

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 26, 2026 • 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Reverie William Grant Still
Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 J.S. Bach

Introit

We, Your People, Praise You Franz Joseph Haydn
We, your people, praise you, God of every nation, Lord of hosts eternal! Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture, filled with light. Tell your goodness, tell your mercies, tell your glorious might.

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

*Call to Worship

One: *Make your way known to us God of Grace and Glory.*
All: **Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth.**
One: *For you are the God who rescues us*
All: **And to the light of your presence we turn as this new day dawns.**

*Please rise in body or spirit. †Or "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

***Hymn #803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to serve as your witnesses in a hurting and broken world.
Yet we acknowledge that we are more apathetic than active,
more isolated than involved, more callous than compassionate,
more obstinate than obedient.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

One: *Friends, believe the good news.*
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*
All: **And also with you.**
We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ," and encourage those online to text or email someone to let them know you are thinking of them.
Children age three through 5th grade are invited to come forward during the passing of the peace.

Time with Children

Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

Welcome

Please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping with us today. There are information pads in the pews for those in the Sanctuary and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.

Anthem

Creation William Billings
When I with pleasing wonder stand, and all my frame survey, Lord, 'tis Thy work, I own, Thy hand his built my humble clay. Our life contains a thousand springs, and dies if one be gone. Strange that a harp of thousand strings should keep in tune so long.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Haggai 1: 1-8

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:†
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 6: 25-34

Sermon

Holy Practices for Life in the Real World: ConsiderCamille Cook Howe

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn #450 Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

If You But Trust in God to Guide You. David Cherwien
If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart through all your ways, You will find strength, with God beside you, to bear the worst of evil days. For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move. What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress? If you are in God's care and keeping, in sorrow will God love you less? For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through every loss. Be still, be still, and wait God's pleasure in cheerful hope, with heart content, Trusting that grace which knows no measure will by unbounded love be sent. Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear to one who holds us always near. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully, And trust God's word, though undeserving, there find the truth to set you free. God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God's faithfulness.

***Offertory Response Hymn #33 Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show**

Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy One, we give you thanks for the world of beauty and abundance you have
given to us. Bless these offerings that they may be used to show your generous
love to all those whom we encounter. Amen.**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn #836** Abide with Me

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!

**When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Go Now in Peace Robert Lau
Go now in peace, and may God's peace go with you. Believe, and trust God's holy word. Amen.

Postlude

Final from Symphony No. 1 Louis Vierne

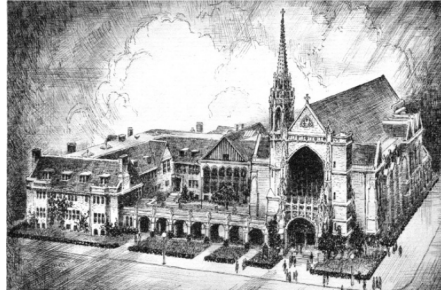
YOU BELONG HERE

Whether this is your first time worshipping at Fourth Presbyterian Church or you worship here regularly and call Fourth Church “home,” we are grateful you are here today. Inspired by the **radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation.

Wherever you are in your faith journey, and whatever questions or burdens you carry, we affirm that God’s love is for everyone.

You belong here.

Each Sunday we gather to hear biblical stories, sing hymns of faith, and engage the world around us through prayer, worship, and preaching. As we connect the story of our lives with the story of Christ’s life, we discover



hope and joy and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ in our city as we live out our calling to love God and love one another.

Guided by our Antiracism Covenant, we seek to embrace values and practices that help us experience **Beloved Community**, where

differences are recognized as assets, celebrated, and experienced as strengths.

WORSHIPING IN PERSON AT FOURTH CHURCH



Let Us Know You’re Here!

All worshipers are invited to check in through the Church Center app (our church’s app for staying connected, exploring events, and check-in).

Please check in through Church Center to let us know you’re worshipping with us today. It’s an easy way to stay connected with our faith community. If you’re checking in for the first time, you can download the Church Center app from the Apple or Android app store or access it through our website homepage at FourthChurch.org

Sound

Worship can be heard through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids. Please silence electronic devices during worship.

FIRST-TIME VISITOR



If you’re a first-time visitor at Fourth Church, we want to get to know you. Scan this QR code to complete our first-time visitor form or add your name to one of the pew pads.

