



Gathering Music "Wildflower" Wayne Shorter
"Amazing Grace" John Newton



Psalter Psalm 80:7–15 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Restore us, God! Let your face shine that we may be saved.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;
it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the river.
Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Restore us, God! Let your face shine that we may be saved.**

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Restore us, God! Let your face shine that we may be saved.**

* 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.

Meditation *Alex Wirth*

***Song of Praise** "God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

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We Grow Tangled

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7 (Old Testament, page 596)

Meditation Alex Wirth

Litany of Confession

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

God tills our soil and prunes us into shape with great care.

So let us bring our full selves, all our tangles,
to confession, confident in God's good green thumb.

God of the vineyard, we have twisted ourselves up going for everything we want.

We grow toward water and find it bitter.

Give us living water sourced from you.

We grow toward light but it is artificial.

Show us your full-spectrum shining face.

We set down roots but the soil is thin.

Plant us in the rich depth of your grace and forgiveness.

Tend us well, your wild growing vines, so we might grow wide and fruitful.

Root us in you.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this good news.

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



We Grow Together

***Passing of the Peace through Experiencing Art**

Musical Reflection



We Grow toward Light

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33–46 (New Testament, page 22)

Meditation Alex Wirth

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.



We Bear Fruit

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

Offertory Music "Saving Grace" Bob Dylan

***Doxology** Lucy Smith



We Grow Rooted

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

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 *Lucy Smith*

The Communion

Communion Music "If the Path I Travel" *Margaret E. Barber and Mark Diedrich*

Closing Prayer (*unison*)

We grow as vines.

Created good, in God's image.

We grow tangled.

Wild by nature, we take our own shape.

We grow toward light.

Called toward God, we become ourselves

Still wild but rooted.

Still tangled but growing toward God. Amen.

***Closing Song** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”



***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Alex Wirth	Minister for Evangelism
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Martha Brown	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass 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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News and Opportunities

News and Resources

“Called to Be a Church Alive,” our 2018 Annual Appeal, is underway. Thanks to the generosity of many of you, we are already 37 percent of the way to our goal! If you have not already done so, please submit your pledge by Commitment Sunday, October 29, when we will celebrate what it means to be a loving, serving church alive. Pledges can be submitted online at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge or by using the forms in the pew racks: each and every pledge is vital in supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights.

A congregational meeting has been called by Session for Sunday, October 22 in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. service. At that time, the Senior Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will present, for congregational vote, their recommended candidate for Senior Associate Pastor for Leadership Development and Adult Education.

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, who walks alongside them as a listening presence. The next fifty-hour training course for those interested in becoming Stephen Ministers begins February 3, after which those trained will make a two-year commitment to this ministry of caring. More information is available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministry.html

Worship

A Blessing of the Animals service will be held this Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

The next candlelit Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Friday, October 27.

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

Sacred Pause meditative silence is offered on 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.

We gather for worship each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (with Communion), 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and, for Jazz at Four with Communion, at 4:00 p.m.

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.

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

Together we surpassed our snack goal of 10,000 items!

Many thanks to all who contributed to our September snack challenge: your generous donations resulted in our receiving more than 13,000 items! Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Social Service Center have an ongoing combined need of 5,000 snacks a month for those who are hungry; these 13,000 snacks will sustain those efforts well into November. From Meals Ministry, Chicago Lights, and our guests, thank you!

News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

"Palestine: Unlimited," a photo exhibition, is on display in the Loggia.

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert will be presented by soprano Natalie Mann at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Fellowship

Young Adults, a group for those in their twenties and thirties, meets for a weekly Sunday Gathering time at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Men's Breakfast will meet this Saturday, October 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room. The guest speaker will be Daniel J. Olsen, Director of the Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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

Children, Youth, and Family

Our annual "Pumpkin-Decorating" Family Night will be Friday, October 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. A shared meal will be followed by time for crafts as well as pumpkin painting.

Tunes for Tots, for parents and children up to two years old, meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth groups and Confirmation meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m., with a weekly time for fellowship beforehand at 10:30 a.m.

Choirs for children and youth meet on Sundays in Room 4F: Cherub Choir (age 3–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:00 a.m., and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 10:30 a.m.

Enrichment

Two adult education classes meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.: "The Protestant Reformation," taught by David Nelson in Room 5D, and "Apocalyptic Literature and the Apocalypse of John," taught by Stephen Hall, in Room 5E.

Books by Women will discuss *The Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren this Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study meets this Wednesday, October 11 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H.

Men's Bible Study next meets Tuesday, October 17 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Christian Century Study Group next meets on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"Introduction to Systemic Racism," a one-day workshop, will be offered on Saturday, October 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For fee details and to register, email Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org by October 13.

Linda Loving will talk about her new book, *A New Song to Sing*, which is written for women with breast cancer, at a reception in Anderson Hall on Thursday, October 19 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets Sunday, November 12 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.

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets on Tuesdays, beginning at 7:00 p.m. sharp, in the Boyle Conference Room, with a suggested donation of \$10 per session.

Mission and Outreach

We are grateful to the Marathon Team of Chicago Lights, including Shannon Kershner and more than thirty others, who ran in support of Chicago Lights today. They and those who have supported their efforts raised more than \$60,000 for the church's nonprofit outreach arm. Thank you!

The purple bows on the trees outside the Manse are our annual public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse.

Information about 2018 mission trips to Cuba; to Mexico to build rain cisterns; and to Washington, D.C., with the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism to learn about the history of oppression and resistance is available at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips and also in brochures in the literature racks.

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create gifts for hospitalized children.

Produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available at their Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

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).

Save the date! Our 25th-anniversary Gala of Hope will be held Friday, March 2, 2018, at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Tutors to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program one evening a week at the church

Men's clothing, especially in sizes L, XL, XXL, or XXXL, for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Individuals to staff the Book Nook during the 12:00 noon Sunday Coffee Hour

Greeters for the weekly Jazz at Four service and the fourth Friday Taizé service

Volunteers to assisting areas affected by recent natural disasters

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

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).

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, October 8, November 12, or December 10 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 Alex Wirth (awirth@fourthchurch.org) at 312.981.3399 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 October 22.

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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