a world of compassion, peace, and justice. This Tuesday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m. at Catholic Charities (721 N. LaSalle), there will be an "On the Table" presentation about **"Better Health through Housing."** * On Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room, there will be a program on **inequities plaguing Chicago public schools**.



Are you planning to run the Chicago Marathon this year? If so, we hope you will join the **Chicago Lights Marathon Team** in support of our nonprofit community outreach arm, Chicago Lights. * Another running—and walking!—opportunity will take place on Saturday, June 1, when the Racial Equity Council will be raising funds for **antiracism work** through the GospelRun. Walkers and runners are needed as are donations in support of them.



Calendar for May 12–19, 2019

Sunday, May 12	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joe Morrow preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, May 13.	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
Tuesday, May 14.	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation	Stone Chapel
	8:00 a.m. “Better Health through Housing”	Catholic Charities
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>)	Anderson Hall
	6:00 p.m. Books by Women	Bumpus Room
	7:00 p.m. Meditation	Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, May 15	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	7:15 p.m. “Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood	Boyle Conference Room
Thursday, May 16.	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
Friday, May 17	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Laura Perkett, soprano/oboe	Buchanan Chapel
	7:30 p.m. Fourth Church Choral Society Spring Concert.	Sanctuary
Saturday, May 18	9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Day School Open House	Day School Classroom B / Playground
	10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy	Parish House Dining Room
	7:30 p.m. Bella Voce	Buchanan Chapel
Sunday, May 19	8:00 a.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
	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 J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	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
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching	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 and by email: subscribe at 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, June 9 or July 14 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 (subscribe online at 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) 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 23.

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).

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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