



# We Approach God

#### **Gathering Music**

## \*Call to Worship

Seeking God,

you are the beginning and end of all our searching.

Finding One,

you are the alpha and omega of all discovery.

Asking God,

you are the voice and silence in our exploration.

Giving One,

you are the fullness and the emptiness behind all our yearning.

Persistent God,

you never abandon us or tire of pursuing the good in us.

Receiving One,

as you welcome us, so we welcome you as we worship this day.

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

*Opening Song	 	 "Great God of Every Blessing"

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# We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

#### **Litany of Confession**

We pray to you, our loving Creator, hallowing your name.

Forgive us for the times that we forget who you are—our loving parent, great Redeemer, an ever-present help in times of trouble.

We pray your kingdom come and your will be done.

Forgive us when, in our selfishness, we refuse your reign because of what it might cost us in comfort, and fail to bring your love to those hurting around us.

We pray give us today our daily bread.

Faithful One, forgive us when we fail to trust you with our daily needs and forget where every good and perfect gift comes from.

We pray forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Merciful One, forgive us when our hearts harden toward those who have hurt us and bitterness entraps us.

We pray lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Forgive us when we fall into temptation, doing what we know is unjust.

O God of power and glory, we give thanks that prayer transforms us. May our confession be our proclamation of confidence in you, who continues to renew and redeem us.

Amen.

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

Hear the Good News:

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)
I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.
When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
ANTIPHON
The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.
ANTIPHON
<b>Scripture</b>

# 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	. "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	
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us fron	
For thing is the kingdom and the nower and the glory forever. Amen	

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

## **Communion Music**

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stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.

**The Communion** 

# We Go Out with Gratitude

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God of hope, Bread of life, thank you for providing for us at your table. Where there is injury, send us out as agents of forgiveness. Where there is fear, send us out as agents of peace, until we arrive at your beloved community where earth and heaven are one. Amen.

\*Benediction

**Sending Music** 

## **Worship Leaders**

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Judith L. Watt Associate Pastor

Jaime Murphy 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
<b>Christ,</b> we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. * <b>We invite you to</b>
<b>join us</b> 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.
We're taking our weekly <b>Jazz at Four</b> Communion service outdoors to the Michigan Avenue courtyard on the
first Sundays of August and September: next Sunday, August 4, and September 1. Join us by the fountain at
4:00 p.m. on those Sundays 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.
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If you haven't done so already, <b>sign up</b> for our email newsletter (www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews), bookmark our
website (www.fourthchurch.org), and follow us on <b>Facebook</b> and <b>Instagram</b> (@FourthChurch) to stay
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Our summer <b>Urban Youth Mission</b> program concludes this week as we welcome youth from Harbor View
Presbyterian Church of Charleston, South Carolina, and First Presbyterian Church of Glens Falls, New York.
They are joining us for a weeklong experience of learning and serving as well as a time of reflecting on God,
faith, and the Christian call to justice.
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Next week, our <b>Vacation Bible School</b> will travel to ancient Greece to learn about the Apostle Paul when
we gather the mornings of August 5–9 for a week of learning, crafts, games, and songs! The registration
deadline is Thursday, August 1. * To assist with the journey we also need middle school and high school
youth volunteers. See our sign-up page for more information.
You are invited to support the work of our nonprofit community outreach arm, Chicago Lights, through the
annual <b>Gala of Hope</b> benefit. Mark your calendars now for the 2020 Gala—Friday, March 6, at the Radisson
Blu Aqua—and plan to join us for a fun evening for a good cause!
The events and programs 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> , which will meet on

Tuesdays, August 6 and August 20. *Horizons* Bible study for women will meet on Wednesday, August 14.

See our sign-up page for more information.

Over the summer, a **Strategic Directions task force** is meeting to help discern priorities for the next three to five years of Fourth Church's life together. From all who call this church home they are interested in hearing what areas of our mission or ministry you would want to prioritize and into which of them you would want to invest new energy and imagination. Please join the task force in conversation next Sunday, August 4 at 12:15 p.m. in the Bumpus Room or Sunday, August 11 at 9:45 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. If you are unable to be with us for one of those conversations, the task force would greatly appreciate your emailing to them (priorities@fourthchurch.org) your thoughts about priorities and areas of commitment.



For those looking for arts enrichment, an exhibit of **Wounaan baskets** is on display in the Loggia through September 2. You can learn more about them at a curator presentation next Sunday, August 4 at 12:30 p.m. \* Additionally, our free outdoor concert series, **Music by the Fountain**, continues this Friday noon.



We are in need of individuals to wrap silverware, help cook, or serve food for our **Sunday Night Suppers.** \* **Docents** are needed to give church tours on a rotating basis following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Training will be provided. \* If you are interested in learning more about these or other **volunteer opportunities** at Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382, rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



To recommend for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please use the form available online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating by September 30. The Nominating Committee appreciates your input!



We're just over halfway through the year. Have you made your **2019 pledge to the Annual Appeal**? The church is \$117,000 away from its \$3,274,000 goal, and we need your help. You can make your commitment online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal or by contacting Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org).



**Grief Support Groups** for those experiencing significant loss are offered by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. The next group will meet on Mondays, from August 12 through September 23. Preregistration is required; for more details or to register, please call the Center at 312.787.8425. \* If you are interested in meeting with a **Stephen Minister** 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.



Tuesday Evening Meditation with the Replogle Center is taking a break: there will be no meditation group meeting this week or throughout the month of August. Watch for details about the fall schedule. \* For those who would like to practice meditation this summer, the Center for Life and Learning's Mindful Meditation group invites the wider church community to join them on Monday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

# Calendar for July 28-August 4, 2019

	Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching Buchanan Chapel Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day
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<b>Friday. August 2</b> 9:00 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day Gratz Fifth Floor
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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, September 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. A multi-week class is also offered on Sundays, October 13, 20, and 27 (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 August 25.

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.