



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Christ has taught us to love one another.

**We are called to share God's love in the world.**

The Holy Spirit moves in us, giving us gifts to do God's work.

**May we be strengthened to witness to God's love.**

Let us devote ourselves anew to serve our Lord.

**Let us worship and praise our 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** . . . . . "Here in This Place"

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

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

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,  
the communion of saints called from the entire human family,  
yet we live as a people separated or divided.**

**We believe that this unity can be established only in freedom  
and not under constraint,  
yet we have not worked to ensure true freedom for all.**

**We believe we are called to know and bear one another's burdens,  
yet we acknowledge we do not always love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We believe God has been revealed as the one who wishes  
to bring about justice and true peace among people,  
yet our lives often do not proclaim that truth.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Give us the vision and the courage to follow your way  
in all that we are and do. Amen.**

**God Forgives and Blesses Us**

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** ..... Psalm 42

**ANTIPHON:** *Why are you so heavy, my soul? Why are you disquieted within me?*  
*Trust in God; I will give thanks for my salvation.*

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.

I thirst for God, for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they say to me,  
“Where now is your God?”

I pour out my soul when I think on these things; how I went with the multitude  
and led them into the house of God, with shouts of thanksgiving, among those keeping festival.

**ANTIPHON**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?  
Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.  
My soul is heavy within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.  
One deep calls to another in the roar of our cascades; all your rapids and floods have gone over me.  
The Lord grants loving kindness in the daytime;  
in the night season the Lord’s song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

**ANTIPHON**

I will say to the God of my strength,  
“Why have you rejected me, and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me?”  
While my bones are being broken, my enemies mock me to my face;  
all day long they mock me and say to me, “Where now is your God?”  
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?  
Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.

**ANTIPHON**

**Scripture Lesson** ..... 1 Kings 19:1–15a

**Sermon** ..... Rocky Supinger

**Musical Reflection**

**Gloria**

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

## **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**

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**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

## **We Offer Ourselves**

### **Call for Offering**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy God, everything we have is yours.**

**Bless now these offerings, and use them for your life-giving work  
through the worship and work of your church, both here and everywhere.**

**Through Christ, who gives us all we need. Amen.**

## **We Go Out with Gratitude**

### **\*Closing Song** . . . . . “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died.

Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;

we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,

out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;

shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

### **\*Benediction**

### **Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Rocky Supinger</b>	Associate Pastor
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<b>Ken Gaines</b>	Liturgist
<b>The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet</b>	

## Worship Notes

**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.

**Offering gifts to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church** can be placed in the offering plate at the time of the offering or, after the service, in the offering box at the exit from the Chapel. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) (or via the “To Make a Gift” button at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)).

**The closing song, “Lift Every Voice and Sing,”** began as a poem written by James Weldon Johnson for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Abraham Lincoln’s birthday in 1900. Five years later Johnson’s brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, wrote the stirring music to go with the powerful words. Recognized as the Black National Anthem, this text and tune have gained widespread devotion, not only within the African American community but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

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# Juneteenth

## *A brief history and reflections from the Racial Equity Council*

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Fourth Presbyterian Church's Racial Equity Council invites the whole congregation to embrace and join in the commemoration and celebration of Juneteenth. While Juneteenth has only recently become a federal holiday, it has long been widely recognized and celebrated by Black Americans as a special day of independence. To widen and deepen the celebration of this day by all members of Fourth Church, the Racial Equity Council presents this brief history and reflections.

Though the Civil War ended on April 9, 1865, word of the war ending and the emancipation from slavery spread to different areas at different times. Two months after the war the people of Texas, the most remote state of the former Confederacy, first learned that the enslaved people of Texas were free. Union soldiers traveled to Galveston, Texas, where the pronouncement was publicly read by a Union general on June 19, 1865.

Celebrations of Juneteenth started in Texas and eventually spread to communities and cities across the country.

