



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**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all.

In God's hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

The sea is God's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand!**

* 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) “We Are One in the Spirit” (verses 1, 2, and 3)

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)*

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious and loving God, I do not understand my own actions,
for the good I want to do, I do not do;
and the harm I do not want to do, is what I do.**

**I have this impulse within me to turn away from following Christ
and return to my own self-centered ways.**

Who is there to save me from myself?

Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ, my Lord! Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “We Are One in the Spirit” (verse 4)

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)*

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 111

ANTIPHON: *With my whole heart I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.*

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.

You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.

ANTIPHON

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

You sent redemption to your people
and commanded your covenant forever;

holy and awesome is your name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.

God's praise endures forever.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Ephesians 4:1–16

Sermon *Lucy Forster-Smith*

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 for Offering

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

All good things come from you, O Lord.
The air we breathe, the water we drink, the fellowship we share, the love we feel.
We are beyond grateful for your goodness and your abundant grace.
Receive the gifts we will give from our lives
and transform them into acts of mercy and justice for your world.
We pray in the name of our brother and Savior, Jesus our Christ. Amen.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Hymn** (*congregation is invited to hum*) "Lord Make Us More Holy"

*Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient, until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.*

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Anita Balodis Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Worship Notes

The opening hymn, “We Are One in the Spirit” was written by Peter Scholtes in 1966. Scholtes was the priest at St. Brendan’s on the south side of Chicago and needed something for his youth choir to sing at an ecumenical, interracial event so he wrote in a single day the words and music for this piece.

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, including in worship, **everyone is required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth, 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**](http://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 through August 18 we are releasing 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) and Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (twitter.com/fourthchicago), and online (fourthchurch.org/devotions).



The annual School Supply Drive continues! Again this year we are collecting supplies (*via Amazon wish list*) for students participating in Chicago Light’s Urban Farm programming. A **wish list link** can be found on our website at www.bit.ly/fpcschools supplydrive; **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 **vocalist Elaine Dame** performing this Friday, August 20 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 23; 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 Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills 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 25 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). * **Knitting and Crocheting** gathers online Tuesday, August 24 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).



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 **Replegle 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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