



## Gathering

**Gathering Music** “House of the Rising Sun” . . . . . *Traditional*  
“How Can I Keep from Singing?” . . . . . *Robert W. Lowry*

### 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: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

**People: And our spirits rejoice in you.**

Leader: We will praise you as long as we live.

**People: We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.**

Leader: We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

**People: but will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,**

Leader: the One who gives food to the hungry,

**People: the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.**

Leader: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God,

**People: as we worship you in this place.**

\* Stand as you are able

**\*Opening Song** ..... “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

**Please note**

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## Prayer for Parents and Those Who Want to Be Parents

*At the end of each petition, the leader will say "God of love,"  
and the people respond "hear our prayer."*

### \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: As beloved children of God, let us not be strangers to one another, but siblings 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

Luke 1:39–56 . . . . . *(New Testament, page 53)*

**Sermon** "Songs of Our Mothers" . . . . . *John W. Vest*

### Musical Reflection

"Autumn in Augusta: Songs My Mama Would Like" . . . . . *Lucy Smith*  
How Long, How Long Blues . . . . . *Ida Cox*  
If I Had a Hammer . . . . . *Pete Seeger and Lee Hays*  
I'll Fly Away . . . . . *Alfred E. Brumley*



# Sealing the Word

**Offertory Music** "To Be Young, Gifted, and Black" . . . . . *Nina Simone and Weldon Irvine*

**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*

## **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** "Sunshine on My Shoulders" . . . . . *John Denver, Mike Taylor, and Dick Kniss*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Gracious God,  
you have nourished us with heavenly food at this sacred table.  
Fill our hearts with your Spirit;  
help us to be the body of Christ in the world;  
open our mouths and sing through us,  
and may love be our song.  
Alleluia. Amen.**



# Sending

**\*Closing Song** ..... “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

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## Worship Leaders

<b>John W. Vest</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Layton Williams</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, 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.

### Acknowledgments

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**FOURTH**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**  
*A Light in the City*

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Shannon J. Kershner**, Pastor  
**Victoria G. Curtiss**, Associate Pastor for Mission  
**Matt Helms**, Minister for Children and Families  
**Hardy H. Kim**, Associate Pastor for Evangelism  
**Joyce Shin**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life  
**John W. Vest**, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry  
**Judith L. Watt**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Jeffrey Doane**, Parish Associate for Older Adults  
**Layton Williams**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus

# News and Opportunities

## Fellowship

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

**The “Dying to Know” Book Group**, a follow-up to the Replogle Center’s Midwinter conference, will discuss *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande this Monday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room.

**Books by Women** will discuss *The Traitor’s Wife* by Allison Pataki, who will join the discussion via FaceTime®, this Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**Presbyterian Women** will gather for a “Good News” hour on Thursday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, where they will share fellowship and assemble hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

**A musical Encore**, the second annual benefit for the Center for Life and Learning, a program offering classes and fellowship for those sixty and over, will be Saturday, June 20. For tickets, contact Ashley Elskus at [aelskus@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aelskus@fourthchurch.org)

## News and Resources

**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, meets this Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4F.

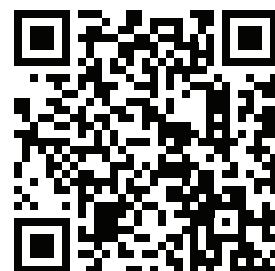
**Conversation with Shannon**—opportunity for small groups of Fourth Church members to get to know our Pastor, Shannon Kershner, in an informal conversational setting—will be held Sunday, May 31 in the Randolph Room. Registration is required in advance; to sign up, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 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 much more!

**To subscribe to the weekly email newsletter**, [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch), send email addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).

### Did you miss this on Facebook this week:

A glimpse of three trees from the children’s musical?  
Photos of a special visit to Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Day School by a wonderful Sit Stay Read dog?  
An invitation to sign up for summer salad shares from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm? Check out [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) to make sure you don’t miss this week’s posts!





## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

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

**Servers for Monday Night Supper**, 3:30–6:15 p.m., on a sign-up basis

**Bicyclists** to deliver CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) bags in the community, Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, beginning June 6

**Summer Farm Camp** volunteers to work with camp participants aged 5 to 13 years, Tuesdays–Fridays, June 23–August 14, 1:00–5:00 p.m.

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

**Cooks** to prepare and serve breakfast at Lincoln Park Community Shelter on the second Tuesday of each month, on a rotating schedule, 6:30 to 8:00 a.m.

