



## Fifth Sunday in Lent

### Gathering

- Gathering Music** “Modaji” . . . . . Dave Grusin  
“Let There Be Love” . . . . . Lionel Rand and Ian Grant

*During this season of Lent, we reflect on our brokenness and prepare our hearts to receive the grace of God that comes to us through Christ’s death and resurrection. We invite you to share your prayers with this community in a new way this season. Instead of using our traditional prayer cards, you will receive a strip of cloth and a marker with which to write your prayers of joy and concern, making sure to use other paper or the bulletin to prevent the markers from getting on the pews or hymnals. At any point during the service, you are invited to quietly bring your cloth up to the cross and either tie it on or tuck it into the wire frame surrounding the cross.*

*We will continue to bring our prayers to the cross during each week of Lent as we await the promise of Easter. During the week, this cross will be placed in the Commons near the Loggia, and all are invited to add their prayers as they feel led.*

### 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.*

**\*Opening Responses**

Leader: Let us worship God,  
who reconciled us to God's self through Christ.

**People: We are new creations;  
the old has gone, the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**People: Through our worship this day and throughout our lives  
may we live into and express this good news for all people.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth..

**People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

**\*Opening Song** . . . . . "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

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

**God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ,  
longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love,  
we confess that we have been wayward children.  
We have disobeyed your commands;  
our ears have been deaf to your call;  
our hearts have been cold to your love.  
In thought, in word, and in deed  
we have hurt others and dishonored your name.  
In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children,  
not because we are worthy but for the sake of him  
who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

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

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As beloved children of God, let us not be strangers to one another,  
but family in Christ. Please stand and greet each other  
with the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**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

**Psalter** ..... Psalm 51:1–12

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.  
Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin,  
for I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment.  
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.  
For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will teach me secret wisdom.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Leader: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.  
Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.  
Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful spirit.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 26:14–16, 47–50 . . . . . (*New Testament, page 28*)

**Sermon** . . . . . Layton Williams

**Musical Reflection**



**Sealing the Word**

**Offertory Music** “Love One Another”

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

**\*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*

**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** "Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed" ..... *Josiah Conder*  
*French and Welsh Melody*

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

**Gracious God,  
we thank you for the love  
that brings us food from heaven,  
gives us the life of your dear Son,  
and assures us that we belong  
to the company of all his faithful people  
in heaven and on earth.  
Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship  
and by the power of his Holy Spirit,  
we may continue his work in the world,  
until we come  
to the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
through the same Jesus Christ,  
your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

# Sending

## **\*Closing Song**

“Love Divine,  
All Loves Excelling”

## \*Benediction

### Sending Music

## Worship Leaders

<b>Layton Williams</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Hardy H. Kim</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Lay Liturgist</b>	Lesley Conzelman
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Ernie Adams, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

### 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.

### Worship notes

**The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Elam Davies Social Service Center; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

**Our Lenten sermon series**, “We Were There,” calls us to engage with biblical characters who encountered Christ in his final journey to the cross. Each Sunday’s lectern parament—created by Vicky Curtiss—evokes the theme of that day, and each week the parament from the previous Sunday is added to the Communion Table.

### Acknowledgments

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**Layton Williams**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus



## News and Opportunities

### Mission and Outreach

**A limited number of spots** on the Chicago Lights Marathon Team are available. For more information about these guaranteed entries for the 2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, contact Kate Solis Silva at [ksolis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ksolis@fourthchurch.org) or 312.981.3564.

**In support of Earth Hour**, this Saturday, March 28 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., Fourth Church will be turning off its non-essential lighting.

**Tie a blue bow next Sunday, March 29** during Coffee Hour in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness. On Wednesday, April 1, a Blue Bows Interfaith Prayer Service and press conference will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, and afterwards volunteers will tie blue bows on our Michigan Avenue trees. To coordinate on March 29, or to volunteer on April 1, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**The Benevolent Guild**, which gathers to create stuffed animals and taggies for hospitalized children, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. Please note that it will not meet during Holy Week.

**Chicago Shares voucher booklets** are available by contacting Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

### News and Resources

**Conversations with Shannon**—opportunities for small groups of Fourth Church members to get to know our Pastor, Shannon Kershner, in informal conversational settings—will be held on Sunday, May 10 in the Manse and Sunday, May 31 in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)

**Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website**—[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, details about upcoming events; archives of prayers and sermons; devotions; and more.

**Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) for the latest church life and worship information. If you have a Facebook account, “like” Fourth Church to keep up-to-date on news and photos!

**Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:** @FourthChicago

### Children, Youth, and Family

**Fourth graders received Bibles** from the congregation during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today as the congregation lives out its baptismal pledge to support the children and youth of the church.

**Today is the last day to give Easter flower gifts** in memory or honor of loved ones. Gifts may be made using the flower form in the literature racks or online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). The names of those honored by these gifts must be received by March 22 in order to be included in the Easter bulletin. For information, contact Allie Williams (312.981.3383; [awilliams@fourthchurch.org](mailto:awilliams@fourthchurch.org)).



# News and Opportunities

## Lent

**Reservations are due today** for the Lenten Contemplative Retreat, which will be held this Friday–Saturday, March 27–28 at the Well in La Grange Park. To register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

**A Lenten Midweek service** will be held this Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Palm Sunday**—with the children’s palm processional at the beginning of the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services—is next Sunday, March 29.

**Palm Sunday “Sharing the Faith” hosts** are needed to guide members of the Islamic community through the 9:30 a.m. service next Sunday, March 29. To volunteer, visit the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**Tickets for Easter Brunch**, which will be held Sunday, April 5 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room, are available at the reception desk today and during the week.

**Maundy Thursday Communion services** on April 2 will be held at 12:10 p.m. (Tenebrae) and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Good Friday services** on April 3 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Choral Service) in the Sanctuary.

**A Good Friday service for children** will be held on April 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**A Saturday Easter Vigil** will be held on April 4 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**To receive Lenten devotions** by email, send email addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org). Devotions are also available online and in printed format in the literature racks.

**Easter Sunday services** on April 5 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach and 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service in the Sanctuary.

**An Easter service for children** will be held Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

## Enrichment

**“What does Passover mean** and why does it matter” will be the topic of an Academy for Faith and Life presentation and book signing by Rabbi Evan Moffic this Thursday, March 26 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Rabbi Moffic, who previously served at Chicago Sinai Congregation, will also have on hand copies of his new book *What Every Christian Needs to Know about Passover*.

## 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., Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**A service in the style of Taizé**, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of most months, will next be held this Friday, March 27 in Buchanan Chapel. This candlelit service, which includes meditative singing, prayer, and time for silent reflection, will be preceded by a hosted labyrinth walk opportunity in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Morning Prayer** is held weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. It offers opportunity to join staff in prayer for Fourth Church members and for those in need.

### Music and the Arts

**Organist John W. W. Sherer**, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, and the Rancho Mirage Chamber Singers will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**The Choir of King's College** from Cambridge, England, will be in concert this Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available through Symphony Center Presents ([www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)).

**Chicago Ensemble** will perform in concert this Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at [www.thechicagoensemble.org](http://www.thechicagoensemble.org) or by calling 773.558.3448.

**"Dall Sogno all' Opus Veritas,"** an exhibit of mosaics by Verdiano Marzi, will be on display in the Loggia beginning this Friday, March 27. Verdiano Marzi will give a presentation on his exhibit next Sunday, March 29 in Borwell Dining Room after the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Choral Society rehearsals** for all those interested in being in concert with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra on May 21 will be held on Thursdays, April 16–May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

### Fellowship

**Presbyterian Women** will gather for a time of "Good News" fellowship this Thursday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

**A Grief Support Group** for those experiencing significant losses will meet this Monday, March 23 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Parish House. To register, call 312.787.8425.

**Young Adults** gathers on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

### Volunteers and Donations

#### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week, Monday through Thursday, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

**Audio recording operators** for Sunday morning worship

**Volunteers** to wash and dry clothes for a Fourth Church family with a chronically ill child

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

**Book Nook attendants** at Coffee Hour after the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Database entry assistants onsite** at Fourth Church Mondays and Tuesdays

**Members** to host and pass out cider to waiting worshipers prior to 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. services on Easter Sunday

**Helpers to assist** with the Identity Arts program and Melting Pot Cooking Club at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

**Bag lunch assemblers and distributors** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. or 11:50 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; on rotation

#### **Current Donation Needs**

**Clean blankets** for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

**Men's and women's** sturdy winter clothes in all sizes

**Individually wrapped food items** for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Consumer Choice Food Pantry

*A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html) or by contacting Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)).*

## During Today's Worship

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**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](http://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](mailto: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, April 13, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, May 4, 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](mailto: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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org)).

**If you are interested in considering baptism or membership** at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Church, please contact Matt Helms (312.573.3362; [mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@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 April 26 and May 24.

**Sunday parking is available** at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$10. Validation tickets must be picked up from the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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