Gathering Music

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: Your people come from many places with different stories to tell;
People: **show us your steadfast love, O Lord.**
Leader: Your people come weighed down with their unique bundle of burdens;
People: **restore us again, O God.**
Leader: Your people come ready to hear your word proclaimed anew;
People: **revive us again, so that we may rejoice in you.**
Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Lord, it has been a difficult week. Things have happened for which we were not prepared. We have not responded with love to difficulties, but rather with impatience. We have turned our backs on others in need, placing our creature comforts first. We have been stressed, pulled, pushed, tossed. Give us peace, gracious Lord. Help us to slow down so that we can receive your healing word of love. Remind us that we stand in need of forgiveness, and then having received such love, that we are to love and serve others. Teach us to pray for courage and strength; teach us how to be good disciples for you. In Christ’s name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

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._

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**Hearing and Proclaiming the Word**


_Sermon_ by Sarah A. Johnson

Teach Us to Pray

*Song_ “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

* Stand as you are able
Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo

“Just Taste and See”

James Moore

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;

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 Solo  
“Standing on the Promises”  
R. Keslo Carter

Prayer after Communion  (unison)

Gracious and loving God, we are thankful that you have fed us in this
Communion meal and that you have poured your love out for us
so that we may be faithful disciples, offering healing love and
forgiveness to all. Amen.

Sending

*Sending Song  
“Be Thou My Vision”

*Benediction

Sending Music  
In the Garden  
C. Austin Miles
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
Sarah A. Johnson Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Jazz Quartett

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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 Sarah Johnson, member of the pastoral staff at 312.981.4034 (sjohnson@fourthchurch.org).
**News and Opportunities**

**Enrichment**

**Weekly Bible Study opportunities:**
- *Women*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
- *John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
- *Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

**SummerQuest: Journeys in Film and Literature**, will kick off Thursday, August 5 with a viewing of *About Schmidt* at 6:00 p.m. Prior to the film, at 5:00 p.m., refreshments will be served in the Garth; following the film there will be opportunity for discussion. *Rabbit at Rest*, a novel by John Updike, will be the topic for the Thursday, August 26 discussion led by John Buchanan. This exploration through popular film and literature, held Thursday evenings August 5–September 2, is sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning and the Academy for Faith and Life. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academycourses.html.

**Books by Women fall titles**, for those looking to read ahead this summer, are *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel (September), *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett (October), and *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery (November). For more information about the Books by Women book group, visit www.fourthchurch.org/women.html.

**Music and the Arts**

**The Arlene Bardelle Duo** will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth as part of the “Music by the Fountain” series. This weekly outdoor concert series will continue through August.

**The Summer Day final performance** will be held Thursday, August 5 at 12:30 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. All are invited to attend as these students showcase what they have learned from this summer program.

**Mission and Outreach**

**The annual School Supply Drive**, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, is underway. A list of needed supplies is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org. These supplies, which will be collected through Sunday, August 29, will be given to students who are involved in the Chicago Lights Urban Farm and Tutoring programs as well as those served by various community agencies. See the donations section (page 10 of this bulletin) for a list of most-needed items. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Fresh, organic produce grown at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm** is available for purchase each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Farm Stand (444 W. Chicago Avenue). For more details, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

**Children and Family**

**Summer Sunday School** for preschoolers through fifth graders meets at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House. There is expanded nursery care for infants through kindergarteners at 11:00 a.m.

**Vacation Bible School: “High Seas Expedition”** will take place Monday, August 16–Friday, August 20. Registration forms are available in Westminster House and online at www.fourthchurch.org/childrenfamily.html. Space is limited, and registration is filling up quickly. Adult volunteers are needed to serve as station leaders and door supervisors. Also needed are middle and high school students to serve as crew leaders. For details or to volunteer, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org)
**Volunteers and Donations**

**Current Volunteer Needs**

**Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday night suppers; rotating schedule; car essential

**Adults to serve as VBS** station leaders and door supervisors; middle and high school students to serve as crew leaders; Monday, August 16–Friday, August 20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Urban Farm volunteers** on Saturdays; 10:00 a.m. (orientation) to 3:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Avenue)

**Current Donation Needs**

**Items for the Back-to-School Supply Drive,** including 2-pocket, 3-prong folders; spiral notebooks; packs of black pens; washable markers; extra large backpacks; a list of items is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org

**Men’s seasonal sturdy clothes,** especially jeans and other pants, short-sleeved shirts, and underwear in larger sizes

**Paperback fiction books** for the CLL book cart (please no hardcover or nonfiction books)

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

**Fellowship**

**The Gathering,** a fellowship opportunity for those age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets on Sundays at 9:50 a.m. in the Manse. Young adults are also invited to join in weekly volleyball at Oak Street Beach (6:00 p.m. on Mondays). For more details, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, YoungAdults@FourthChurch, by emailing youngadults@fourthchurch.org, or visit www.fourthchurch.org/youngadults.html.

**News and Resources**

**Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board** are available in the pew racks and also 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.

**A special congregational meeting** has been called by the Session of Fourth Church for Sunday, September 19 at 12:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear and act on a report from the Project Second Century Steering Committee.

**Daily devotions,** written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

**Worship**

**Morning Prayer** is held weekdays at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers 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.

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings. Individuals can place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

**A service in the style of Taizé** is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service will be held Friday, August 27.
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 Sarah Johnson of the pastoral staff.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper “cup” within the basket of 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
Sarah A. Johnson, Pastoral Resident
Joann H. Lee, Pastoral Resident

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

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.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are 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. There is also an area in the side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available from an usher.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html.

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 Monday, August 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, August 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Jo Preuninger, Interim Director of Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (jpreuninger@fourthchurch.org).