



Gathering

Gathering Music “Steepian Faith” Kenny Kirkland
“Heaven” Duke Ellington

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: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

People: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

People: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,
sometimes startling and unexpected,
sometimes still and quiet,
but always dwelling among us.

People: We watch and wait for the Word of God.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Come! Live in the Light!”

Please note

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Prayer of Confession

Please hold silence.

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 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

Psalter Psalm 1

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Happy are they who delight in the ways of Yahweh.**

Leader: Happy are they
who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of God,
and they meditate on God's law day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Happy are they who delight in the ways of Yahweh.**

Leader: It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the counsel of the righteous.
For God knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Happy are they who delight in the ways of Yahweh.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26. (*New Testament, page 110*)

Sermon “Faithfully Unchosen”. Layton Williams

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

Offertory Music “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand” *Jennie Wilson and F.L. Eiland*

Sharing of Gifts (*Please place gifts and prayer cards 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 "If the Path I Travel". *Mark Diedrich and Margaret E. Barber*

Prayer after Communion

**We bless you, O God, for the gifts of bread and cup,
for sustaining us in hope every day of our lives.
We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service
as we offer to you lives of witness and worship
in the world you have made.
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Mark Eldred	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Rob Clearfield, piano Marcus Evans, drums Patrick Mulcahy, bass

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.

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News and Opportunities

Fellowship

To sponsor **Coffee Hour** in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Christian Century Study Groups will next meet this Wednesday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Presbyterian Women will gather for a “Good News” hour next Thursday, May 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to share fellowship and assemble hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

A **Chicago “Search” Lights Scavenger Hunt**, hosted by the Associates Board, will be held on Saturday, May 30 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. To register as an individual or as a four-person team, contact Kate Solis Silva at 312.981.3564 (ksolis@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension will meet on Friday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for “The Music and History of Bagpipes” with bagpipe performer George Sims. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at callerton@fourthchurch.org by Wednesday, June 3.

Enrichment

“**The Politics of Revelation**,” offered through the Academy for Faith and Life and led by Clare Rothschild, will have its final session on Sunday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D. Please note that there will be no class on Sunday, May 24.

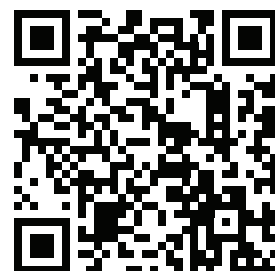
Meditation, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held this Tuesday, May 26, with an introduction for beginners at 6:30 p.m. and a regular session at 7:00 p.m., in Boyle Conference Room.

Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware Pl.), in conjunction with the Downtown Islamic Center and Fourth Church, is hosting the interfaith dialogue “War and Peace in Our Scriptures” this Friday, May 22 at 6:15 p.m. For more information, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.573.3369.

“**Contemporary Art for Novices**,” a class taught by Margaret Farr of the Art Institute of Chicago and offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Wednesdays, June 3–17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, call Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386.

Do you have plans to travel this summer?

We hope you'll stay connected with us while away: to see the latest Fourth Church news; thought-provoking quotes from sermons, prayers, and devotions; and photos of church life, “Like” the Fourth Church page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch). And why not tell a friend about Fourth Church by sharing one of our posts!



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., Wednesday from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 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. 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.

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held this Friday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This time of song, prayer, and reflection will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

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

News and Resources

Today is Dedication Commemoration Sunday at Fourth Presbyterian Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May.

As we give thanks today for the legacy given us by those who built this church, we remember that we too are caretakers of that legacy, charged with passing it on to those who follow. Every adult who owns anything and cares about what happens to it, as well as anyone who wants to leave a bequest for the church, needs a will. For more information about planned giving, contact Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380.

John Vest's final Sunday with us will be June 7. Please join us that day for a Coffee Hour reception to thank John and Anna for their ministry among us and wish them Godspeed as they prepare to move to Richmond, Virginia, where John will be Assistant Visiting Professor of Evangelism at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

A musical Encore, the second annual benefit for the Center for Life and Learning (CLL), 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

Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2015 are asked to send their names to Shelley Donaldson (sdonaldson@fourthchurch.org) by Sunday, June 21 so that they can be included in the bulletin on Sunday, June 28, which is Baccalaureate Sunday.

News and Opportunities

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

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.

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 or by contacting Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

We remember today the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, Cuba, and our eighteen members who are worshiped with them this morning in a service at which Shannon Kershner preached. The Fourth Church mission trip participants return to the United States tomorrow after spending a week with our sister congregation.

“The Snacks for Sacks” drive continues to collect snack items and portable drinks for distribution through Fourth Church Meals Ministry. A list of needed items will be at the Mission table during Coffee Hour next Sunday.

Walkers are needed for the June 20 Hunger Walk, with credits raised supporting the Meals Ministry program. For details, contact Norman Clearfield at 312.981.3599.

The Interfaith “Black Lives Matter” Collaboration will be showing the film *Selma* followed by a dialogue led by Martin Marty on Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 p.m. at LaSalle Street Church (1136 N. LaSalle). To RSVP (required), contact Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Ave.) holds volunteer hours on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. A tour of the Farm for new volunteers is held each Saturday at 12:00 noon. For details, contact Stephanie Budd at 312.274.3801.

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

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.

Today is the last day to register for Family Camp, which will be held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from Friday, May 29 through Sunday, May 31. To register, go to bit.ly/familycamp0415

A “Great Expectations” baby shower for anyone who has welcomed a child into their home in the past year will take place on Sunday, June 14 at 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

A bake sale to support the Senior Highs and Chicago Lights Tutoring Students in their July 11–19 “Justice Journey” will be held on Sunday, June 21.

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

Music and the Arts

Haydn’s *Missa Brevis in B-flat* will be performed by the Fourth Church Choral Society and the Chicago Chamber Orchestra this Thursday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. A \$20 donation will be received at the door.

Harpist Kara Bershada will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

On display in the Loggia is Italian mosaic artist Verdiano Marzi’s “Dal Sogno all’Opus Veritas.”

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.

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.

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, June 1, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, July 6, 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 Hardy Kim (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.

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