



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Come, let us bless the Lord

whose presence dwells in our city and covers the face of the earth.

Come, let us bless the Lord

in whom we find safety and refuge.

Come let us bless the Lord

who offers the needy abundance and provides the wronged justice.

Come, let us bless the Lord

who strengthens and sustains us on our sacred journey.

Come, let us bless the Lord

and worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

* 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.

***Opening Song** (*congregation sings while masked*) “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (*Refrain*)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (*Refrain*)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God’s mercy must deliver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (*Refrain*)

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay
waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor
against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination
and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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 145:8–19

ANTIPHON: *It is good to trust in the Lord our God, trust and hope in the Lord our God*

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,
that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

ANTIPHON

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

ANTIPHON

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Lessons Matthew 11:25–30

Sermon Things Jesus Never Said: “God Doesn’t Give You More Than You Can Handle” . . . Nanette Sawyer

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 Creator, you have filled our lives with blessing.

As we present our offerings, we also give our lives.

Make us your bold and faithful people,

willing to go forward in faith wherever you would lead us,

that we might be a comfort in the world. Amen.

***Closing Song** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
(congregation sings while masked)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

 Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

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| Nanette Sawyer | Associate Pastor |
| Joseph L. Morrow | Associate Pastor |
| Yvonne Shu | 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, 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). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) * **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 morning **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast). * To **receive the morning sermon text by email**, subscribe online at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons * Available for midweek reflection is our **"Rhythm and Word" series of fifteen-minute videos**, which are released on Wednesdays on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) and by email (*sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail*).

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**

Today is the Souper Bowl of Caring! Again this year our team is led by Fourth Church youth, who encourage you to take part in this national grassroots, faith-based campaign against hunger by making a gift online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (for “Designation” select “Souper Bowl of Caring”). All proceeds will support **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** and the food pantry of our **Chicago Lights Social Service Center**.



Those interested in joining the new Fourth Church Gospel Choir, which will be directed by Bryan Johnson, Executive Director of Music at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, are asked to contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org). The choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, February 27 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 4F.



Caring Ministries **invites veterans in our church community** to join Chaplain Mark Schimmelpfennig in exploring creating a group to meet periodically to give veterans and family members opportunity to share their experiences and concerns in a safe and confidential space. To learn more or join the **initial Zoom gathering on Tuesday, February 22** at 6:00 p.m., contact Jeff Doane (jdoane@fourthchurch.org). * 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, email 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, email caringministries@fourthchurch.org



The Spiritual Formation Council invites you to travel the **“Path of Discipleship”** with them during Lent. This year’s six-part series will use the book ***Back to the Well: Women’s Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel*** by Frances Taylor Gench. Led by Nanette Sawyer and Joe Morrow, the series will take place via Zoom on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 8. For the Zoom link, register at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2022 * Prior to “Path of Discipleship,” **Dr. Gench will talk about her book *Back to the Well*** on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Register at www.bit.ly/genchpfc22 for this presentation about the study of women’s encounters with Jesus in the Gospels. * **Zoom Small Groups for Lent** will start the week of February 27. If you would like to connect with five to seven other people via Zoom for a time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation or simply want to learn more about our small-group opportunities, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The annual **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope** will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (160 E. Pearson) on Friday, March 4. To **reserve tickets or become an event sponsor**, visit bidpal.net/clgala2022; this event supports the work of Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes the **Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm, Dance Academy, and Social Service Center** programs—and the **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**.