WORSHIPING ONLINE

Livestream

Watch the 10:00 a.m. service live or anytime on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpconline



Check In

Let us know you’re worshipping online today. Scan the QR code to submit our online check-in form.

Online Giving

Make an offering online at FourthChurch.org/giving

Phone Access (10:00 a.m.)

Listen to worship by phone for those without internet access: 888-916-9166.

Online Coffee Hour (following worship)

Join us via Zoom for conversation and connection: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT ONLINE

Whether you live out of state, are traveling, worshipping from home, or simply want to enrich your online experience—we invite you to explore opportunities to deepen your faith and strengthen your connection with others at FourthChurch.org/online/connections.

WELCOME ANDREW HERBRUCK

Please join us today following worship for a special Coffee Hour to welcome our new Organist and Director of Music, **Andrew Herbruck**. We are excited to celebrate this new chapter in the life of our congregation. Please stop by Anderson Hall after worship to greet Andrew, introduce yourself, and help us extend a warm Fourth Church welcome.

CELEBRATE PASTOR NANETTE SAWYER

Celebrate Pastor Nanette Sawyer's Ministry and New Call

Sunday, August 9 | Immediately Following the Congregational Meeting

Following worship and the brief congregational meeting on Sunday, August 9, please join us for a special Coffee Hour reception honoring Pastor Nanette's ten years of faithful ministry at Fourth Church. Together we will offer our gratitude, share our best wishes, and mark this new chapter as she begins her ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville.

Please note: This special celebration will replace the previously scheduled Fourth Church Picnic.

MONTREAT YOUTH TRIP

Please keep our Senior High youth, along with leaders Nance Bartell, Katie Patterson, and Sally Sharp, in your prayers as they travel to Montreat, North Carolina for the annual Montreat Youth Conference this week. Pray for safe travels, meaningful fellowship, spiritual growth, and a week in which God's presence is experienced in powerful and lasting ways.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Beginning this week, exterior scaffolding will be installed around the Garth for masonry, tuckpointing, and window repairs on the north side of the church. The project is expected to last 4–6 weeks. The Garth will remain open for the Friday Noonday Concert series.

CHURCH CENTER UPDATE

To ensure you receive the latest news and updates from Fourth Church, please take a moment to verify and update your contact information in Church Center.



To update your Church Center profile, scan this QR code. Once you are logged in, you can easily update your address, phone number, and email. Thank you for helping us keep our records current!

Church Center is our new primary tool for event registration and engagement.

You can now use Church Center to check in for worship and view the church calendar. Worship check-ins take place through the app; Sunday School check-ins take place at the check-in station in the Gratz Center's Gignilliat Lobby (by the elevators).

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Pastoral Care

If you have a prayer request or would like to alert the pastoral staff to a care need, illness, hospitalization, or death, please contact the church office at 312.787.4570 or email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@FourthChurch.org). For emergencies, please call the church to be connected with the Minister on Call.

Fourth Church maintains a practice of praying for each member's household throughout the year. On Wednesday mornings, you are invited to gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. to pray for members by name, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. For details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@FourthChurch.org)

Morning Prayer

Join us on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom as we pray for members of our congregation, those in need, and mission partners around the world. If you are interested in joining, please email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@FourthChurch.org) to receive the link.

Connections and Belonging

Come connect with others as we foster a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone feels supported in building meaningful relationships

MUSIC AT FOURTH

Join us for live music each Friday in July and August in our courtyard. This week's concert on July 31 will feature jazz guitarist, Andy Brown.

For a full list of concerts this summer, please visit FourthChurch.org/concerts

Summer Noonday Concerts by the Fountain
Each Friday through August 28 | 12:10 p.m.

In the case of inclement weather, outdoor concerts will be moved indoors to the Sanctuary.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

There are two ways to support the Women at Fourth Back-to-School Drive! You can make a financial gift to help purchase backpacks and school supplies for Chicago Lights students, or volunteer with Women at Fourth following worship today at 11:30 a.m. in Room 4G in the Gratz Center to help assemble backpacks. Lunch will be served. Please join us today if you're able!



To make a gift, please scan the QR code and select "Belonging Ministries (School Supply Drive)." Thank you for helping Chicago Lights students start the school year prepared and ready to learn!

