



Gathering

Gathering Music “Better Days Ahead” Pat Metheny
 “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough” Nikolas Ashford and Valerie Simpson

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** Based on Romans 8
 Leader: Steadfast and faithful God, persuade us,
People: that there is no pit too deep,
 Leader: no government too powerful,
People: no sea too wide,
 Leader: no mountain too high,
People: that can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
All: Let us worship God.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song.** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer of Confession

(Please observe silence for personal prayers of confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

**Holy God, remind us of the promises given
in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As forgiven children of God, let us not be strangers to one another,
but brothers and sisters in Christ. Please stand and 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.

***Song** “Reach Out Your Hand in Peace” *Lucy Smith*

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:1–39 (selected verses) (*New Testament, page 147*)

Sermon The Truest Sentence Edwin Estevez

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts (*Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*)

Offertory Music “Love One Another” *Anonymous*

***Doxology** *Lucy Smith*

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 *Lucy Smith*

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 Music "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" *Doris Akers*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God of incredible love,
at your table we have been welcomed as we are,
fed with grace and love
and sent out with strength, courage, and wisdom
to share your incredible love with all we encounter in all creation.
We give thanks. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
Elizabeth Nickerson	Worship Leader
Arlene Raine	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, drums

Baptism

Elizabeth Carlile Rowland, daughter of Thomas and Jennifer Rowland

A note on inclusive language

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.

Acknowledgments

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News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

Vocalist Paul Marinaro will perform this Friday's free "Music by the Fountain" Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard. For a complete schedule of concerts, visit www.fourthchurch.org/concerts

The Summer Film Series, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, is held on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center. All 60 and more are invited to attend these free screenings. For more information, including a schedule of films, visit www.fourthchurch.org/cll or contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

"Birds of Longing: Memory and Exile," an exhibition of Laurie Wohl's artwork, is currently on display in the Loggia. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/arts/exhibitions.html

Those who would like to receive *Music Notes*, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

***Light*,** the latest CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available online through iTunes or CDBaby or by contacting Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

The last day of Summer Sunday School is August 3. There will be no Sunday School on August 10, 17, 24, or 31. On these Sundays, parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship with them. Sunday School will resume at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on September 7 with the Fall Children and Youth Kickoff Sunday.

A Family Movie Night will be held outdoors on Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Day School playground (or, in case of rain, in the Bumpus Room). For more information, contact Matt Helms at 312.573.3362 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

A neighborhood play date for families will be held on Saturday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Oz Park (2021 N. Burling). For more information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Vacation Bible School, which will explore Moses' journey through the wilderness, will be held for children in preschool through fifth grade the mornings of August 11–15. Registration forms are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/children/vbs.html. To volunteer to help at VBS, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Have you read the new reflections from the youth

and their leaders who recently spent a week in Haiti worshipping and working and building relationships with the people of Les Cayes? You can find the group's thoughts about the life-changing trip posted on the Fourth Church website, where there are also links to their Haiti photos.



News and Resources

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

Today is Edwin Estevez's last Sunday with us, as he ends his two-year Pastoral Residency and prepares to move to Delaware to begin a new worshipping community.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.fourthchurch.org. 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 no later than Monday, September 22.

There is much going on during the summer at Fourth Church—programs, opportunities, outreach, and services made possible by your gifts and pledges. If you will be away in the weeks ahead and in your absence want to continue to fulfill a pledge or make gifts, those gifts can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcgiving. Thank you for your important and continued support!

Be sure to "like" Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on church news, and access resources, including excerpts from sermons and prayers.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Monday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information for those who might benefit from conversation with a Stephen Minister is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
(@FourthChicago)

Sign up to receive the weekly newsletter (News@Fourth Church) by sending email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org

The Career Transitions Center of Chicago, of which Fourth Church is a sponsoring organization, is offering a variety of programs for those going through a career transition. For details, visit www.ctcchicago.org.

Fellowship

Young Adults meets on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They also gather for volleyball on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach. For more information, contact Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

Cycling Club will meet for a bike ride this Saturday, August 2 at 8:30 a.m. at the Oak Street underpass. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Volunteers to wash and dry clothing for a Fourth Church family with a chronically ill child in the zip code 60618

Members to serve on the Chancel Guild to prepare the Communion elements on occasional Saturdays; 8:00–10:00 a.m.

Dining Room helpers for Sunday Night Supper to assist with setup, beverage pouring, hosting, and cleaning; 3:30–6:00 p.m.

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Dessert bakers for Monday Night Supper

Members to serve as liturgists during morning worship services

Bag lunch assemblers and distributors; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays

Members to serve as Nursery caregivers on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Aspiring gardeners to help at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm on Saturdays, 12:00 noon–3:00 p.m.

Clothing sorters for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday afternoons

Current Donation Needs

Colorful tableclothes for Sunday Night Supper

Men's and women's seasonal clothes in larger sizes

Small pull-ups for a chronically ill child

Nonperishable food items

Department store bags with handles

Individually wrapped food items for the Bag Lunch program

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html

Mission and Outreach

The Annual School Supply Drive, organized by Women@Fourth Connect, is underway. For a list of materials and more information about the drive, visit www.fourthchurch.org/women or contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Delivery of fresh produce is available through the Chicago Lights Urban Farm's Community Supported Agriculture program. For more information, contact Ben Jaffe at bjaffe@fourthchurch.org.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Lights Tutoring alumni—students and tutors—are invited to join an alumni network to be notified about Tutoring's fiftieth anniversary celebration this fall and to stay connected with fellow program participants. To join the network, visit <http://bit.ly/TutoringAlum50>

Save the date for Carnaval 2015:
Friday, March 6!

Worship

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

To sponsor new hymnals, please complete the sponsorship form, which can be found in the pew rack and online. Personalized bookplates will be placed in the hymnals to recognize the individual or family donating the hymnal or the persons being memorialized or honored by the gift. Information about the hymnals is also available from Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 and online at www.fourthchurch.org/worship/hymnal.html

Worship services can be heard through the “T” setting of hearing aids. Individual listening devices for improved sound are also available from ushers.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for this daily opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world.

Contemplative Prayer Meditation Group is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Suite. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will next be held on Friday, August 22 in Buchanan Chapel.

Enrichment

Fourth for Bridge will meet this Saturday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m. at a member's home. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A Baha'i Temple excursion, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Friday, August 8. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org) by Thursday, July 31.

Meditation, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, is held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, with an introductory class at 6:30 p.m. and regular meditation at 7:00 p.m., in Boyle Conference Room. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

Spiritual Yoga, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, is held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

The Christian Century Study Group will meet for a screening of the film *Arsenic and Old Lace* on Thursday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4G. All are invited to attend. Those new to the group are asked to RSVP with Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Books by Women reading list for this fall is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/education/books.html and in the literature racks.

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 read aloud during 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 Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care.

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.

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.

Please turn off all cell phones when in 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. There is also an area in the left-side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin for children, are available from a greeter.

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/index.html.

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 Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal. Attend Monday, August 11, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, September 8, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

Information about opportunities and resources available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website (www.fourthchurch.org), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

If you are interested in considering baptism or membership at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Church, please contact Liz Nickerson (312.573.3366; lnickerson@fourthchurch.org) or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on August 24 and September 28.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. Validation tickets must be picked up from the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

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