



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

*Call to Worship

From the foundation of the world, God calls us to be a people of holy purpose.

We are called together to worship the living God!

Why do we worship?

**Because we are members of God's household, fully included,
overflowing with gifts of the Spirit.**

On this day may the God of glory, Jesus Christ,
the one who brought salvation and the Holy Spirit, fill us with praise.

May all we do be to the glory of God. Let us worship God!

* 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) “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (verses 1 and 2)

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life, and health, and peace.*

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**We come before you, O God, as people of such promise.
We have your imprint, your image within us.
And yet, Most Holy One, we have run from your goodness.
When you ask that we hold those in pain, we seek our own comfort.
When those who are lost reach for our hand, we brush it away.
When others admit their fear, we hold bravado like a shield.
O God, we admit before you this day our own lostness, our pain, our fear.
Take our faces into your holy hands and lift our eyes
to catch a glimpse of your forgiveness, your love, your perfect joy.
For in Christ, we are made whole, made new.
Yes, with Christ’s promise we stand ready to be seen for who we are
and held for whose we are—that is, yours, O God. Amen.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (verses 3, 4, 5)

*Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.*

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 51:1–12

ANTIPHON: *Open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me and would have me know wisdom deep within.

ANTIPHON

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Ephesians 1:1–14

Sermon *Rocky Supinger*

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

Communion

Communion Music

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 for Offering

Prayer of Dedication

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Hymn** (*congregation is invited to hum*) "Lord of All Good"

*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.
We give our minds to understand your ways; hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
heart with the flame of your own love ablaze, till for your glory all our powers combine.
Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.*

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor
Matt Helms Associate Pastor
Liz Kurman Liturgist
The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Worship Notes

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during worship today. Those who did not receive individually prepackaged Communion elements upon entering the Chapel can request the elements from an usher prior to Communion; after worship, please drop off the recyclable cup and packaging at the exit.

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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Maggie Shreve, Parish Associate for Jail Ministry
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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, including in worship, **everyone is required to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status**. Anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19 is also required to practice social distancing. * For those worshipping with us in person, we are not checking vaccination status, but **by entering the Fourth Church campus you certify** that (a) you do not currently have COVID-19; (b) you are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) you have no reason to quarantine; and (d) you will practice social distancing if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



We are offering **two in-person worship services**: 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 practice social distancing, with seating by households. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating, with masks required wherever one sits. * 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. * 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 the hours of 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**.

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

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 prayer and reflection are available by email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) as well as via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (twitter.com/fourthchicago), and online (fourthchurch.org/devotions).



The annual School Supply Drive is underway! Again this year we are collecting supplies (*via Amazon wish lists*) for students participating in Chicago Light’s Urban Farm programming. A **wish list link** can be found on our website at www.bit.ly/fpcschooolsupplydrive; **monetary contributions** for purchase of the supplies can also be made by check, payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or given online (www.fourthchurch.org/give-online). For more information, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **donations of clean, gently used adult shoes and clothing**. Particularly needed are men’s laced shoes in sizes 7-1/2 and larger that are good for walking and clothing in sizes L, XL, XXL, and XXXL. (*We are not accepting children’s clothing, household supplies, or used underwear or used socks at this time.*) Donations can be dropped off inside the entrance at 126 E. Chestnut on Sundays through Fridays (*not Saturdays*) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please do not leave any donations on the church steps. Upon arrival, ring the receptionist bell to be buzzed in and directed to where to leave the donations. *Masks are required on campus.*



The **Good Neighbors Street Outreach** program of the Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **volunteers to take food and supplies to people in the neighborhood** who are experiencing homelessness. Also in **need of volunteers** is **Fourth Church Meals Ministry**, which is looking for individuals 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 needs, please let us know via **VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform** at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers



Our **Music by the Fountain series of outdoor, in-person concerts** continues with **drummer Juan Pastor** performing this Friday, August 6 at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. While we are not 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 * **TwentiesThirties** gathers for **volleyball at Oak Street Beach** every other Monday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The next volleyball gathering will be Monday, August 9; look for the sign saying Fourth Church!

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**

The **Officer Nominating Committee** is gathering recommendations of individuals to serve in positions opening in 2022 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Nominating Committee as well as the Chicago Lights Board. If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated **gifts for leadership and ministry**, please offer your leadership recommendations via the online form: www.bit.ly/nominating2022 by September 30.



Registration is open through September 1 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 1–15, 2022. **Registration** for this trip to Israel and the Palestinian territories can be completed online at www.bit.ly/mideast2022; the registration deadline is September 1, 2021. To learn more about fees, travel arrangements, and other logistics, email John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).



Men’s Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.; **Horizons Bible Study for women** next meets online Wednesday, August 11 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 Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



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



Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence for those experiencing life’s challenges. To learn more, 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, prayer requests, illnesses, or deaths, please call the church (312.787.4570).



To purchase fresh produce and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, stop by their **Farmstand on Fridays** between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. (*at 444 W. Chicago Ave.*). * The **Fourth Church Day School** has openings in Together We Play (for those 12–30 months) as well as its preschool classes for those ages 2–5. If you’d like to know more about the learning and growing opportunities at our Day School, email Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org).



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