



Gathering

Gathering Music "Alabama" *John Coltrane*
 "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore". *Traditional*

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 page 12.

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.

*Calling Together

Leader: We are called to joy:

People: making our moves with wild abandon,

Leader: sure of the love that buoys us,

People: sure of the laughter that awaits.

Leader: We are called to play:

People: to play with God, with each other, with creation,

Leader: abandoning the grip of control,

People: releasing solemnity,

Leader: basking in the warmth of God,

People: in love, in light, in laughter.

Leader: Amen.

People: Amen.

* Stand as you are able

Please note

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Calling to Unburden

Leader: Our play is marked by merriment, but beneath that looms the Other:
our worry, our sorrow, our shame, our guilt, our grief. Let us surrender all that
to the One who loves us beyond measure, the One who heals us, the One
who makes us whole.

Prayer

Leaders: I have failed.

I have gloated.

I have hated.

I have ignored.

I have raged.

I have hoarded.

I have judged.

I have turned away.

I am sorry.

I am exhausted.

I am done.

Fix me, heal me, break-and-remake-me,
hold me, comfort me, nurture me, revive me,
resuscitate me, bring me back from death, save me from my sin.

I give you the last word, O God. Will it be “grace”? Will it be “free”? Will it be “love”?

(silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Leader: My friends, God is not done with us, not by a long shot. You are more beloved
than you can ever know, and God is working in you—and in the world—beyond
our wildest imagining. The beginning of all that is forgiveness. So know that
you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

People: Amen.

Sung Response “All Creatures of Our God & King,” verse 4

**All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: We are invited to receive a love greater than we can understand.
Let us remember and share that love with one another in a greeting of peace.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*Song "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace" Lucy Smith

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 36:5–11 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **All may take refuge, feast on abundance, drink from the fountain of life.
All may take refuge, feast on abundance, in your light we see light.**

Leader: Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; you save both people and beasts, O God.
How priceless is your love, O God!
Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **All may take refuge, feast on abundance, drink from the fountain of life.
All may take refuge, feast on abundance, in your light we see light.**

Leader: For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.
Let not the foot of the proud come near me,
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **All may take refuge, feast on abundance, drink from the fountain of life.
All may take refuge, feast on abundance, in your light we see light.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1–5 (Old Testament, page 651)

Second Lesson

John 2:1–11 (New Testament, page 87)

Sermon

. Nanette Sawyer



Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music “People, Get Ready” Curtis Mayfield

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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

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 "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize". *Alice Wine / Traditional*

Closing Prayer

**O Holy God,
through Christ you make all things new.
We lift our hearts in celebration for all that you have given
and all that we have received.
Help us to remember our deep and true identity,
rooted and grounded in your love.
Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song**

“Lift Every Voice
and Sing”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette M. Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano 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

Worship

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays in Buchanan Chapel at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to join staff for opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Prayer requests can be submitted in the Prayer Request Box next to the literature racks that are outside the Sanctuary south transept doors (between the Sanctuary and Anderson Hall).

This Friday's Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes. For more information, visit fourthchurch.org/taize

Devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, and via Twitter (@FourthChicago).

Fellowship

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

Young Adults gather for discussion and fellowship on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. For more information about Young Adults at Fourth Church, contact Hardy Kim (hkim@fourthchurch.org) at 312.981.3399.

Presbyterian Women welcomes Elise Magers of the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and John Stracks of the Center for Integrative Medicine at Northwestern Hospital for a panel discussion—"How Does Your Mind Affect Your Body and Your Faith?"—on Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.573.3369.

"Claiming Our Faith Stories," a retreat for women, will be held next Saturday, January 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Led by Layton Williams, Vicky Curtiss, and members of Fourth Church, the morning will include a variety of workshops. Register online at bit.ly/wretreat16

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 18 we will hold a hosted labyrinth peace walk in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Immediately afterwards, at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, Iva Carruthers will be interviewed by Natalie Moore on the topic of mass incarceration. Details about this special Michigan Avenue Forum are at www.fourthchurch.org



News and Opportunities

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Members to assist a child with special needs during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Food pantry volunteers to help unload the food truck for the Elam Davies Social Service Center pantry

Sunday School teachers during 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

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

Drummers for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle

Ushers for the 11:00 a.m. worship service

Coffee Hour hosts to serve refreshments during the 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 12:00 noon Coffee Hours

Audio-video recorders for the 11:00 a.m. service

Nursery caregivers on Sundays at the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Aides to help Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center guests select groceries from the Consumer Choice Food Pantry

Book Nook attendants to staff the Book Nook during Coffee Hour

Clothes washers to wash and dry clothes, on rotation, for a family with a chronically ill child and living in zip code 60618

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets

Yoga mats, new or used

Men's and women's winter clothes

Nonperishable food items for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

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

News and Resources

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for news, worship, and programming information and to access resources such as excerpts from sermons and prayers.

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, call Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380.

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.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, by sending email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Music and the Arts

Violinist and violist Ryan Loeckel will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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.

Enrichment

“Winter Blues,” a two-part class on the effects of seasonal affective disorder, will be offered by the Center for Life and Learning on Tuesdays, January 19–26, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 4F. Call Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3387 to register. All those sixty and over are welcome.

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin Sunday, January 31 in Borwell Dining Room: “The Belhar Confession,” led by Jeff Doane, at 9:30 a.m. and “Theology, Racism, and White Supremacy,” led by Carolyn Roncolato, at 11:00 a.m. Visit fourthchurch.org/academy for details.

This week’s January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed in the Page Smith Room at 11:30 a.m. each weekday will address such topics as diversity in Christian missions, the Earth Harp Collective, our national parks, Latino churches, and “Reframing Justice: Models from Honduras.” Visit www.calvin.edu/january to learn more.

The Five Wishes Program, a workshop that helps participants discuss end-of-life needs, will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. Register online at bit.ly/fivewish

“The Eyes of All”—a panel discussion on mass incarceration with district attorney John Chisholm, the Presbytery of Chicago’s Barbara A. Wilson, Chicago Theological Seminary’s Christophe Ringer, and McCormick Theological Seminary’s Reggie Williams—will be held on Monday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Author, Cook County defender, and Fourth Church member Jeanne Bishop will moderate this Michigan Avenue Forum Discussion.

A Grief Support Group for those experiencing significant losses will meet on Mondays, February 22–March 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

The Grades 6–7 Winter Retreat will take place Friday, January 29–Sunday, January 31 at Conference Point Center in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. For more information, contact Katie Patterson at kpatterson@fourthchurch.org

Mission and Outreach

The anti-violence group of the World Mission and Social Justice Committee will have information about gun policies available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour next Sunday.

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

Early-bird tickets to Gala of Hope, in support of Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, are available through February 5. Reserve tickets to this March 4 benefit—as well as a drawing for the chance to win a one-month convertible rental from Berman’s Infiniti of Chicago—online at bit.ly/GalaofHope16. Seating is limited, so don’t wait to make your reservations! For more information, contact Andrea Miller at amiller@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, February 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, March 7 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) or go to www.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 January 24 or February 28.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

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