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

**Chicago Lights Urban Farm Youth Program** volunteers to work with program participants aged 14 to 18 years, Wednesdays–Saturdays, July 8–August 15, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Rolling carts**, all sizes

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

**Men's and women's** sturdy spring 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)).*

## Enrichment

**Academy for Faith and Life classes** continue next Sunday: “The Network Church,” led by John Vest, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G, and “The Politics of Revelation,” led by Claire Rothschild, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

**“A Rabbinic View of Human Rights in Israel,”** led by Rabbi Arik Ascherman, will take place next Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. Rabbi Ascherman, president of Rabbis for Human Rights in Israel, will discuss advocacy and peacemaking in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

**The Men's Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)

**A “shaman journey,”** led by shaman, healer, and artist Chris Pateros, will take place this Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room.

**Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible study** will meet this Wednesday, May 13 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

**Premarital Saturday Seminars** offer couples opportunity to learn and practice skills necessary to building a healthy marital relationship. This one-session class, which will meet this Saturday, May 16 in Boyle Conference Room, is also a prerequisite for marriage at Fourth Presbyterian Church. To register, call 312.787.8425.

**A SoulCollage® seminar** will be held next Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For details or to register (required), call 312.787.8425.

# News and Opportunities

## Children, Youth, and Family

**The last Sunday School session** of the school year will be next Sunday, May 17. There will be no Sunday School on Memorial Day weekend (May 24) or Family Camp Weekend (May 31). Summer Sunday School (with classes meeting at 9:30 only) will begin on Sunday, June 7.

**Children, youth, and family festivities** in celebration of the end of regular Sunday School programming and in honor of John Vest's ministry will be held next Sunday, May 17 following the 11:00 a.m. service. There will be food on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center as well as a barbecue in the Michigan Avenue courtyard, weather permitting.

**Spring Family Camp** will be held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from Friday, May 29 through Sunday, May 31. Registration forms, which are due next Sunday, May 17, can be found online at [bit.ly/familycamp0415](http://bit.ly/familycamp0415).

**The Senior Highs and Chicago Lights Tutoring students** will be holding a Father's Day bake sale on Sunday, June 21 to raise funds for their July 11–19 "Justice Journey." For more information, contact Shelley Donaldson at [sdonaldson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:sdonaldson@fourthchurch.org)

**Save the date for VBS:** August 10–14! Online registration will open Monday, June 1.

## Mission and Outreach

**Participants in the Cuba Mission Trip** depart today. These eighteen individuals will spend a week at our sister congregation, First Presbyterian Church in Havana, Cuba, celebrating the new diplomatic relationship between our countries. Shannon Kershner will later join the group to preach at First Presbyterian Church on May 17. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

**Snack items and portable drinks** for distribution through Fourth Church Meals Ministry are being collected during May. The program uses approximately 600 snack items and 250 drinks per week. A list of needed items will be at the Mission table during Coffee Hour next Sunday.

**A Plant Sale and Art Show** will be held this Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). Plant starts will be available for purchase, and artwork by students in the Farm's Identity Arts program will be on display.

**The gardening workshop** "Using Your Space Wisely"—about gardening in small spaces—will be held this Saturday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm. RSVP to Stephanie Budd at 312.274.3801.

**The Mission Committee** is hosting Betsy Storm's presentation of her book *Bright Lights of the Second City* next Sunday, May 17 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4G.

### Worship

**Opportunity to walk the labyrinth** in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Morning Prayer** will be held at 9:30 a.m. (except on Tuesday, when it will be at 9:00 a.m.) in Stone Chapel (Monday through Thursday) and in Buchanan Chapel (Friday). 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.

**An ecumenical prayer service** for Christian unity, cosponsored by Ecumenism Metro Chicago, will take place next Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. John Armstrong, president of ACT 3, will be preaching. To register, visit [www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org).

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

**Daily devotions**, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)

### Music and the Arts

**Cellist Nancy Steltmann and pianist Helen Lukan** will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**The Fourth Church Choral Society** and the Chicago Chamber Orchestra will perform Haydn's *Missa Brevis in B-flat* on Thursday, May 21 in Buchanan Chapel. A \$20 donation will be collected at the door.

**Art by the Center for Life and Learning artists** is on display on the fifth floor of the Gratz Center until Friday, June 26.

**A mosaic workshop** taught by instructors from the Chicago Mosaic School will take place on Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G. To sign up, contact Rob Koon at [rkoon@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rkoon@fourthchurch.org) by Friday, May 15. Italian mosaic artist Verdiano Marzi's "Dal Sogno all'Opus Veritas" is currently on exhibit in the Loggia.

**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](mailto:music@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 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. 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 Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, June 1, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, June 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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 Hardy Kim ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@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 May 24, June 28, or July 26.

**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.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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