



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Gathering

**Gathering Music** "Actual Proof" . . . . . Herbie Hancock  
"Let There Be Love". . . . . Lionel Rand and Ian Grant

### 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.*

*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.*

### \*Calling Together

Leader: When we are all despairing and the world is full of grief,

**People: roll back the stone!**

Leader: Although we fear change and do not feel ready,

**People: roll back the stone!**

Leader: Because we hope where hope is vain;  
because God calls us from the grave and shows us the way,

**People: roll back the stone! Let us worship!**

\* 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 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 23 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Leader: God is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.  
God makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.  
God renews my life and guides me along right pathways for the sake of God's name.  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Leader: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of God forever.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## Scripture Reading

Acts 9:36–43 . . . . . (New Testament, page 120)

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

# Responding to the Word

## Spoken Affirmation

Leader: It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost.

**People: This is true: For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son so that everyone who believes in him shall not die, but have everlasting life.**

Leader: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction.

**People: This is true: I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly.**

Leader: It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.

**People: This is true: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, in whom authority will rest, and whose name will be Prince of Peace.**

Leader: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world.

**People: This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world.**

Leader: It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything.

**People: This is true: I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your old folk shall dream dreams.**

Leader: It is not true that our dreams of liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history.

**People: This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth. Amen!**

**\*Musical Reflection**

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

**Offertory Music** "Stained-Glass Saint" . . . . . *Bryan Doherty*

**\*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!**

**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** "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" . . . *Vicar Earle Copes and Louis F. Benson*

### Litany of Prayer after Communion

Leader: May Christ's food be in our souls;

**People: may our food be shared like his.**

Leader: May Christ's life be in our hands;

**People: may our lives be shaped by his.**

Leader: May Christ's love be in our hearts;

**People: may our love be warmed by his.**

Leader: May Christ's peace be on our path;

**People: may our path follow his. Amen.**



# Sending

**\*Closing Song.** . . . . . "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

## \*Benediction

### Sending Music

## Worship Leaders

<b>Shannon J. Kershner</b>	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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## News and Opportunities

### News and Resources

**Tuesday is the last day to respond** to the survey inviting input on fellowship opportunities in which you would like to participate at Fourth Church. If you did not receive the survey emailed earlier this month and would like to complete one, please contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**Earth Day** is Friday, April 22, a day when the Care of Creation Committee calls us to hold in prayer God's amazing creation and to recommit ourselves to the good stewardship of that life-giving gift.

**Be sure to "like" Fourth Church on Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) for news, worship, and programming information and to access resources such as excerpts from sermons and prayers.

**The annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser** for the youth summer work camp trip will be held next Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Tickets will be available at the door that day.

**Bookmark the Fourth Church website—**[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, photos, and more.

### Music and the Arts

**Janet Krehbiel Pieracci** will talk about her art—which will be on exhibit in the Loggia—at an artist's reception on Monday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

**Organist Thom Gouwens**, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Camerata Chicago** will be in concert on Friday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at [www.cameratachicago.org](http://www.cameratachicago.org)

**"It's Cool in the Furnace,"** a musical presented by the Fourth Church children's choirs, will take place on Sunday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**The next organ dedication concert** will feature organist Aaron David Miller, composer and former Associate Organist at Fourth Church, on Monday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. Then on Friday, June 3 organist Ken Cowan will present a concert at 7:30 p.m.

**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).

### Embrace the second half of your life!

That is the invitation extended by our April 30 event "Aging into Possibility: Challenging the Myths and Misperceptions of Growing Older." Hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, the day will include inspiring, thought-provoking presentations. Details and registration are online at [www.fourthchurch.org/rc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/rc)



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## Mission and Outreach

**Our Cuba mission trip participants** joined the First Presbyterian Church in Havana for worship today. Please keep these travelers in your prayers in the week ahead as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

**A hygiene kit drive** for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and organized by Fourth Church's Presbyterian Women is happening through May 1. Donations are being accepted at the Presbyterian Women's table during Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings and at the reception desk during the week.

**Businesses able to provide internships** this summer for Chicago Lights Tutoring students participating in the Career Development program are asked to contact Shatoya Harper at 312.981.3384.

**To join a small, interracial group** that engages in dialogue to address racism, please contact Vicky Curtiss (312.981.3598).

**The Restorative Justice Committee** will host a presentation by Randy Kurtz, Deputy Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, on the report from the Illinois State Commission on criminal justice and sentencing reform Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G.

**Fourth Church plans to sponsor a refugee family** in 2016. To help, please attend an orientation on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F or contact Vicky Curtiss at [vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org)

**New volunteers** with the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center are invited to an orientation Thursday, April 21 at 3:00 p.m. RSVP at [www.bit.ly/1R9YyIH](http://www.bit.ly/1R9YyIH)

**Sunlight Project** will host a forum on "The Sex-Trafficking Web of Japan, Korea, and the United States," presented by PC(USA) mission coworker Kurt Esslinger, next Sunday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4G.

**The In(Justice) Film Festival**, cosponsored by Fourth Church, ICAR, and Trinity United Church of Christ, will be held on Monday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**The blue bows on the trees** outside the Manse are our public witness, during National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, to all those affected by child abuse. Volunteers are needed to remove bows on April 29; to help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

## Enrichment

**Weekly Seeds**, a weekly women's Bible study, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

**Two Academy for Faith and Life classes** continue next Sunday: "Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus" at 11:00 a.m. and "Weaving the Human and the Divine" at 12:15 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Gratz Center.

**Men's Bible study** will meet this Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)

**"Self-Search on the Path to Dying and Death: A Conversation with Phil Kennedy"** will be hosted by the Replogle Center on Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. A light supper will be served. Register at [www.bit.ly/philconvo](http://www.bit.ly/philconvo)

**"Good Grief,"** a class offered by the Center for Life and Learning and led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held on Thursday, April 28 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 5G. Those sixty and older are invited to register with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386.

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### Volunteers and Donations

#### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Gardeners** at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

(444 W. Chicago); Saturdays, 12:00–3:00 p.m.

**Sunday School teachers** for fourth- and fifth-grade classes during 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

**“Good Neighbors”** for daytime street outreach on Mondays and Fridays

**Hosts** to serve refreshments during Coffee Hour after worship services

**Physicians, nurses, or pharmacists** to serve as medical resources to guests of Sunday Night Supper; Sundays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

**Dining Room helpers** for Sunday Night Supper

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

#### **Current Donation Needs**

**Men’s and women’s spring clothes**

**Household furniture** for the Urban Youth Mission program

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)) or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer](http://www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer)*

### Worship

**We will gather for our monthly Taizé service** this Friday, April 22 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.

**Morning Prayer** is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

### Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School classes** meet on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

**Fourth Church Youth** (grades 6–12) gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room of the Gratz Center.

**A “Magic Show” Family Night** will be held on Friday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**A Communion service for families** will be held next Sunday, April 24 at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**Spring Family Camp** will be held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Friday, May 20–Sunday May 22. Register online at [www.bit.ly/familycamp0416](http://www.bit.ly/familycamp0416)

### Fellowship

**Young Adults** gather on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. A young adults retreat will be held Friday, May 6 through Sunday, 8 at the Grand Beach Inn in New Buffalo, Michigan.

**Christian Century Study Groups** will meet this Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org) (312.573.3369).

**Shannon Kershner and Leslie Ventsch** will talk about sacred spaces, church architecture, and our faith journey at the next “Good News” Fellowship gathering hosted by Presbyterian Women on Thursday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

## 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 Monday, May 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, June 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](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)) or go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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](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 April 24 or May 22.

**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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