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4:00 Order of Worship • 7.4.21

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) “Morning Has Broken” (verse 1)

*Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

Call to Worship

* 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.

Hymn (*congregation is invited to hum*) “Morning Has Broken” (verse 2)

*Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.*

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Although we can try to hide it, ignore it, or deny it—
all of us have fallen short of what you expect of us, O God.
We have missed opportunities to show compassion,
we have settled for the easy way rather than the better one,
we have avoided difficulty for the sake of our comfort.
For all that and more, we are sorry,
and we humbly open ourselves to you to be remade.
Rather than a spirit of resignation, give us a spirit of rejuvenation—
a trust that you will inspire and guide us,
helping our lives witness to your great love and ministry. Amen.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

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

Hymn (*congregation is invited to hum*) “Morning Has Broken” (verse 3)

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God’s re-creation of the new day!*

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 (*the soloist sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON: *The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—you will say to the Lord,
“My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”
For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague.
God’s wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them;
God’s faithfulness will be your shield and defense.

ANTIPHON

You shall not fear any terror in the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
nor the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.
I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.
They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15

Sermon Series on Jeremiah: A Prophet of Loss and Hope *Rocky Supinger*

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) “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood[†]
from sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness
and every gain divine!*

Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor

Joseph L. Morrow Associate Pastor

Paula Addington Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Worship Notes

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.

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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 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

Our **Music by the Fountain** series of outdoor, in-person concerts kicks off with the Jazz at Four Quartet this Friday, July 9 at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard! While we will not be livestreaming our outdoor concerts this summer, if you would prefer to enjoy music from Fourth Church online, we encourage you to explore the concert offerings on 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).



To purchase fresh produce and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Ave.), stop by their **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.* * The annual **School Supply Drive** will be starting soon! Again this year we will be collecting supplies (*via Amazon wishlists*) for Chicago Light’s Urban Farm, Dance Academy, and Summer Day programs. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * **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



Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks by Diana Butler Bass will be the topic of an in-person discussion at the **First Tuesday Book Club** hosted by the Adult Education Committee on Tuesday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5G. Preregistration at www.bit.ly/fpcbookclub070621 is required as space is limited. Masks will be required for all participating. * **Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** next meets online on Wednesday, July 14 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).



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.

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**

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

