



Seventh Sunday of Easter

We Approach God

Gathering Music

***Call to Worship**

Way beyond all journeying,
truth behind all mystery, life within all living—

we praise you!

Salve for every soreness,
mender of every brokenness,
midwife of a better future—

we praise you!

Ground of all being, judge of all nations,
conscience of the universe—

we praise you!

Maker, redeemer, confessor, companion,
befriender, inspirer, God beyond all names—

we praise you!

* 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.

***Opening Song** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Holy One, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we often remain silent.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by.
Forgive us, O God. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*congregation sings the antiphon*). Psalm 97

The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness surround the Lord, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne. Fire goes before the Lord, burning up enemies on every side. Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

ANTIPHON: May God be gracious and bless us. May God's face shine upon us.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord, and all the peoples see your glory. Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the Lord, all you gods. Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.

ANTIPHON: May God be gracious and bless us. May God's face shine upon us.

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. You who love the Lord, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked. Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.

ANTIPHON: May God be gracious and bless us. May God's face shine upon us.

Scripture Revelation 21:1–6

Sermon “Will We Recognize Each Other in Heaven?” Abbi Heimach-Snipes
Part of the “Big Questions” sermon series

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”

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.

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

*Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

You are making all things new heavenly Creator.
O how we long for your restoration.
O how we wait for your healing.
O how we hope for this newness.
For our eyes may be crying
and our bodies may be aching,
but in the promise of your new heaven
we still know that death will be no more
and your hope is alive!
Praise God! Alleluia! Amen.

***Closing Song** “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes Pastoral Resident

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Samme Orwig 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.



In addition to our 4:00 p.m. jazz Communion service, we also **come together as a worshipping community** on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary at 8:00 a.m. (Communion) and 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (If you are interested in serving as a greeter to welcome Jazz at Four or 11:00 a.m. worshipers, please let us know!) ✱ On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer** to pray for members and those in need. ✱ Our **"Big Questions" sermon series**—in which we consider questions submitted by the congregation earlier this year—continues today with "Will we recognize each other in heaven?" Next week, on Pentecost, we will ask "What's the deal with the Holy Spirit?"



Today is **Abbi Heimach-Snipes'** last day with us, as she has accepted a call to serve as associate rector at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Oak Park. Abbi has been our Pastoral Resident for three years, working as the primary pastoral leader for the TwentiesThirties young adult group as well as serving as a key worship team member for the Jazz at Four community. We will have a special time of fellowship, sponsored by the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee, after this service to thank Abbi and wish her Godspeed in her journey.



Today is also **Shawn Fiedler's** last Sunday with us, as he prepares to move back to Boston, where his partner has accepted a new position. As Ministerial Associate for Worship, Shawn has been supporting the worship life of Fourth Church since 2017, including being an integral presence at all four Sunday worship services. Coffee Hour was sponsored this morning by the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee in honor of Shawn to thank him for all that his ministry among us has meant and to wish him Godspeed in the next chapter of his journey.



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 next Monday, June 10 so they might be included in the bulletin on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 16.



If you are away over the summer, it is easy to make pledge gifts online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or by clicking on the "To Make a Gift" button on the Fourth Church website). ✱ We also encourage you to bookmark the Fourth Church website (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@FourthChurch) to **stay in touch** with us and keep up to date on news, photos of church life, favorite quotes from sermons, information about upcoming events, and much more!



Among the options for those who would like to enrich their faith are **Men's Bible study** this Tuesday, June 4 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop (*registration via our sign-up page is required*) and the monthly **Horizons Bible study** for women on Wednesday, June 12 at 12:00 p.m.



Summer Sunday School began today and continues through July 28 at 9:30 a.m. only. * Children are always welcome to worship with their parents; be sure to ask an usher for a children's bulletin! * On our calendar of summer children's activities is our **Family Night Drive-In Movie** at the church on Friday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m., featuring *Toy Story 3*. * Registration is also open for **Vacation Bible School**, which this summer takes us to ancient Greece with the Apostle Paul, on the mornings of August 5–9.



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. * Rob Koon will talk about "Art in the Life of Fourth Church" at a Friday, June 7 dinner program of **Cornerstones** (*registration required by this Wednesday, June 5*). * Robert Jordan, former news anchor and reporter for WGN and author of the new book *Murder in the News*, will present the program at **Men's Breakfast** this Saturday, June 8 at 8:00 a.m. * **Books by Women** meets Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss Jennifer Egan's *Manhattan Beach*. * A Fourth Church contingent will express our support of the LGBTQIA community by walking with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches—of which Fourth Church is a partner—in the **Chicago Pride Parade** on Sunday, June 30.



Our Fourth Church **Meals Ministry** program could use your help! * We are in need of individuals to wrap silverware, help cook, or serve food for our **Sunday Night Suppers**. * We are also in the midst of our **spring snack drive** to collect individually packaged snacks and fruit cups for our weekday Bag Lunch program. Donations can be dropped off at the reception desk or shipped to the church, "Attn: Meals Ministry."



You can also support the work of **Chicago Lights**, our nonprofit community outreach arm, in a variety of ways. * The six-week **Summer Day** program needs volunteers to work with students at the church; one-session orientations will be held Thursdays, June 12 at 3:00 p.m. and June 20 at 6:00 p.m. * Individuals are also needed to serve on the **Gala of Hope Committee**, to share their talents and connections in support of this Chicago Lights and Replogle Center fundraising benefit. * If you are planning to run the Chicago Marathon this year, the **Chicago Lights Marathon Team** invites you to join them in supporting Chicago Lights. (*See the sign-up page for details about these opportunities!*)



Join us for **Encore**—the sixth annual Center for Life and Learning benefit—on Saturday, June 22 at 5:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel! Tenor Cole Seaton will be joined by musical friends for a performance of Broadway songs, after which we will gather for a reception in the Commons. (*Visit the sign-up page for more information and a link to get your tickets online.*)



Calendar for June 2–9, 2019

Sunday, June 2	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching . . . Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Reception for Abbi Allison Library
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
Monday, June 3	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper. <i>Catholic Charities</i>
Tuesday, June 4	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study <i>The Loop</i>
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches Anderson Hall
Wednesday, June 5	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild. Room 5B
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches Anderson Hall
Thursday, June 6	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches Anderson Hall
Friday, June 7	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Jennifer Woodrum, clarinet Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones Borwell Dining Room
Saturday, June 8	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast. Room 4E
Sunday, June 9	8:00 a.m.	Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching Sanctuary
<i>Pentecost</i>	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
	9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class Page Smith Room
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship • Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger preaching . Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Summer Sunday School. Borwel Dining Room
	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
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall

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

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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