



Gathering

Gathering Music "Another Star" Stevie Wonder
"All the Things You Are" Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II

Greeting

*Opening Responses

Leader: May your way be known everywhere, God.

**All: In the hidden places of our hearts;
in the comfort of our homes;
in every corner of our world;
in the farthest reaches of creation.**

Leader: You transform us; you heal our lives;
you renew the earth and every creature.

All: Let our praise for you shake the rafters with songs of joy!

* 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** “Make a Joyful Noise to God!”

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Prayer of Confession

All: God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways.
We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns
and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing.
We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult
and quick to question your presence and your power.

Forgive us.

(Please hold silence.)

Leader: Holy One, grant us patience to wait for your good timing.

All: Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives—
to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it.
And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience,
trusting in your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.
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 67 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: May God be merciful to us and bless us,
and may God's face shine down upon us.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
your deliverance among all nations.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God be gracious and bless us. May God's face shine upon us.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
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 upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God be gracious and bless us. May God's face shine upon us.**

Leader: The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us a blessing.
May God give us a blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God be gracious and bless us. May God's face shine upon us.**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:1–15 (*Old Testament, page 40*)

Sermon *Nanette Sawyer*

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

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.

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

Offertory Music "Nature Boy" *Eden Ahbez*

***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!

Sanctus *Lucy Smith*

The Communion

Communion Music "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" *Andrae Crouch*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God, mark us with grace and blessing!
Let our lives reflect your light and your goodness,
so that the way in which we live might bring others
to an awareness of your presence and your love.
Teach us to trust you with our whole heart
and to praise you in every circumstance,
so that your grace and mercy might reach out through us
to the entire world. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “O God, Who Gives Us Life”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Lesley Conzelman	Lay Liturgist
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

Sacred Pause meditative silence is offered Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

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.

This Friday a candlelit Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month. Prior to this contemplative time of meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection, there will be a labyrinth available in Anderson Hall for walking between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is also available for walking this week on Monday and Tuesday between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., on Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Our next outdoor Jazz at Four service will be on Sunday, September 3.

The “I Am” banners were made for the liturgical season of Ordinary Time by Vicky Curtiss. In the literature racks is a brochure explaining them.

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.

News and Resources

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. When completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Fourth Church is abuzz with activity this summer!

The programs, opportunities, outreach, and services that fill our campus on summer weekdays—from Meals Ministry Bag Lunches to Center for Life and Learning exercise classes to the Grief Support Group—depend on the generous summer giving of members and friends. Gifts can be made at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving or placed in the offering. Thank you for your support!

Alex Wirth will be joining our pastoral staff on

September 5 for a two-year term as Minister for Evangelism. So he might have flexibility in helping us think about how to define the Associate Pastor for Evangelism position in the future, he will not be eligible for that role. Alex will also serve as the primary pastoral presence at the Jazz at Four service while he is with us.

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life and keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.

What can we do about systemic racism?

As we explore how we might address issues of systemic racism, we invite you to take part in a training workshop that will be held at Fourth Church on Saturday, September 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org.



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Men's Book Club meets on Monday, August 28 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room to begin the first of a two-part discussion of *An American Sickness* by Elisabeth Rosenthal.

Yoga Nidra, an opportunity to create a meditative healing space at the intersection of sleeping and waking, will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. For fee details and to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

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 Sunday, September 10 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.

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

Music and the Arts

The final Music by the Fountain free outdoor concert of the season will be this Friday at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard, featuring the music of vocalist Elaine Dame.

The Fourth Church Choral Society invites all who like to sing to join them on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. for their first weekly rehearsal preparing music by Bach, Handel, and Vivaldi for a November 10 concert.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Shopping bags—large-size, from grocery or department stores—for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry

Individually wrapped snack items for Meals Ministry bag lunches; (label donations "Meals Ministry")

Sunday School teachers (*in rotating teams*) for 9:30 a.m. (third grade) and 11:00 a.m. (three- and four-year-old class; fourth- and fifth-grade)

Greeters and liturgists for the Taizé service on the fourth Friday of the month

Ushers for the Jazz at Four service

Donations can be left at the reception desk. To sign up—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (rcrouch@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.

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, meets on Friday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and a program—presented by professional storyteller Anne Shimojima—on the impact World War II incarceration had on Japanese American families. RSVP (*required*) to Carol Allerton (312.640.5448; callerton@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, August 30.

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

Children, Youth, and Family

“We Play Together,” an interactive class for parents and their children ages eighteen to twenty-four months (by September 1), will be offered by the Day School on Tuesdays from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., September through June. To sign up (*enrollment is limited*) or for more information, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; khager@fourthchurch.org).

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

Confirmation registration is open for youth entering eighth grade. High school students wishing to make a profession of faith are also invited to participate in this program, which begins in September. Sign up online at www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc

Sunday School does not meet in August. Families are encouraged to have their children worship with them in the Sanctuary. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day weekend, with the Children, Youth, and Family Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 10.

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. Details and a registration form are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcmexico17info

Mission and Outreach

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday afternoon, August 22 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.

Fresh, local produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available for purchase on Saturdays at the Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and through the Community-Supported Agriculture program (for details, visit www.bit.ly/clcsa2017).

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 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

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. Attend Sundays, September 10, October 8, or November 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. 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 Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.274.3815 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 Nancy Davis (ndavis@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 August 27.

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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