



Due to health concerns about the transmission of COVID-19, we are not engaging in congregational singing. During hymns, worshipers are invited to hum along with the soloist if they like.

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (verse 1)
*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

Call to Worship

Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (verse 2)
*’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

* 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.

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We come before you, O God,
with a realization that we are far from you so much of the time.
Even when we try very hard to respond to your call to be your people,
we find ourselves in a distant land.
We strive to be a neighbor to others but find ourselves turning away.
We seek to bring your good news to others
but find ourselves preoccupied with all that is wrong, in this world and in us.
You call us to be people of courage, standing up for justice,
but we shrink back when the going is rough,
making excuses for taking the path of least resistance.
O God, forgive us when we fail you and one another.
Fill us with your remarkable courage,
your unending passion for justice,
your release from all that keeps us bound up.
This is our prayer. This is our trust in you, Most Holy Savior. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn (*congregation is invited to hum*) "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (*verse 5*)

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 8 (*the soloist sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON: O God our sovereign, how great is your name in all the earth.

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?

ANTIPHON

Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

ANTIPHON

Scripture Jeremiah 36:1–8, 21–23, 27–31

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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.**

Call to Offering and Dedication

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Hymn** (congregation is invited to hum) "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.*

*Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.*

*Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.*

*Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.*

Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor
Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor
Joseph L. Morrow Associate Pastor
Aaron Lawlor Liturgist
The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Worship Notes

Today's closing hymn, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," began as a poem written by James Weldon Johnson for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1900. Five years later Johnson's brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, wrote the stirring music to go with the powerful words. Recognized as the Black National Anthem, this text and tune have gained widespread devotion, not only within the African American community but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Offering gifts to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in an offering box at the exit to the chapel. They also can be given online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the "To Make a Gift" button on our website: fourthchurch.org) or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church).

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor
Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor
Matt Helms, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry
Joseph L. Morrow, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement
Nanette Sawyer, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry
Rocky Supinger, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

David Handley, Interim Minister for Caring Ministries
Jeffrey Doane, Parish Associate for Older Adults
Maggie Shreve, Parish Associate for Jail Ministry
John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

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 Presbyterian 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.



On the Fourth Church campus, **masks and social distancing** are required for anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19. For those who have received the COVID vaccine, wearing of masks during worship is optional. * We are not checking vaccination status, but **by entering the Fourth Church campus you certify** (a) you do not currently have COVID-19; (b) you are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) you have no reason to quarantine; (d) you will wear a mask and practice social distancing if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



We are offering **two in-person worship services** throughout the summer as we gradually reopen our campus: a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. * Seating in the chapel is set up for **social distancing**. In the Sanctuary, the front section is for those required to or choosing to wear masks, with socially distanced seating by households. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating, with masks optional. * Due to health guidelines, **congregational singing is not permitted**; those who would like to hum while the soloist sings are invited to do so. * **Worship can be heard** through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. * **Please** silence electronic devices when in the Chapel.



For those who prefer to worship online or are unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, Facebook Live (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) The service is also available for viewing afterwards. * **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service. * During the week we make the **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast).



The church campus remains closed as we continue to develop our reopening plans. * On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (*a half hour before each service starts*). For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the morning service, access is only by the Michigan Avenue doors. * **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garage must be picked up from an usher. * **Nursery care is not available**. Sunday School meets on Zoom; for details, email Briana (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org).

You can read more about the guidelines in place for in-person worship as well as information about continued online opportunities at www.fourthchurch.org/reopening

While there is no in-person Coffee Hour, **a time of online fellowship** takes place each Sunday morning following the postlude (*around 11:00 a.m.*). All are invited to join us for this **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom** that takes place at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship (Zoom details are also posted at www.fourthchurch.org). You can take part in Coffee Hour by phone as well: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#.



Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2021 are asked to **email their names today** to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). Graduate names received by the end of the day Sunday, June 20 will appear in the worship bulletin next Sunday, which is Baccalaureate Sunday at Fourth Church.



You are invited to **“Embracing Racial Equity: A Congregational Conversation”** this Tuesday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. During our time together, members of Session will talk about our ongoing work in support of the Strategic Direction to “Embrace Racial Equity: Fourth Church will purposely include all people, striving for radical hospitality and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas.” The evening will include time to ask questions and engage in small group discussion. For Zoom details, **register at www.bit.ly/racialequity0622**



The Fourth Church Legacy Society is made up of friends of Fourth Church who have chosen to make a **commitment to the church’s future mission and ministry** by remembering the church in their estate plans. Those who are interested in learning more about supporting Fourth Church and Chicago Lights as well as other estate-planning opportunities are encouraged to explore the online resources on our website at www.bit.ly/fpclegacyinfo or contact Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org).



As part of our care for our buildings, stone masons are currently assessing the condition of the 107-year-old decorative stonework on the Sanctuary and Cloister. The scaffolding on campus is part of that work.



The Farmstand opens this week at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Ave.). To purchase fresh produce and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills, stop by the Farmstand on **Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.** *Guests are required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing while at the Farm.* * **Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers** to help with Saturday breakfast to-go, the weekday Bag Lunch program, Sunday Night Supper, and Monday Night Supper. If you are able to help with one or more of these meals, please let us know via VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers * **Knitting and Crocheting** meets online this Tuesday, June 22 at 4:00 p.m. for a time to work on knitting or crocheting projects while sharing in conversation. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply **sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc**

Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets online this Wednesday, June 23 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for either study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



Our organist, John Sherer, will present this week's **online Friday Noonday Concert** at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, on Facebook Live, and our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). * Registration is open through September 1, 2021, for those interested in joining Fourth Church and our interfaith partners for "**Peace and Compassion: A Music and Travel Seminar Trip to the Middle East**," which is planned for June 2022. To register or learn about fees, travel arrangements, and other logistics for this trip to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan, email John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org) or Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).



On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer** via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. For details, email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). * Also each Wednesday we release a new "**Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer**" video. These fifteen-minute worship experiences on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) weave together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the Jazz at Four Quartet. To receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail * A **virtual Sacred Pause** time of meditation is hosted by our Replogle Center on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing * Written by members and staff, **daily devotional meditations** for your personal time of prayer and reflection are available by email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) as well as online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Twitter (twitter.com/fourthchicago).



For those who are facing one or more of life's many challenges or transitions, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. If you would like to have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. * To explore options for teletherapy, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * If you would like to **talk to a pastor** or notify the pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please call the church (312.787.4570). * If you have a **prayer request**, Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries.



If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, please email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for resources and ways to connect. * Online events are posted on the **church calendar** at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

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