



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

### Greeting

### \*Joining Our Voices

*(The congregational responses are in boldface type)*

People of God, do you feel it?

**God's coming creation is beneath our feet.**

Children of God, do you know it?

**God's reconciling love in Christ frees our captive hearts.**

Beloved of God, do you believe it?

**Our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer made this day,  
that we might gather to learn and share this good news.**

\* Stand as you are able

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*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)*

Holy God, in scripture you proclaim to us a new creation  
free of fear, suffering, and sorrow.  
Through your prophets, you call us as partners in building this future.  
And yet so often we refuse the invitation.  
We choose instead to accept false promises and destructive ways.  
We excuse wrongdoing as business as usual.  
We put our own protection over the well-being of all.  
We judge your way of kindness and justice as too burdensome.  
And so we hide our own complicity in the suffering of this world.  
Redeemer God, break open the chains of our closed minds.  
Rescue our imprisoned hearts.  
Redirect our wills until we again seek partnership with you. Amen.

*(Please hold silence.)*

### **God Forgives and Blesses Us**

The Holy Spirit is upon us and has given us this good news.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world! Alleluia! Amen!**

### **\*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**

## We Proclaim the Story

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: God will arise, let enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.  
Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.  
But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.  
Sing to God, sing praises to the Name;  
exalt the one who rides upon the heavens; the Lord is the Name.  
Rejoice before God! Guardian of orphans, defender of widows, God in the holy habitation!  
God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.  
O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,  
the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.  
You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.  
Your people dwell there; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

**ANTIPHON: Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Leader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to God  
who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; who sends forth a voice, a mighty voice.  
Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.  
How wonderful is God in holy places!  
The God of Israel is giving strength and power to the people! Blessed be God!

**ANTIPHON: Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

### Scripture Reading

Acts of the Apostles 16:16–34. . . . . (*New Testament, page 128*)

**Sermon** . . . . . *Joseph L. Morrow*

## **We Offer Ourselves**

### **Musical Reflection**

### **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.

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

### **Offertory Music**

**\*Doxology** . . . . . "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## We Feast Together

### 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** . . . . . "Holy, Holy, Holy"

#### The Communion

#### Communion Music

## We Go Out with Gratitude

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

Compassionate God, revealed in Christ Jesus, with the gift of bread you share with us your suffering body; with the gift of the cup you share with us a covenant of self-giving love. Through this feast you have opened our eyes and kindled our spirits with hope. Help us to respond by offering our whole lives as a gift to you. Strengthen us so that, through our faithful witness, our precious and imperiled world will know true freedom and abundance. Amen.

**\*Sending Song** . . . . . “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Joseph L. Morrow</b>	Minister for Evangelism
<b>Abbi Heimach-Snipes</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Cathy Flaa</b>	Lay Liturgist
<b>Musicians</b>	Allison Orobia, 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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**CHURCH**  
*A Light in the City*

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## News and Opportunities

### News and Resources

**Inquirers' Class** will be offered next Sunday, August 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. This one-session class, a prerequisite for membership, offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. Class attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day. For details or membership information, contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).

**To recommend for the offices** of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board any Fourth Church members—or yourself—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please use the forms available in the pew racks and also online at [www.bit.ly/fpcnominating](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating); 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 more than fill our campus on summer weekdays—from Vacation Bible School to Meals Ministry Bag Lunches to Center for Life and Learning exercise classes—depend on the generous summer giving of members and friends. Gifts can be made online at [www.bit.ly/FPCgiving](http://www.bit.ly/FPCgiving) or placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support!

**Individuals experiencing life challenges** can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, who walks alongside them as a listening presence. Learn more online at [www.fourthchurch.org/caring](http://www.fourthchurch.org/caring)

**Please take a moment to sign** the pew information pad—whether you are a visitor or a member, whether you have updated contact information to share or whether it is the same—so that we might know you are 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.

**Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:**

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**Please use the recycling baskets** around campus to help us care for creation.

**Bookmark the Fourth Church website—**

[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, photos, and more.

### Fellowship

**Young Adults group** meets next week for their weekly Sunday Gathering at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Each summer Monday, they also meet at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach for a fun evening of volleyball.

**It couldn't be easier to share your church with friends:**

whether it's an invitation to enjoy a free Friday outdoor concert in the courtyard this August, 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](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)).

Why not share at least one with friends?



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### Worship

**“A Spirit Revolution,”** our summer sermon series on the Acts of the Apostles, invites us to widen our imaginations about what God might do through us as individuals and as a church. Next week’s sermon will be on “Starting the Church in Thessalonica” (Acts 17:1–9 and 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10).

**Sacred Pause meditation**, a time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is held 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 join staff in prayer for Fourth Church members and those in need.

**Devotions** written by both Fourth Church members and staff are available daily via email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)); at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); and in booklets in the literature racks.

### Children, Youth, and Family

**Registration for eighth grade Confirmation** and the fall Confirmation retreat are due by September 1.

For details and registration, go to [bit.ly/8thconf](http://bit.ly/8thconf)

**Vacation Bible School** children will journey back in time with the Old Testament prophets to visit ancient Babylon each morning this week.

**Those who supported the youth’s summer trips** to Cuba, Detroit, and Montreat are invited to hear the students share their experience. Join them following 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, August 26. A light lunch will be served. RSVP to Rocky Supinger at [rsupinger@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rsupinger@fourthchurch.org)

**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 9.

**Our Day School preschool program** has openings for the 2018–19 school year. Contact Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

### Music and the Arts

**Gerald Griffin’s collection of paintings** are on display in the Loggia through Labor Day.

**Jazz singer Laura Freeman** will present this week’s outdoor Music by the Fountain concert this Friday, August 10 at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

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### Enrichment

**The Tuesday meditation group** meets this Tuesday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room.

**Men's Bible Study** next meets on Tuesday, August 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

**Horizons Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday, August 8 for their study on *Clothed with the Sun* by Joyce Hollyday at 12:00 noon in Room 5H.

**An information session** for the new men's discussion series on the Gospels will be offered on August 15 at 6:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For more information, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

### Volunteers/Donations Needed

**Individually packaged salty snack items**, such as chips and pretzels, for the Meals Ministry Bag Lunches

**T-shirts**, sizes XL and larger, for guests of the Social Service Center

**Adult-sized men's and women's socks** for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

**Walker with a seat**

**Shower Ministry greeters** (men) for rotating Tuesday schedule (1:15–4:00 p.m.)

**Ushers** for the 8:00 a.m. service

**Greeters** for the 4:00 p.m. 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).*

### Mission and Outreach

**Women at Fourth's School Supply Drive continues.**

For a list of additional materials needed by next Sunday, August 12 and other volunteer opportunities, visit [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) or email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Fresh produce is available** from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm's Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Visit [bit.ly/2nDjvSL](http://bit.ly/2nDjvSL) to sign up for weekly produce shares—which include eggs and fruits—through the Farm's Community Supported Agriculture program.

**The Urban Farm's Community Farm Day** will be held this Saturday, August 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (444 W. Chicago).

**Fourth Church's Sunlight Project**, which works to end sex trafficking, will host a training session on Wednesday, August 15 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 4G. RSVP at [volunteer@selahfreedom.com](mailto:volunteer@selahfreedom.com)

**Voter registration** will be offered on Sunday, August 19 during morning Coffee Hour for those who have not registered or whose name or address has changed. Two forms of ID will be required: one with name and current address and a second ID with name.

## 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" or "T-coil" 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, 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](http://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](mailto: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, August 12, September 9, or October 14 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 Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3399) or go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org)).

**If you are interested in considering baptism or membership** at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Church, please contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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 August 26 or September 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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