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4:00 Order of Worship 8.16.09



Gathering

**Gathering Music**

Voluntary

*William Boyce*

*We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the outside back cover of the bulletin.*

**Welcome**

*Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: From the ends of the earth we are gathered together;

People: **the poor, the rich, the joyful, the sorrowful, the honored,  
and the despised—**

Leader: all are gathered in one community

People: **reflecting the love and life of God.**

All: We have come from many worlds. Let us worship God as one!

\* Stand as you are able

**\*Song of Praise**      “All Who Hunger”

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

**You give us a vision of a new world, O God,  
yet we find it so easy to abide in the old.  
You promise your presence among us,  
yet we seek our own way out of life’s wilderness.  
Wipe away our fear of the unknown  
and our obsession with the known.  
Make us a pilgrim people, in Jesus’ name,  
and hear us now as we offer to you the silent prayers of our hearts . . .**

**Silence**

**Kyrie** (*sung two times*)

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As God’s forgiven people, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

*All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.*



## **Hearing and Proclaiming the Word**

**\*Gloria** (*sung three times*)

**Psalter**      Psalm 36 (*unison*)

**Scripture Lesson** Acts 15:1–35 (page 126, N.T.)

**Sermon** by John W. Vest

“Community Would Be Great, If It Weren’t for the People”

**Silence**

## Sealing the Word

### **Sharing of Gifts**

*Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*

### **Offertory Anthem** “The Lord Is My Shepherd” *Noel Dexter*

The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures.  
The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want.  
He leads me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his own name’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk in death’s valley, the valley of death, I’ll fear no evil.  
For Lord, thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff shall bring me comfort.  
Thou preparest a table in the presence of my enemies.  
Thou anointest my head with oil and my cup runneth over.  
Yea, surely goodness and mercy, they shall follow me  
and I will dwell in God’s house forevermore.

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Sanctus

### 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.**

### The Communion

#### Communion Anthem

"Come Sunday"

*Duke Ellington*

Come Sunday, O, come Sunday, that's the day.

Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love,  
please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.

I don't mind the gray skies 'cause they're just clouds passing by.

Heaven is a goodness time, a brighter light on high.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you  
and have a brighter by and by.

I believe God is now, was then, and always will be.

With God's blessing we can make it though eternity.

**Prayer after Communion** (*unison*)

**Ever-present God,  
for the healing you have given us  
in the brokenness of bread  
and the pouring out of cup,  
we thank you.**

**For the community that you have restored in us  
through the sharing of life,  
we thank you.**

**For the courage and strength that you have promised to us,  
even as we have honored the people of courage in our own past,  
we thank you.**

**Send us forth from this place in love,  
letting justice be worked out with gentleness and  
power known in the presence of your Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## Sending

**\*Sending Song**            “God Made from One Blood”

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**            Voluntary                            *William Mathias*

### **A note on inclusive language**

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God will be 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.

## **Worship Leaders**

<b>John W. Vest</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Jocelyn C. Cadwallader</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Mary Schaafsma</b>	Lay Liturgist
<b>The Chamber Choir</b>	
<b>Thomas E. Gouwens</b>	Associate Organist

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## **The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago**

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### **Fourth Church Cares**

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 ([atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org](mailto:atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## Worship

**Morning Prayer** is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff in Stone Chapel for this opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

**Sunday morning worship services** are held at 8:00 (Communion) and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**A service in the style of Taizé** is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. This service brings together meditative songs, prayers, and scripture, offering an opportunity to pause for reflection at the end of the week. A labyrinth walk is offered in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. prior to the Taizé services. The next Taizé service will be Friday, August 28.

## Mission and Outreach

**The Young Adults will be building homes with Habitat for Humanity** in Madison, Wisconsin, August 20–23. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they help provide shelter for people in need.