Texas declared Juneteenth a state holiday starting in 1980, and by 2019, forty-seven states recognized Juneteenth. In addition, on June 15, 2021, the United States Senate unanimously passed a bill declaring Juneteenth as a federal holiday. The House approved the bill by a vote of 415–4, and the President signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law on June 17, 2021.

In the immediate post-Civil War era, there was much hope that the formerly enslaved people would finally be able to have peaceful and free lives. Families tried to reunite as newspapers contained many notices looking for family members who had been sold to other enslavers. The granting of land by the federal government promised to provide a means to live, and African American men were given the right to vote. During Reconstruction, 16 African Americans were elected to the U.S. Congress, 600 to state legislatures, and hundreds more to local offices. Many of these leaders had gained their freedom before the Civil War, and many were ministers. However, the land grants were taken back within a year. Many white Southerners who were outraged that former slaves could have the right to vote made every effort to keep the former slaves in conditions similar to slavery, employing falsehoods, discriminatory laws, and violence. African Americans were depicted as little more than savages while Ku Klux Klansmen were depicted as saviors, as famously portrayed in the 1915 film *The Birth of a Nation*. In addition to widespread lynchings, the passage of Black Codes and Jim Crow laws that only applied or were only enforced against Black people had devastating impacts on African Americans. One example was the practice of imprisoning formerly enslaved people for violations of vagrancy laws and using the resulting prison labor for profit.

As we strive to be an anti-racist church, our observance of Juneteenth comes with the sobering recognition that racism today bears a striking resemblance to the Jim Crow era. Examples of this include voter suppression laws, disproportionate incarceration, the killing of Black people, hate-filled lies, and inflammatory rhetoric. Indeed, white majority institutions of today unfortunately reflect the white supremacy values that have been embedded in our country's history for centuries and passed down through the generations. Anti-racism goes beyond diversity. It examines the structures that comprise our processes and practices to understand their impact on our BIPOC brothers and sisters and works to remove structural obstacles to their full participation in the life of the church.

Fourth Presbyterian Church is committed to racial equity, the purposeful inclusion of all people, the striving for radical hospitality, and the modeling of anti-racism. Toward this end, a year ago on this date—the inaugural federal holiday of Juneteenth in 2021—the Racial Equity Council presented to the Session a comprehensive audit of all aspects of the church, identifying race-oppressive structures and practices, and recommending more loving, welcoming, and anti-racist alternatives. We are hopeful that the church's racial equity steps forward in the last year can be readily seen and felt, even though the congregation and its membership have a long way to go to become the Beloved Community we all seek to be.

We welcome all in our journey forward.

# 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.



To help us continue to **shape meaningful connections for the many who are engaging with us online**, we would appreciate your responses to a **brief survey** at [www.bit.ly/fpconline2022](http://www.bit.ly/fpconline2022) \* Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to **connect with one another**. Online and in-person events are posted on **our church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)



Those **graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program** in 2022 are asked to email their names to Rocky Supinger ([rsupinger@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rsupinger@fourthchurch.org)) no later than today, Sunday, June 19. Graduate names received by today will appear in the worship bulletin next Sunday, June 26, which is Baccalaureate Sunday at Fourth Church.



If you like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays for a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and the **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. \* **Worship in the Chapel can be heard** through hearing aids' "T" or "T-coil" setting. \* **Please** silence electronic devices when in the Chapel. \* **For those who prefer to worship online** or are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) \* **To talk to a pastor or notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, or deaths, please email [caringministries@fourthchurch.org](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org); if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be a **mask-welcoming campus**, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. With the COVID risk level in Chicago at "medium," we are going a step further to **not just encourage but to recommend** (*though not require*) **that individuals wear masks** while on campus. \* Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus still choose to require masks. \* Additionally, **anyone coming on site certifies** by doing so that (a) they do not currently have COVID-19; (b) they are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) they have no reason to quarantine; and (d) they will wear a mask and practice social distancing if they are not vaccinated against COVID-19.

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