THE ABBA REUNION TRIBUTE SHOW

The ABBA Reunion Tribute Show comes to the Fourth Church Sanctuary on August 28, bringing audiences a high-energy celebration of ABBA's greatest hits. Featuring a live band, rich harmonies, authentic choreography, and dazzling replica costumes, this production recreates the excitement and magic of ABBA. Don't miss this ultimate "Dancing Queen" experience!

ABBA Reunion Tribute Show
Friday, August 28 | 7:30 p.m.

Fourth Church Sanctuary
Tickets on sale at theabbareuniontributeshow.com

INTERGENERATIONAL MEN'S GATHERING

Men of all ages are invited to gather today following worship to connect in a relaxed setting to engage in a facilitated conversation about living out faith in daily life.

All Ages Men's Gathering

July 26 | 11:30 a.m.

Room 5G

CENTER FOR LIFE AND LEARNING

Summer Session Registration

It's not too late! Registration for the Center for Life and Learning's Summer Session is still open.

The 7-week session offers a wide range of classes in art, music, language learning, mindfulness, and wellness. Classes are available both in-person and online. For more information or to register, visit FourthChurch.org/cll

ARTIST TALK TODAY

Artist Talk by Dorothy Bury Shaw

Join us in Borwell Dining Room after worship today to meet Dorothy Bury Shaw, the artist whose work fills the Loggia Gallery this summer.

Dorothy Bury Shaw's art journey, rooted in Chicago's vibrant cultural landscape, saw her evolve from an aspiring student to a creator of sacred art and poetry. Her creations, a fusion of spiritual inquiry and artistic expression, stand as a testament to the interconnectedness of humanity and the divine.

Artist Talk by Dorothy Bury Shaw

July 26 | 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Borwell Dining Room

Admission is free and walk-ins are welcome.

Faith Formation

Join us on our journey to grow spiritually through worship, educational opportunities, and programs that nurture faith across all ages

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. If you need a quieter space, the Hospitality Suite (2nd floor, Gratz Center) offers a place where the service is livestreamed.

Nursery Care

Nursery care is available during morning worship for infants through age two (4th floor, Gratz Center).

Summer Sunday School

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School following Children's Time in the Sanctuary. Classes meet on the 4th floor of the Gratz Center.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Holy Practices for Life in the Real World Sundays through August 30

Life is busy. The demands on our time, attention, and energy can leave us feeling disconnected from ourselves, one another, and God.

This summer, we are exploring **Holy Practices for Life in the Real World**—a sermon series focused on simple, meaningful Christian practices that help us live with greater purpose, peace, connection, and faith. Together, we will reflect on Jesus' invitation to slow down, reconnect, and grow in our relationship with God and one another.

Join us each Sunday as we discover practical ways to cultivate a deeper and more abundant life.

YOUTH TRIP TO SIX FLAGS

Join the Fourth Church Youth Group (6th-12th graders) at Six Flags Great America on August 12. Spend the day at the "Thrill Capital of the Midwest" riding roller coasters, seeing spectacular shows, and more fun.



Wednesday, August 12

10:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

1 Great American Pkwy, Gurnee

\$65 or free with season pass

To register, scan this QR code.

Getting there: Attendees should plan to arrange their own transportation to and from Six Flags.

DAILY DEVOTIONS



Daily Devotions

Start your day with reflections written by our pastors and church members. Subscribe to receive daily devotions by email by visiting: bit.ly/fpcdevotions or scan this QR code.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDIES

To receive information on how to join, email Pastor Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@FourthChurch.org).

Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Summer Women's Bible Study

Keeping Your Heart in Tune with Whatever Life Brings
August 12 and 26 | 12:00 p.m.

Climate Justice Climate Hope: Building a Moral Economy

August 12 and 26 | 6:00 p.m.

2026-27 CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2026–2027 Confirmation class. Confirmation prepares young people to become members of Fourth Church through exploration of faith and Christianity, learning what it means to be an active part of a faith community, and discovering what it means to love your neighbor through service.



Youth entering 8th grade and older are invited to register for the 2026-2027 Confirmation class.

To register, scan this QR code.

Community Engagements and Partnerships

Come alongside us as together, through programs and collaboration with partners, we advocate for social and community needs

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Meals Ministry

Meals Ministry is seeking volunteers to help serve meals on Sundays and Mondays to our neighbors in need this summer. Volunteers assist with setting up the dining room, serving meals and beverages, and helping with cleanup.