**The annual School Supply Drive**, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, is underway. Lists of needed supplies are available in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). These supplies, which will be collected through this Thursday, August 20, will be given to students who are involved in the Community Garden and the Chicago Lights Tutoring programs as well as those served by various community agencies. For more details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

## News and Resources

**Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board** are available in the pew racks and can be completed online. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

**To date we have received more than \$133,000** in response to the \$360,000 challenge fund launched in May. We are grateful to all who have given or pledged to the Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, to those who have increased their pledge or made additional gifts, and to those who have given or pledged for the first time. Together with the responses to this recent “Meeting the Challenge” fund, we have received \$4.2 million toward the \$5.1 million required for budget. Gifts to help meet the challenge and bridge the gap can be made by completing the response card in the pew racks, by visiting [www.fourthchurch.org/2009challenge.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/2009challenge.html), or by contacting Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

**Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources** for those dealing with practical, spiritual, and emotional issues. For information about available resources, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 ([atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org](mailto:atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org)), call the Care Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 446, or pick up a “Fourth Church Cares” card from the literature racks.

## Music and the Arts

**The Allison Ruble Trio** will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth as part of the summer “Music by the Fountain” series.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**A fall kick-off event for children, youth, and their parents** will take place Sunday, September 13 and will include lunch and other activities. Sunday School will resume on that date.

**Moms' groups** are meeting in Lincoln Park and Lakeview on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Additionally, an evening moms' group meets once a month on Mondays. For information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.org).

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Saturday bread-cutters** for 8:00 a.m. Sunday Communion (on a rotating schedule)

**Community Supper volunteers** to help with beverage pouring, dish washing, and chair stacking

**Tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which resumes in the fall; orientation is provided

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Items for the Back-to-School Supply Drive**, including protractors, compasses, drawing pads and notebooks (wireless), black pens (packs), pencils (packs), pointed scissors; a full list is available at [www.fourthchurch.org/women.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/women.html)

**Boxes of disposable diapers** for a child in need (Huggies Pull-Ups, size 4T–5T girls)

**Household furnishings** for a Cabrini-Green grandmother who lost many possessions in a fire; contact Larry Nicholson for a list of needs

*For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).*

## Enrichment

**Men's Bible Study** meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364 (abright@fourthchurch.org).

**The Books by Women** book group will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *The Most Famous Man in America* by Deborah Applegate.

**Thomas Long, a widely admired preacher and influential teacher of preaching**, will speak at the annual *Christian Century* lecture on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Arts Club of Chicago (201 E. Ontario). For ticket fee and reservation information, contact the Century at 312.263.7510, ext. 229 (event@christiancentury.org).

**Fourth Church members and friends are invited to travel to Egypt** on an educational tour led by Adam Fronczek January 10–24, 2010. Brochures are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website. Those interested in applying should contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

**The 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions** will meet in Melbourne, Australia, this December. Those interested in joining Joyce Shin in traveling to the Parliament December 2–13 are asked to contact Joyce at 312.274.3835 (jshin@fourthchurch.org) before Monday, August 31.

## Fellowship

**All are invited to the Back-to-School Cookout** this Saturday, August 22 at 12:00 noon at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden (444 W. Chicago Avenue, between Cleveland and Hudson). For details or to volunteer to help with this event or future garden activities, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).



## During Today's Worship

**All are encouraged to use the prayer card**, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayers will then be incorporated into this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

**All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table** this afternoon to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the gluten-free bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

### **Pastoral Staff for 4:00 Worship**

Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission  
Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for  
Adult Education and Worship  
Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism  
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry  
Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, Pastoral Resident  
Sarah A. Johnson, Pastoral Resident  
Joann H. Lee, Pastoral Resident

**During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the** pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

**Please join us for a community supper** following this time of worship. A meal will be served in Anderson Hall, which is through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary. We welcome this opportunity to break bread together and share in fellowship with friends and neighbors.

**The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary** will be incorporated in the visual arts program for those attending 4:00 worship. Liturgical artists and worshipers at the 4:00 service are filling the blank canvases with artistic representations of our worship experience.

**Large-print Bibles and individual listening devices** for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

**If your infant or small child needs care** during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions.

**Worship bags**, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

**Please turn off all cell phones** when in the sanctuary.

## If You Are New to Fourth Church

**Please wear a lapel pin**, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship. We invite you to stop by the community meal or the Loggia (through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary) after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

**Sunday parking is available** at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Streets) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets must be picked up from

the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

**Inquirers' Class** explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, August 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, September 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([lloving@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lloving@fourthchurch.org)).