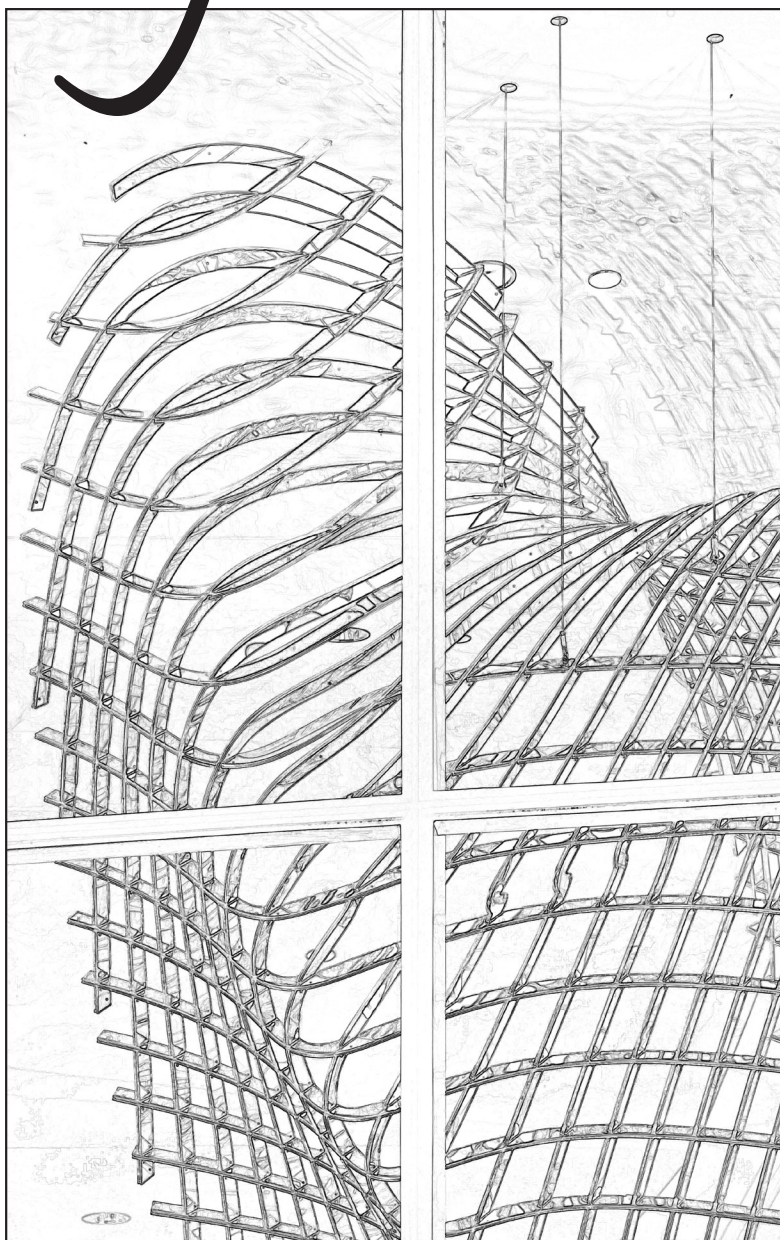




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4:00 p.m. • January 15, 2023

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.

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome

***Opening Song** “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”

Lift ev’ry 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.

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession

God of justice, we confess that in the pursuit of our own dreams and desires,
we have not always been civil,
not always humane,
not always right.

Guided by your Spirit, what we would like to do is change the world—
make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves
as you intended them to do.

Help us to be your witnesses,
by fighting for better conditions,
by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor, of the destitute—
the rights of the worthy and the unworthy poor,
so that we can, with your help, change the world.

Enlarge our hearts to love each other,
to love our neighbor,
and to love our enemy as our friend. Amen.

