



Gathering

Gathering Music “America the Beautiful” *Katherine Lee Bates and Samuel A. Ward*
“This Is My Country”. *Curtis Mayfield*

Greeting

*Opening Responses

Leader: We gather in the presence of God,

People: in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

Leader: We come to God, for God comes to us in Jesus,

People: and God knows what being human is like.

Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

People: we come with our hopes and with our fears.

Leader: We come as we are, because God has invited us,

People: and God has promised never to turn us away.

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.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song**

“This Is My Song”

Please note

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Compassionate and gentle God,
you have created us in love to be your people.
As we pause in prayer, we are reminded
that we have lost sight of this gift
and perhaps have forgotten how to really love you.
We have put our faith in the riches of this world,
impressed ourselves with misguided power,
and looked for help and direction in the wrong places.
Send your Spirit to come and breathe its presence into us.
Remake us in your image once again.
We pray these things in the name
of the One who rose from the grave. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Song** "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace". *Lucy Smith*

Welcome

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 13 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Will you forgive me? Did you forget me? When life is heavy, do you lift it with me?**

Leader: How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long shall I have perplexity in my mind
and grief in my heart, day after day?
How long shall my enemy triumph over me?
Look upon me and answer me, O God, my God.
Give light to my eyes,
lest I sleep in death;
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed,"
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Will you forgive me? Did you forget me? When life is heavy, do you lift it with me?**

Leader: But I put my trust in your mercy;
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
I will sing to you, O God, for dealing with me richly;
I will praise the Name of God Most High.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Will you forgive me? Did you forget me? When life is heavy, do you lift it with me?**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1–14 (*Old Testament, page 17*)

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music "Power and the Glory" *Phil Ochs*

***Doxology** *Lucy Smith*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

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.

Sanctus *Lucy Smith*

The Communion

Communion Music "God Has Smiled on Me" *Isaiah Jones Jr.*

Closing Responses

Leader: May Christ's food be in our souls;

People: may our food be shared like his.

Leader: May Christ's life be in our hands;

People: may our lives be shaped by his.

Leader: May Christ's love be in our hearts;

People: may our love be warmed by his.

Leader: May Christ's peace be on our path;

People: may our path follow his. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song**

"Lift Every Voice
and Sing"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, 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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Worship

Our weekly Jazz at Four service will return outdoors on Sundays, August 13 and September 3 at 4:00 p.m. Come join us then—and also any other Sunday, when we gather for jazz worship in the Sanctuary with the Lucy Smith Quartet!

Our Communion table cloth contains painted handprints from members of this worshipping community. The handprints are different shades of green—the liturgical color of the Season of Ordinary Time—symbolizing growth and change.

The new “I Am” banners in the Sanctuary were made for the liturgical season of Ordinary Time by Vicky Curtiss. In the literature racks is a brochure explaining them, with accompanying prayers.

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

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Sacred Pause meditative silence, which will not meet this week, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel and will resume on Tuesday, July 11.

A candlelit service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. Friday, July 28 will be our next opportunity to gather for this contemplative time of song, prayer, and meditation.

News and Resources

Today is Hardy Kim’s last Sunday with us, as he prepares to move to Sunnyvale, California, where he has been called to serve as Pastor and Head of Staff of Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. Please join us following worship today for a reception in Hardy’s honor, during which we will have time to thank Hardy for his ministry among us and wish him and his family Godspeed.

Inquirers’ Class offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church and Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Sunday, July 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating as well as in the pew racks. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry.

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 www.fourthchurch.org).

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

The Fourth Church offices are closed this Monday and Tuesday.

It couldn’t be easier to share your church with friends: whether it’s an invitation to enjoy a free Friday outdoor summer concert in the courtyard, a thought-provoking quote from a sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, or fun pictures of life at Fourth Church, you will find all on our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch). Why not share at least one with friends?



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Daily devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

Weekly Seeds, a Sunday women's Bible study, is on hiatus until the fall.

Horizons Bible Study, a monthly Bible study for women, meets next Wednesday, July 12 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 4J.

Men's Book Club will discuss *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil de Grasse Tyson on Monday, July 24 at 7:30 a.m. in the Randolph Room.

Men's Bible Study next meets Tuesday, July 18 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults meets each summer Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach for a fun evening of beach volleyball. On Sundays they come together for a weekly Sunday Gathering time of discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

For ways to connect with the community of Fourth Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/community

Children, Youth, and Family

Our Day School preschool program has openings for the 2017–18 school year. For details, call Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

Outdoor Family Movie Nights continue this Thursday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m. on the Day School playground (or, in case of rain, in the Bumpus Room). They take place each Thursday evening in July.

Youth who are entering eighth grade this coming school year are invited to register for Confirmation, which begins in September and continues through April. Sign up at www.fourthchurch.org/youth/confirmation.html

Those who will be in college this fall are invited to participate in a mission trip to Mexico to build cisterns in Yucatan over Christmas break (December 26 to January 2). Register by Thursday, August 31 at www.bit.ly/fpcmexico17

Summer Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Vacation Bible School—which this year will take us back to ancient Rome as we travel with the Apostle Paul, learning about God's love for us and about our call to be disciples—will be held the mornings of August 7–11. Register online at www.bit.ly/fpcvbs17.

Youth and their families will go camping Labor Day weekend, September 1–3, at Warren Dunes State Park in Michigan. For details or to sign up (space is limited), go to www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

Volunteers Needed

Liturgists to read scripture during Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. services

Taizé greeters and liturgists on the fourth Friday of the month

Shower Ministry greeters (men) for a rotating schedule on Tuesdays between 1:15 and 4:00 p.m.

Urban Farm volunteers on Saturdays during open volunteer hours, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Farm (444 W. Chicago)

Farm Camp volunteers to work with youth in grades 1–8 at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Thursday afternoons, July 6 to August 10 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; for information, email Allie Williams at awilliams@chicagolights.org

To sign up—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Music by the Fountain—our series of free outdoor concerts over the lunch hour on Fridays in July and August—begins this Friday, July 7 with jazz vocalist Libby York performing in the courtyard at 12:10 p.m.

Rhonda Nass, whose artwork is on exhibition in the Loggia, will talk about the show and demonstrate her art technique on Sunday, July 16 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Mission and Outreach

Our mission trip travelers to Guatemala departed yesterday for a time of work and learning with our brothers and sisters in that country. Please keep them all in your prayers in the week ahead.

Fresh produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available for purchase in a variety of ways: during Coffee Hour next Sunday, July 9; on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Farmstand (444 W. Chicago); and through the Community-Supported Agriculture program. For more information, visit www.bit.ly/clcsa2017

A mission trip to China, led by Fourth Church member Linda VanderWeele the week of September 23–30, is being offered through Opportunity International. Register by Monday, July 3. For details, contact Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Shares voucher booklets—which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a grocery store or restaurant—are available by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

The Chicago Lights Dance Academy's summer program begins this Wednesday, July 5 at the church and continues with four weeks of daily dance classes.

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" 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 and a bulletin for children, 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 and includes a light meal. Attend Sunday, July 9 or Sunday, August 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For membership information, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) 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 Hardy Kim (hkim@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 July 23.

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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