



Gathering

Gathering Music "Higher Ground" Stevie Wonder
"Search for Peace" McCoy Tyner

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 the back cover.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

Leader: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

People: Mindful of the gifts we receive,

Leader: and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides,

People: let us worship God!

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Please note

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of peace, your call, at times, appears to divide us from one another.
We confess that we separate ourselves from you and from others
and foster divisions between those you love.
Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage.
Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight.
Give us your eyes to recognize the signs before us.
Help us to change our lives, and make us your faithful people
who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God hears our confession, rejoicing as we desire a changed life.

People: God lifts us from our despondency to rejoice in the company of the saints.

Leader: God acknowledges the forces that separate us and brings us to peace.

**People: We rejoice in the knowledge of our reconciliation
and a life lived in the presence of God.**

Leader: Friends, hear this good news:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, blessed, and sent into the world!

***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.

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 80:1–7, 17–19 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
 leading Joseph like a flock;
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim
 in the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh.
Stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Restore us, God! Let your face shine that we may be saved.**

Leader: O Most High God,
 how long will you be angered, despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
 shine your presence, and we shall be saved.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Restore us, God! Let your face shine that we may be saved.**

Leader: Let your hand be upon the one at your side,
 the child of humanity you have made strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
 give us life, that we may call upon your name.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
 shine your presence, and we shall be saved.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Restore us, God! Let your face shine that we may be saved.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:49–59 (Old Testament, page 71)

Sermon “Making Things Right” Nanette Sawyer

Responding to the Word

***Musical Reflection**

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

Offertory Music “Trees” Margaret P. Douroux

***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 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart". *Robert Kreutz and Omer Westendorf*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Holy God, without fail you call us to your table of love,
inviting us into community and communion with each other and with you.
Receive our thanksgiving for your gift of abundant life.
Help us to embody your grace and bring your love to the world. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song**

“Lord, You Give the
Great Commission”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Mark Eldred	Worship Coordinator and Interim Director of Adult Education
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano Joshua Griffin, 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

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds, a weekly women's Bible study that follows a United Church of Christ lectionary-based curriculum, meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

Men's Bible study will meet this Tuesday, August 16 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP for this meeting (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Christian Century Study Group will meet for a film screening this Thursday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4G. All are invited to attend. Those new to the group are asked to RSVP with Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

A seminar on music and the brain will be offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Thursday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. To register (*required*), visit www.bit.ly/musicbrain16

A screening of the film *The Age of Love* will be offered through the Replogle Center on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (*required*), visit www.bit.ly/rcfilm0716. For more information, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

Worship

Morning prayer will be held this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to join staff for this weekly opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world.

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 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The next Taizé worship service will be held on Friday, August 26 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.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org. They are also available via Twitter (@fourthchicago) and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch

Recent Fourth Church sermons are available in print format in booklets that can be found in the literature racks.

Have you seen our photos from ancient Egypt?

This past week was filled with fun and learning as preschoolers through fifth graders traveled to ancient Egypt for Vacation Bible School's focus on Joseph's journey from prison to palace.

Check out the VBS pictures—as well as some favorite quotes from recent sermons and devotions and Fourth Church news postings—all on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch



News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Tuesday, August 30; Tuesday, September 6; Tuesday, September 13; Wednesday, September 14; and Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at www.bit.ly/chitutor1617

Fresh produce is available at the Farmstand at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and at Horner Park Farmers Market (2741 W. Montrose) on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) holds open volunteer hours on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. For details, call Stephanie Budd at 312.274.3801.

Used bicycles are being collected by the World Mission and Social Justice Committee on Saturday, September 24. For details, call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

Music and the Arts

Vocalist Libby York will perform this Friday's free "Music by the Fountain" Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard.

All interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to Chancel Choir rehearsals, which begin on Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 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.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School and Sunday youth gatherings will resume on Sunday morning, September 11, when we kick off another exciting year of programming for children, youth, and families!

Senior High Youth will meet at Fourth Church this Monday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m. to go to Millennium Park for a Broadway in Chicago concert. For details, call Shelley Donaldson at 312.981.4036.

Thursday Family Movie Nights continue this Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. on the Day School playground (or, in case of rain, inside the Day School).

A camping trip for youth and their families will be held September 2–4 at Warren Dunes State Park in Sawyer, Michigan. Register online at www.bit.ly/youthcamping16

Fellowship

Young Adults gather on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They also meet for volleyball on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

Women at Fourth will gather for fellowship and a free concert in Millennium Park (on the west side of the Great Lawn, near the white information booth) this Thursday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. All are invited. For details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group hosted by those fifty and over, will gather for the presentation "Generation Z," led by Jane Hunt, on Friday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (*required*), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by 5:00 p.m. on August 31.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers to teach during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services

Cooks for Sunday Night Supper on September 4

Pianists to play during Children's Chapel at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays

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

Servers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers, on a signup basis

GED tutors for staff of the Urban Farm, Mondays–Saturdays

Greeters and ushers for the 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship services

On-call aides to help Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center guests select groceries from the Consumer Choice food pantry.

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

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

Good listeners and typists to transcribe recorded audio interviews for the Fourth Church Oral History program.

Current Donation Needs

Men's and women's spring clothes

Cloth ribbon, thread, and washable yarn for Benevolent Guild and Knitting and Crocheting

Travel-size toiletry items

Individually wrapped food items

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

News and Resources

New Stephen Ministers will begin fifty hours of training in September. Those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister are encouraged to complete an application (available at www.bit.ly/stephenminister) and return it to the church office by August 31.

A new Center for Life and Learning program year kicks off Thursday morning, September 8 with the annual CLL open house. Adults sixty and over are invited to explore the many opportunities to take part in classes, exercise programs, and day trips. More details—including opportunities to register for classes and renew CLL membership online—are available at www.fourthchurch.org/cll

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, and more.

Connection Corner helps you discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church. Look for the lighted table at Coffee Hour after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.fourthchurch.org/contact/nominating_form.html. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

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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 silence all electronic devices 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 Saturday, August 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, September 17 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) 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 August 28 or September 25.

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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