

Easter Sunday

Gathering

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 sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

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.

- Gathering Music** "Morning" Clare Fischer
"The Angel Rolled the Stone Away" African American spiritual
- Song** "Welcome, Welcome (A Place Called God)" Lucy Smith

Please note

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* Stand as you are able

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

***Opening Song** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit
we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection.

**People: Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise,
confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger.**

Leader: Like Mary, we weep at the tomb but do not recognize your presence.

People: Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence.

Leader: Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory.

**People: Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts,
keep our minds on your reconciling love.**

Leader: Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,
reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression.

**People: Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation
through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Listen, church:
God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death.
Hear this good news:

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

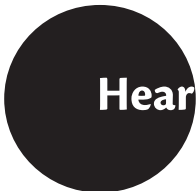
*Passing of the Peace

Leader: 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 118:1–2, 14–24 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Give thanks to God, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.
Let Israel now proclaim, "God's mercy endures forever."
God is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of God has triumphed!
The right hand of God is exalted!
The right hand of God has triumphed!"

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**
Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!

Leader: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of God.
God has punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and praise God.
"This is the gate of God; those who are righteous may enter."

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**
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Leader: I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is God's doing, and it is marvelous in your eyes.
This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**
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Scripture Reading

John 20:1–18 (*New Testament, page 108*)

Sermon *Nanette Sawyer*

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

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.

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

Offertory Music "Lord of the Dance" *Shaker hymn, text by Sydney Carter*

***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*

The Communion

Communion Music "Spirit Song" *John Wimber*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Most Holy God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ
you broke the power of death and opened the way to life.
As the empty tomb stands witness to Love's triumph over death,
make us, your church, a bold testimony to Christ's redeeming grace.
Let all we do proclaim to the world, "Christ is risen, indeed!"
Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "Christ Is Alive!"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Jean Marie Koon	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quintet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano Greg Ward II, alto sax

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

Children, Youth, and Family

Spring Family Camp will be Friday, May 19–Sunday, May 21 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. For details and to sign up, see www.bit.ly/familycamp17

Youth and their families will go camping Labor Day weekend, September 1–3, at Warren Dunes State Park in Michigan. For details and to sign up, go to www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

Tunes for Tots, an opportunity for parents and children up to two years old to sing together, meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

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

Eighth-grade Confirmation meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5A.

Youth in grades 6–12 meet for fellowship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and then gather at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G (Junior Highs) and the Bumpus Room (Senior Highs).

Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2017–18 half-day Twos and Preschool classes. For more information or to apply, contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2579).

Worship

Daily devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

Sacred Pause, twenty minutes of meditative silence, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to pray with Fourth Church staff for members and those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé, held on the fourth Friday of each month, will be held April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This candlelit service includes time for silent reflection as well as meditative singing and prayer. A labyrinth will be available to walk in Anderson Hall beforehand, between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A Special Welcome to Visitors with Us Today!

We are grateful you have joined us for this Easter celebration! We invite you to return to worship with us again and also to explore the many opportunities for education, fellowship, volunteering, and outreach available at Fourth Church. These pages and www.fourthchurch.org list a variety of these programs and activities, all of which welcome newcomers.



News and Resources

A memorial service for David Donovan, Associate Pastor Emeritus, will be held this Friday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information about meeting with a Stephen Minister is available online and by leaving a message at 312.573.3365.

Please use the recycling baskets around campus to help us care for creation and assist with the city's recycling program.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life—including last Sunday's festive Palm Procession with the Sunday School children—to keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and to share favorite quotes from sermons, prayers, and daily devotions.

Fellowship

Young Adults meet for their weekly Sunday Gathering, a time for fellowship and for conversation about various topics, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Details about their May 5–7 retreat—including an online registration form—are posted at www.bit.ly/yaspring17

For ways to connect with the community of Fourth Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/community

Enrichment

“Early Christian Worship,” an Academy for Faith and Life class taught by Carol Korak, meets next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

Weekly Seeds, a Sunday Bible study for women, meets next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

“Hospitality: The Sacred Art,” with Nanette Sawyer, meets next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, April 18 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org (312.573.3369).

John M. Buchanan will lead a discussion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together* on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Men's Book Club will meet on Monday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House Dining Room to discuss *Unlock Congress*.

Women at Fourth will meet on Thursday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for a presentation by Nadine Scully on the power and positive energy of movement.

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create gifts and treats for children in hospitals and shelters.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets—which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a grocery store or restaurant—are available by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

The blue bows on the trees outside the Manse are our public witness of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month.

To sign up for weekly organic produce deliveries from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm during the upcoming season, visit www.bit.ly/clcsa2017

Our Sunlight Project will host a Selah Freedom meeting on Saturday, April 22 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G to learn about volunteering with sex-trafficking survivors. RSVP to volunteer@selahfreedom.com

In celebration of Earth Day, on Sunday, April 23 at 12:15 p.m., the Care of Creation Committee will be hosting a screening of the film *Before the Flood*, a documentary that takes a closer look at the challenges of climate change.

The (In)Justice Film Festival will show two free films in Buchanan Chapel on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. on ministry to those who are incarcerated.

Businesses are needed to host—at no cost to them—high-school summer interns as part of Chicago Lights Tutoring's Career Development. For details, contact Tanya Uyigue at tuyigue@chicagolights.org

Volunteers Needed

Adult volunteers are needed for youth ministry in 2017–2018. Sign up at www.bit.ly/2oapRbZ by April 30.

Used tennis shoes will be collected during Coffee Hour on April 23 for recycling into materials for playground surfaces.

For more volunteer opportunities, email Robert Crouch at volunteerministry@fourthchurch.org

Music and the Arts

The Choral Society begins rehearsals this Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel for a May 19 concert of French music. All are invited to join.

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert features pianist Menghua Lin.

An opening reception for the "Scratchings of a Madwoman" Loggia exhibit by Rhonda Nass will be this Friday, April 21 between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Camerata Chicago will be in concert in Buchanan Chapel this Friday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets (*use discount code FPCC*), go to www.cameratachicago.org

The Lakeside Singers will be in concert in the Sanctuary Friday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets see www.lakesidesingers.com

Learn about the South Africa music trip planned for summer 2018 at an information session on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

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 Monday, May 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, June 5 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 April 23 or May 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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