



**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

## **We Approach God**

### **Gathering Music**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

God alone is our refuge and hope,

**God is our shelter and protection.**

From our very first breath to our last,

**God's love and compassion never fail.**

We gather to lift our voices in praise of God.

**We bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.**

Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

**Together, let us worship God.**

\* Please rise in body or spirit

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*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.*

**\*Opening Song** (*congregation sings while masked*) . . . . . “Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God’s banners are o’er us; pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

**We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**O Holy God, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.  
Forgive us when we are held captive by our narrow understanding of discipleship  
and our clouded sense of purpose.  
Although you have promised us your empowering love,  
we have sometimes been frightened of the future  
and have failed to sense your presence in our past.  
Help us to feel your grace in the present moment and to trust you,  
to trust that you will be with us, no matter what happens in our future. Amen.**

**God Forgives and Blesses Us**

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

### Prayer for Illumination

**Psalter** (*congregation sings the antiphon while masked*) . . . . . Psalm 71:1–6

**ANTIPHON:** *Don't cast me off in my old age; don't cast me off when I am gray.*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me.

#### **ANTIPHON**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

#### **ANTIPHON**

For you are my hope, O Lord God,  
my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;

#### **ANTIPHON**

**Scripture Lesson** . . . . . John 8:1–11

**Sermon** Things Jesus Never Said: "Hate the Sin, Love the Sinner" . . . . . Lucy Forster-Smith

### Musical Reflection

**Gloria** (*congregation sings while masked*)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

## **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** (*congregation sings while masked*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **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.**

#### **The Communion**

## **We Offer Ourselves**

#### **Call for Offering**

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, receive our offering.**

**Guide those who use it,**

**that it may bring fullness of life**

**to those who live in need and long for our care. Amen.**

### **\*Closing Song** (*congregation sings while masked*) . . . . . “Take My Life”

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my sliver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

### **\*Benediction**

#### **Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Lucy Forster-Smith</b>	Senior Associate Pastor
<b>Nanette Sawyer</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Clyde Yancy</b>	Liturgist
<b>The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet</b>	

## 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) (or via the “To Make a Gift” button on our website: [fourthchurch.org](http://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.

## Acknowledgments

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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**. Anyone not wearing a mask fully covering their nose and mouth will be asked to leave, as we know that some people make the decision to worship with us in person—or participate in other in-person activities—based on the knowledge that everyone will be fully masked. This is but one of the ways we continue to live out our commitment to value the health and safety of all. \* 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.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday for a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. \* **Worshippers are invited to sing while masked**. We invite those who are concerned about being near those who are singing to worship with us from home via our 10:00 a.m. livestream, which is also available for viewing later in the week. \* **Worship in the Chapel can be heard** through hearing aids' "T" or "T-coil" setting. \* **Please** silence electronic devices when in the Chapel. \* The **doors open for worship** on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For the 4:00 service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. \* **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.



**For those who prefer to worship online** or are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) The service is also available for viewing afterwards. *For those who have been viewing our morning service at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship), we will be discontinuing availability at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship) mid-February and livestreaming only on our YouTube channel.* \* **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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)). \* To **receive the sermon text by email**, subscribe online at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)

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**The Mark Lomax Quartet will be in concert at Fourth Church** this Friday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. Their performance of “Let There Be Light” will welcome in-person attendance as well as be livestreamed on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)). “Let There Be Light” was written by Dr. Lomax, a critically acclaimed composer, recording artist, and drummer. He is also an activist and educator specializing in the sociopolitical and spiritual aspects of African American art, music, and race, as well as the role of the arts in building community. A seven-movement tone poem inspired by the biblical creation story found in Genesis, “Let There Be Light” is presented through an aleatoric compositional technique that presents unstructured themes to the musicians, who interpret them in real time based on the macro narrative of the work. Each of the themes suggests a soundscape particular to each day of creation and evolves as a collective artistic creation to reflect the act of divine creation.



**Those interested in joining the new Fourth Church Gospel Choir**, which will be directed by Bryan Johnson, are asked to contact John Sherer ([jsherer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jsherer@fourthchurch.org)). The choir, which will sing monthly in Fourth Church worship services, will begin with Zoom gatherings to get to know one another, and when COVID numbers improve, rehearsals will be held on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.



For those who are facing life’s challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence. To have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, 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 email [caringministries@fourthchurch.org](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org); if the situation is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✱ **If you would like to submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email [caringministries@fourthchurch.org](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org).



**Fourth Church has a variety of job openings.** If you know someone who would be a good fit for one of the roles, please let them know about the postings, which can be found at [www.fourthchurch.org/about/employment.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/about/employment.html)



**Our congregation is celebrating its sesquicentennial!** During this 150th anniversary year we encourage you to visit the web page [www.fourthchurch.org/150](http://www.fourthchurch.org/150) to read historical accounts and view video messages. ✱ On **Sunday, February 13** we will conclude our sesquicentennial year with a festive service of worship at 10:00 a.m. **John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus, will preach**, and we hope current and former members and staff will worship with us—whether online or in person—as we celebrate this congregation’s legacy and look toward our future. The service will be followed by the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**, at which we will elect new officers. The meeting will be held in person and via Zoom at 11:15 a.m. on February 13. The Zoom link will be posted on our website closer to the date of the meeting. The recommended slate of officers that will be presented by the Nominating Committee will also be posted on our website prior to the meeting.



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