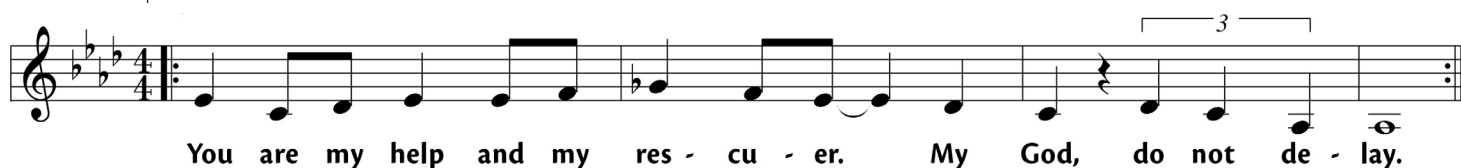
God Forgives and Blesses Us

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

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 40:1–11



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I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and they shall trust the Lord.
Happy are they who put their trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! O, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

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And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

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Scripture Lesson Isaiah 62:1–5

Sermon Nancy Benson-Nicol

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 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

Offering

Musical Offering

Prayer of Dedication

We give you thanks, O loving God,
that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people
the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will.

Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every people—
building community, establishing justice,
and spreading your love. Amen.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the little tiny baby in his hands, He's got the little tiny baby in his hands,
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands, He's got you and me, sister, in his hands,
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands, He's got everybody here in his hands,
He's got everybody here in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands.

***Benediction**

Sending Music

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. * 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. As a mask-welcoming campus, we also remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church**.



If you would 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 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 a half hour before each service. 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 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*). 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 service on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. and for **in-person Morning Prayer** at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom information. * The chapel is also open for opportunity to **walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. this Tuesday and Thursday. For details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). * We invite you to use our **daily devotions as a resource for personal reflection**. To receive the devotions daily by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions; they can also be found at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions * For additional biblical exploration, listen in as Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger discuss the **"Bible Top Ten"** in their **podcast** by that title (fourthchurch.org/podcast), with new episodes released every other Tuesday.



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 * For **resources** as well as additional ways to connect with the church and one another, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch). * The **church campus is closed on Monday, January 16** in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today we join churches and communities across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was born ninety-four years ago today, on January 15, 1929. Signs with Dr. King's image and words stand along Michigan Avenue as public witness for all who pass by. They are a continued expression of our commitment to embrace racial equity by purposely including all people, striving for radical hospitality, and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas. We remain steadfast in our theological conviction that the lives of our Black siblings matter to both God and to us and that their lives are sacred. We are committed to putting that theological conviction into practice and continuing to express it in a variety of ways.



Are you interested in taking part in Deep Listening Dinners? Groups of six to ten people each will dine together twice in home settings, gathering for a time of discovering and better understanding our differences while honoring our shared humanity and telling our life experiences to one another. To learn more about this opportunity to strengthen the fabric of our community as we get to know each other more deeply, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Our **Center for Life and Learning** for adults sixty and over, along with Skyline Village Chicago, has invited all of the Chicago mayoral candidates to participate in a **Mayoral Forum on Aging** that will be held this Wednesday, January 18 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Candidates Kam Buckner, Ja'Mal Green, Brandon Johnson, Sophia King, and Roderick Sawyer will be participating as likely will be Jesus "Chuy" Garcia and Paul Vallas. The format will be one of questions prepared in advance by the moderator, with no questions from the audience. The event is free (*and will also be available to watch via Zoom*); for planning purposes registration is required at www.bit.ly/agingforum1823



The annual **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope** will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (160 E. Pearson) on Friday, March 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This event supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes **Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm, and the Social Service Center**. To reserve tickets or become an event sponsor, visit one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2023



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. To arrange conversation with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. * To explore options with a counselor, call our **Replegle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. * To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org

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

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol Associate Pastor

Clyde Yancy Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Leslie Beukelman, vocals

Bryan Doherty, bass

Marcus Evans, percussion

Amr Fahmy, piano

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 in the offering box at the Chapel exit. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give

The bulletin cover image depicts the hanging sculpture in Buchanan Chapel, photographed at night from Chestnut Street, with the window mullions forming a cross.

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