Sundays: Volunteers are needed from 3:00–6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.



Mondays: Volunteers are needed from 3:30–6:00 p.m. to help serve a meal at Catholic Charities (721 N. LaSalle St.). To sign up, via VOMO, please scan this QR code.

Coffee Hour Hosts (Anderson Hall)

Following Sunday worship, Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall offers a time for connection and community. Hosts help prepare and serve refreshments, welcome guests, and assist with light setup and cleanup. We are especially in need of additional volunteers this summer.

You do not need to be a member of Fourth Church to volunteer and serve — all are welcome.

To learn more or sign up, please contact Robert Crouch, Director, Volunteer Ministry, at rcrouch@FourthChurch.org or 312-981-3382.

URBAN FARM

Get your favorite produce at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm this summer! Choose from a variety of locally grown, seasonal vegetables, herbs, and even flowers. Every purchase from the Farmstand directly supports the Urban Farm's job-training programs while helping strengthen our local food system and the economy.

For more information, please visit the Chicago Lights website chicagolights.org/urban-farm

Urban Farm Farmstand

Saturdays through October 31 | 1:00–3:00 p.m.
444 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago

CHICAGO LIGHTS SUMMER DAY

Join us this Friday, July 31, at 1:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as Chicago Lights Summer Day students celebrate the conclusion of this year's Summer Day program with a special performance and art showcase.

Now in its 45th year, Summer Day provides Chicago youth with a vibrant summer experience filled with academic support, enrichment, and community. Come cheer on these incredible students as they showcase all they've learned and accomplished this summer!

SAVE THE DATE: CUBA PARTNERSHIP TRIP

Cuba Partnership Trip

Join us November 9–16, 2026 for a meaningful opportunity to visit our ministry partners at First Presbyterian Church of Havana, Cuba.

Participants will stay with our partners, serve alongside them in ministry, and, as circumstances allow, experience daily life in Havana and beyond.

Applications for the trip are due Monday, September 7, and require a \$500 nonrefundable deposit. A registration link will be available soon.

To learn more, email Pastor Joe Morrow at jmorrow@fourthchurch.org or attend a hybrid informational meeting on Sunday, August 16, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Room 5E of the Gratz Center. Email Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org for the Zoom link.

FREEDOM MARCH - AUGUST 1

Join Fourth Church and our Faith Over Fear interfaith partners for the Freedom March with Action Powered by Faith, commemorating the 60th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1966 Chicago Freedom Movement march in Marquette Park. The event includes a one-mile march followed by a community rally focused on justice, equity, and civic engagement.

Freedom March with Action Powered by Faith

Saturday, August 1 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Marquette Park, 63rd & Kedzie, Chicago

Interested in attending? Please contact Pastor Joe Morrow, jmorrow@fourthchurch.org

Worship Leaders

Camille Cook Howe, Joe Morrow, Matt Helms, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Rocky Supinger, Nanette Sawyer

Beadle: Towanna Griggs

Liturgist: Lee Zacharias

The Music Today

Andrew Herbruck, Organist and Director of Music

Summer Choir

Fourth Church Calendar



Stay up to date with worship services, programs, and special events by visiting the full Fourth Church online calendar. Scan the QR code or visit the link below to view upcoming events.

FourthChurch.org/calendar

Giving to Support the Ministry of Fourth Church



GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF FOURTH CHURCH can be placed in the plates passed during the service, or, afterwards, in an offering box at the exit from the Sanctuary. They can also be given online (FourthChurch.org/give), or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church).

Camille Cook Howe Pastor

Rocky Supinger Senior Associate Pastor

Nancy Benson-Nicol Associate Pastor

Matt Helms Associate Pastor

Joseph L. Morrow Associate Pastor

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

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Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (access from Rush or Walton; online payment only) for \$11 for up to 6 hours between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. when using the Metropolis Parking app (iPhone) or metropolis.io/join (Android) to scan the discount QR code at left no more than 10 minutes before leaving the garage. The code is also available on cards from the ushers; you might leave a card in your car for future Sunday use.

Sunday parking is available at the Hancock garage (enter from Delaware or Chestnut) for \$10 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. by using a validation ticket from the ushers.