



Fifth Sunday of Easter

We Approach God

Gathering Music

***Call to Worship**

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song—

let our joy be complete!

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song—

love one another!

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song—

no longer servants but friends!

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

let us rejoice in the friendship of 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.

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of all people, we sometimes think we can see from your point of view.
But we too easily exclude people, hold grudges, and nurse contempt,
all the while hiding ourselves for fear that we too would be found wanting.
We think we are justified because we are made holy by your love,
and we assume holiness means being more like us.
We forget, or never really knew,
that all you touch is holy, and that you created all that is.
So when we exclude, we exclude you.
When we hold grudges, we hate you.
When we show contempt, we are contemptuous of those you love.
May we be made holy in truth, loving as you love,
seeing all people as you see them,
as your beloveds, created in your own image.

(Please hold silence.)

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 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,
who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law which shall not pass away.

ANTIPHON: Praise the name of the Lord, whose splendor is over earth and heaven!

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
young men and maidens, old and young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON: Praise the name of the Lord, whose splendor is over earth and heaven!

Scripture. Acts 11:1–18

Sermon "How Can We Be Church with Differing Political Views?". Nanette Sawyer

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*)

Holy God, we have come as friends to your table.

You have given us your very self in the form of bread and cup.

Receive now our grateful hearts;

bless and send us into your world, filled with your grace and peace. Amen.

***Closing Song** "Help Us Accept Each Other"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor
Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism
Aaron Lawlor 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.



Today is **Dedication Commemoration Sunday** at Fourth Presbyterian Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May. On Sunday, May 10, 1914, the Fourth Church congregation worshiped in the Michigan Avenue Sanctuary for the first time, having moved from its smaller facility on Rush at Superior. A series of dedicatory services were held the remainder of that week, and later that month, the new Sanctuary and Parish House buildings were host to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, including the assembly's communion service attended by more than 1,800 worshipers.



Today is also **"Leave a Legacy" Sunday**. The generations that have gone before us left a vibrant legacy, not only in the bricks and mortar of the Sanctuary and Parish House buildings but also in the financial foundation from which we carry forth our ministry. It was the \$25,000 that remained after the completion of the 1914 building project that began the Fourth Church endowment fund. ✱ Just as we carry on the work of the church today, so too we are committed to passing on the legacy of that ministry for future generations. We invite you to learn more from Barlow Nelson, of the Legacy Society Committee, in Allison Hall following worship this afternoon or by contacting Stuart Jamieson, Major and Planned Giving Officer (sjamieson@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2578).



As we recognize **those who serve in leadership roles** here at Fourth Church, we give thanks for the ongoing ministry of **Shannon Kershner**, who five years ago, on May 18, 2014—on the centennial celebration of this Sanctuary—preached her first sermon as Pastor of Fourth Church. We look forward to continuing our discipleship journey side by side! ✱ We also give thanks for the ministry of **Abbi Heimach-Snipes**, who after three years with us as a pastoral resident will this summer become associate rector at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Oak Park. Abbi's last Sunday with us will be June 2, when we will celebrate her at the fellowship gathering that follows Jazz at Four that day. ✱ June 2 will also be the last Sunday **Shawn Fiedler** will be with us as Ministerial Associate for Worship, as he 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.



For details, go to www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up

In addition to our Sunday morning services and Jazz at Four, we also come together as a worshipping community on Wednesdays for **Morning Prayer** to pray for members and those in need. * If you are interested in **serving as a greeter** to welcome Jazz at Four or 11:00 a.m. worshipers, please let us know!



Next Sunday, we will welcome **Father Elias Chacour** as our guest preacher at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Father Chacour, author of *Blood Brothers*, is internationally known for his work for reconciliation between Palestinians and Jews. * Our **“Big Questions” sermon series**—which this week asks “How can we be church with differing political views?”—will resume on June 2, when we consider “Will we recognize each other in heaven?” * This Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. we gather for our monthly candlelit **Taizé service**, with opportunity to take part in a **labyrinth walk** beforehand.



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 so that they can be included in the bulletin on Sunday, June 16, which is **Baccalaureate Sunday**. * As we look ahead to fall programming for the 2019–2020 year, when youth Sunday programs will resume, we are in need of **adult leaders for junior and senior high programs**, whether as chaperones for retreats or to assist with Sunday morning youth groups or Confirmation circles.



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. There will be a LGBTQIA Brunch next Sunday, May 26. * This Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m., **Women at Fourth** will hold a program on contemplative prayer. * 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).



If you are looking for ways to become involved in addressing the important issues of our day, we invite you to attend a program this Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room on **inequities plaguing Chicago public schools**. * You can also walk, run, or support the GospelRun on Saturday, June 1, through which the Racial Equity Council will be raising funds for **antiracism work**.



The Presbytery Assembly will be meeting here this Tuesday, May 21, and to help us host we need more volunteers that day between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. * We are also looking for individuals to wrap silverware for our **Meals Ministry Sunday Night Suppers**. * Also needed are individuals to share their talents and connections as part of the **2020 Gala of Hope Committee**, to support this Chicago Lights and Replogle Center fundraising benefit.



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Calendar for May 19–26, 2019

Sunday, May 19	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, May 20	9:00 a.m. Day School (also Tues.–Fri.).	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper.	Catholic Charities
Tuesday, May 21.	7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	see sign-up page to RSVP
	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation	Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (also Wed.–Thurs.)	Anderson Hall
	4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Presbytery Assembly	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m. Inequities in Education Funding.	Bumpus Room
	7:00 p.m. Meditation	Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, May 22	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer.	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild.	Room 5B
Thursday, May 23.	5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth: Contemplative Prayer.	Bumpus Room
Friday, May 24.	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Heinrich Christensen, organ	Sanctuary
	6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk	Anderson Hall
	7:30 p.m. Taizé	Buchanan Chapel
Sunday, May 26.	8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith 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 • Father Elias Chacour preaching.	Sanctuary
	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. LGBTQIA Brunch.	meet at Reception
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

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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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