



Sixth Sunday of Easter

We Approach God

Gathering Music

***Call to Worship**

Who are we, gathering in this place?

Disciples of the Christ.

Why are we here?

To journey on the Way.

Where does this Way take us?

To the knowledge—in our heads and in our hearts—that death is not victorious.

That God—Creator, Christ, and Spirit—is in all, is with all, is of all!

And how do we follow this Way?

By loving God. By loving our neighbor. By loving ourselves.

This is our purpose.

This is our Way. Thanks be to God!

* 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.

***Opening Song** “Will You Come and Follow Me”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**This week we have heard whispers of your grace
and we have not always listened.**

**Those whispers have come from unlikely places,
and our ears were stopped because of our heart walls.**

Those whispers have challenged us in ways we prefer not to think about.

Those whispers call us to places that look too different, too risky, too unsafe.

For our selective hearing we ask your forgiveness, Lord.

**But this last week we have also heard and noticed songs of grace that have stayed with us
in the unexpected warmth of a friend,**

in the unlooked-for kindness of strangers,

**in random beauty—heard, seen, tasted, smelled, felt—
known in the deep places.**

And for those songs we are grateful.

We choose this morning to be carriers of goodness and grace. 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.

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*congregation sings the antiphon*) Psalm 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations on earth.

ANTIPHON: May God be gracious and bless us. May God's face shine upon us.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.
May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

ANTIPHON: May God be gracious and bless us. May God's face shine upon us.

Scripture Acts 16:9–15

Sermon *Abbi Heimach-Snipes*

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)*

Active God, you make yourself known to us in
serendipitous encounters,
inner workings of our hearts,
goose bumps on our arms.

May we be more open to finding you as you seek to find us,
do what it takes to help us orient our lives so that we can hear you,
and in finding you, may we respond to your call with hope, with faithfulness, and courage.
Amen.

*Closing Song "We Will Go Out with Joy"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes Pastoral Resident

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Nancy Jacobs Lay Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

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.



In addition to our 4:00 p.m. jazz Communion service, we also **come together as a worshipping community** on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary at 8:00 a.m. (Communion) and 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. ✨ If you are interested in serving as a greeter to welcome Jazz at Four or 11:00 a.m. worshipers, please let us know! ✨ On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer** to pray for members and those in need.



Next Sunday will be the last Sunday **Abbi Heimach-Snipes** and **Shawn Fiedler** will be with us. Abbi, after three years with us as a pastoral resident, has accepted a call to serve as associate rector at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Oak Park. We will celebrate her at the June 2 fellowship gathering that follows Jazz at Four. ✨ Shawn Fiedler, who has been with us as Ministerial Associate for Worship, will be moving to Boston for his partner's new job. We will have time to express our gratitude to Shawn during morning Coffee Hour on June 2.



If you are away over the summer, it is easy to **make pledge contributions online** at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or by clicking on the "To Make a Gift" button on the Fourth Church website). ✨ We also encourage you to bookmark the Fourth Church website (www.fourthchurch.org) and our pages on Facebook and Instagram (@FourthChurch) to **stay in touch** with us and keep up to date on news, photos of church life, favorite quotes from sermons, information about upcoming events, and much more!



Summer Sunday School begins next Sunday, June 2 (continuing through July 28) at 9:30 a.m. only. ✨ On our calendar of summer children's activities is our **Family Night Drive-In Movie** at the church on Friday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m. ✨ Registration is also open for **Vacation Bible School**, which this summer takes us to ancient Greece with the Apostle Paul, on the mornings of August 5–9.



A Fourth Church contingent will be expressing our support of the LBGQTQIA 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 30. ✨ **A Stonewall celebration** will take place next Sunday, June 2 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.



Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2019 are asked to send their names to Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, June 10 to be included in the bulletin on Sunday, June 16, which is **Baccalaureate Sunday**. * While Sunday youth groups are taking a break until September, we are actively **recruiting adult volunteers** to help with various youth leadership roles in the coming school year, from Sunday youth group and Confirmation Circle leaders to retreat and lock-in chaperones. The deadline to sign up is this Friday, May 31.



Two options for those who would like to enrich their faith include **Men's Bible study** on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:30 a.m. and the **Horizons Bible study** for women on Wednesday, June 12 at 12:00 p.m. (See the sign-up page to RSVP for either of these Bible studies!)



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. * Rob Koon will talk about **"Art in the Life of Fourth Church"** at the June 7 dinner program of Cornerstones (*registration required by June 5*). * **Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan. * Robert Jordan, former news anchor and reporter for WGN and author of the new book *Murder in the News*, will present at **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, June 8 at 8:00 a.m. See the sign-up page to RSVP.



Are you looking for ways to become involved in addressing important issues? There are a variety of opportunities to do so! You can walk, run, or support the **GospelRun** this Saturday, June 1, through which the Racial Equity Council will be raising funds for antiracism work. * If you are planning to run the Chicago Marathon this year, the **Chicago Lights Marathon Team** invites you to join them in supporting our nonprofit community outreach arm, Chicago Lights. * We are in need of individuals to wrap silverware, help cook, or serve food for our **Meals Ministry Sunday Night Suppers**. * A **spring snack drive** is underway as well. Individually packaged snacks and fruit cups can be dropped off at Coffee Hour or delivered to the attention of Fourth Church Meals Ministry.



You can also support the work of Chicago Lights in a variety of ways, including by purchasing produce through the **Urban Farm's Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) subscription service**, which begins June 7. * The six-week **Summer Day** program needs volunteers to work with students at the church; one-session orientations will be held Thursdays, June 12 at 3:00 p.m. and June 20 at 6:00 p.m. * Individuals are also needed to serve on the **Gala of Hope Committee**, to share talents and connections in support this Chicago Lights and Replogle Center fundraising benefit. (See the sign-up page for details about these opportunities!)



Do you like to knit or crochet? **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet this Tuesday, May 28 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 4F for fellowship and to drop off completed items and to pick up yarn and material for new projects. * No sewing experience is needed for those who want to join **Benevolent Guild**, which will meet on Wednesday, May 29, to create handmade stuffed animals for children in hospitals and shelters and taggies for infants in the NICU at Lurie Children's Hospital.

Calendar for May 26–June 2, 2019

- Sunday, May 26** 4:00 p.m. **Jazz at Four • Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching** . . Buchanan Chapel
 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
- Monday, May 27** *Church office closed in observance of Memorial Day*
 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities
- Tuesday, May 28** 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel
 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
 4:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting Room 4F
 7:00 p.m. Meditation Boyle Conference Room
- Wednesday, May 29** 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild. Room 5B
 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
- Thursday, May 30** . . . 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
Ascension of the Lord
- Friday, May 31** 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Mary Pan, organ Sanctuary
- Sunday, June 2** 8:00 a.m. **Worship • Matt Helms 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
 9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School. Borwell Dining Room
 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
 12:15 p.m. Stonewall Celebration Borwell Dining Room
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Abbi Heimach-Snipes 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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