



## We Approach God

### **Gathering Music**

### \*Call to Worship

In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

East: What have we to fear?

In the times of uncertainty and fear, God is with us.

West: Of whom shall we be afraid?

Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

All: Let us worship you, O God, who shelters and protects us.

<sup>\*</sup> Please rise in body or spirit

*Opening Song	 	"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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## We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

### **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Everlasting God, we must confess that we have not lived as your people.

We serve all-consuming masters and false gods:

our ambition, wealth, or selfish desires.

There are restless days when these powers seem so menacing.

They keep us from the cries of the poor

and trample on the hopes and dreams of our neighbors.

Forgive us, God of compassion.

Free us from the grasp of these powers.

Make us well that we might make the world a place of justice and joy. 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
<b>Psalter</b> (congregation sings the antiphon)
God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked? Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked."
ANTIPHON
They do not know, neither do they understand;
they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
Now I say to you, "You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince."
Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.
ANTIPHON
Scripture

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'
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## 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	
rayers of the People	
he Lord's Prayer (unison)	
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingd	dom 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	t deliver us from evil.

## **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.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### **Communion Music**

### We Go Out with Gratitude

### \*Litany of Thanksgiving

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

We offer all that we are and all that we shall become. Because our hands were empty and you filled them, our bodies hungered and you fed them, accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise. Amen.

### \*Benediction

### **Sending Music**

### **Worship Leaders**

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Maggie Shreve 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

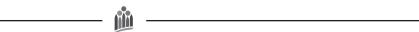
We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! \* Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. \* We invite you to 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.



Our "Big Questions" sermon series—in which we have considered questions submitted by the congregation earlier this year—concludes today with "Is Satan for real?" \* Next Sunday afternoon, July 7 we're taking our weekly Jazz at Four Communion service outdoors to the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Join us by the fountain at 4:00 p.m. that day for a time of worship, the music of the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, and fellowship with one another, all while surrounded by the beauty of summer.



Our summer **Urban Youth Mission program** continues this week as we welcome youth from the First Presbyterian Church of Red Wing, Minnesota, as they join us for a weeklong experience of learning and serving. This Fourth Church UYM program offers youth the opportunity to explore diverse city neighborhoods while performing valuable hands-on service and reflecting on God, faith, and the Christian call to justice.



Did you see the **behind-the-scenes organ tour** we highlighted in our email newsletter and on our website and Facebook last week? John Sherer takes viewers from the mechanics of the blower in the basement to the pipes high above our Sanctuary floor, offering a fascinating look at how this impressive instrument makes its beautiful music. \* If you haven't already, **sign up** for our email newsletter (www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews), bookmark our website (www.fourthchurch.org), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@FourthChurch) to stay up-to-date on the latest from Fourth Church!



Are you looking for ways to serve or to connect with others while volunteering? We are in need of individuals to help cook or serve food for our **Sunday Night Suppers.** \* We also are in need of volunteers to repackage snack items for **Bag Lunches.** For details, see our sign-up page.



**Inquirers' Class** provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which will next be offered on July 14 and is a prerequisite for membership—meets from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Those interested in attending this or a future session may register at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers



The flag hanging over the Sanctuary steps during <b>Gay Pride Week</b> is a public witness to the inclusive hospitality we extend to all and to our welcome of all of God's children into the life of the church.
The <b>events and programs</b> on the Fourth Church calendar are invitations to connect with others here at Fourth Church or in the community. Such opportunities include <b>Men's Bible study</b> on Tuesday, July 16 and <b>Knitting and Crocheting</b> on Tuesday, July 23. * A <b>summer exercise program</b> for adults sixty and olde begins on Monday, July 8 through our Center for Life and Learning ( <i>registration required</i> ).
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Among our learning opportunities in July is <b>Horizons Bible study</b> on Wednesday, July 10. This women's group will be studying the story of Ruth this summer, using the book <i>The Gospel of Ruth: Loving God Enough to Breathe Rules</i> by Carolyn Custis James. * On Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F, our Equitable Education Group is hosting a presentation by Ralph Matire, Executive Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, and Gaby Roman, Policy Director, on <b>fiscal and economic issues that impact Chicago public school funding.</b>
A visit to ancient Greece with the Apostle Paul is on the horizon for our children this summer! <b>Vacation Bible School</b> will take them on a Bible adventure with Paul when we gather the mornings of August 5–9.  Registration is open for preschool children to fifth graders. * <b>Youth volunteers</b> are also needed for this journey about sharing God's immeasurable love.
<b>Spiritual direction</b> —an ongoing conversation between a trained guide and a person seeking self-knowledge and an understanding of what the Spirit invites that person to do with their life—is available through our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. Associate Pastor Vicky Curtiss is also among those who offer spiritual direction. To learn more, contact Vicky ( <i>vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org</i> ).
A <b>Grief Support Group</b> for those experiencing significant losses is also offered by our Replogle Center. For details, call the Center at 312.787.8425. * If you are interested in meeting with a <b>Stephen Minister</b> or know someone experiencing life challenges who would benefit from such a caring relationship, please leave a message on the Stephen Ministry confidential voicemail at 312.573.3365.
Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. * Sacred Pause meditation, a weekly time of silent reflection hostedby the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.
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## Calendar for June 30-July 7, 2019

•	Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, July 1</b> 9:00 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day Gratz Fifth Floor
4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper
Tuesday, July 2 7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day Gratz Fifth Floor
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches Anderson Hall
Wednesday, July 3 9:00 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day Gratz Fifth Floor
9:30 a.m.	Morning PrayerBuchanan Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches Anderson Hall
Thursday, July 4	Church Campus Closed for Independence Day
Friday, July 5	Church Campus Closed
Saturday, July 6	
Sunday, July 7 8:00 a.m.	Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss 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
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Summer Sunday School Borwell 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
	Jazz at Four • Joe Morrow preaching Michigan Ave. Courtyard
5:00 p.m.	

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, July 14 or September 8 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 July 28.

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.