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4:00 Order of Worship 7.12.09

Gathering

Gathering Music

Prelude on "Land of Rest"

*American folk hymn
arr. Leo Sowerby*

Down to the River to Pray

*American folk hymn
arr. Robert Lee*

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: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.

People: **One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

Leader: In baptism God claims us and seals us to show that we belong to God.

People: **By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.**

Leader: Alleluia, amen!

* Stand as you are able

***Song of Praise**

"I Am a Child of God"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, our redeemer,
you delivered us through water,
but we long to return to Egypt.
Your word calms the storm,
but we timidly cower in fear.
Your justice would roll down like rivers,
but we obstruct its flow.
Have mercy on us, and cleanse us, God.
Deliver us and grace us with joy,
that we may die daily to sin and
rise daily to new life in Christ.
Grant us the gift of your grace
that we might always give glory to your name.
Hear now our silent prayers . . .

Silence

Kyrie (*sung two times*)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As God's forgiven people, let us 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.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

***Gloria** (*sung three times*)

***Song of Preparation**

“Wade in the Water”

Scripture Lesson Galatians 3:23–28 (page 178, N.T.)

Sermon by John W. Vest
“The Waters of Rebirth”

Silence

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.

Offertory Solo

“At the River”

Robert Lowry
arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels’ feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.
Soon we’ll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

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 Anthem "Down by the Riverside" *African American spiritual*
(the congregation is welcome to sing along with the choir)

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace,
you have welcomed us into your presence
and filled us with your Spirit,
through water, word, bread, and cup.
Send us now into the world
to be agents of your reconciling love,
drawing ever closer to you
and loving our neighbors as you love us all.
Amen.

Sending

***Sending Song** "I Have Called You by Your Name"

***Benediction**

Sending Music I've Just Come from the Fountain

*African American spiritual
arr. Richard Billingham*

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God will be 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.

Worship Leaders

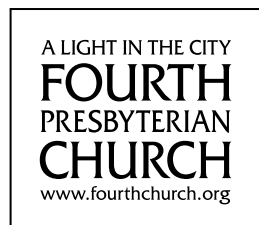
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The Chamber Choir	
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Fourth Church Cares

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 Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Worship

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff in Stone Chapel for this opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé is held on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. This service brings together meditative songs, prayers, and scripture, offering an opportunity to pause for reflection at the end of the week. A labyrinth walk is offered in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. prior to the Taizé services. The next service will be Friday, July 24.

Sunday morning worship services are held at 8:00 (Communion) and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Children, Youth, and Family

Summer Sunday School for preschoolers through fifth graders meets at 9:30 a.m. There is expanded nursery care for infants through kindergartners during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Fourth Church youth do not have regular gatherings on Sunday mornings during the summer.

Vacation Bible School for preschoolers through fifth graders will take place August 17–21 this year. Application forms are available in Westminster House and online at www.fourthchurch.org. Space is limited and will fill quickly. Youth are needed to serve as crew leaders. For more information, contact Melissa Scanlan at the church at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org).

News and Resources

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

Because of the generosity of many, we have currently received pledges and gifts totaling \$4.1 million toward the 2009 goal of \$5.1 million to support the mission and ministry of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. As we seek to close the \$1 million gap, we are asking all members and friends to join in “Meeting the Challenge” by increasing their pledges—or pledging for the first time—or making an additional gift. To help meet the challenge, please complete the response card in the pew racks, visit www.fourthchurch.org/2009challenge.html, or contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources for those dealing with practical, spiritual, and emotional issues. For information about available resources, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org), call the Care Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 446, or pick up a “Fourth Church Cares” card from the literature racks.

Music and the Arts

Jerry Johnson, member of the Fourth Church Morning Choir, and the Jim Sellers Trio will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the Garth, as part of the “Music by the Fountain” series. This weekly series will continue through August.

Enrichment

A grief support group for those dealing with significant loss experiences will be held at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings from July 27 through August 31. For details or to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425 by 12:00 noon Wednesday, July 22.

Discover Egypt January 10–24, 2010, on an educational tour led by Adam Fronczek. Brochures are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website. For more details, contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

The annual School Supply Drive, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, begins today. Lists of needed supplies are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org. These supplies, which will be collected through Thursday, August 20, will be given to students who are involved in the Community Garden and the Chicago Lights Tutoring program as well as those served by various community agencies. For more details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden (Chicago Avenue, between Hudson and Cleveland) has open hours Tuesday through Friday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For information or to sign up to volunteer at the garden, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young adult volleyball takes place every Monday at Oak Street Beach beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more information about young adult opportunities at Fourth Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/youngadults.html or contact Liz Nickerson at enickerson@fourthchurch.org.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday morning driver to pick up produce from the 1558 N. Elston market for use at Community Supper

Ushers, readers, and musicians to help with 4:00 p.m. worship

Saturday bread-cutters for 8:00 a.m. Sunday Communion (on a rotating schedule)

Community Supper volunteers to help with beverage pouring, tablecloth washing, dish washing, and chair stacking

Art instructor, station leaders, and snack servers for Fourth Church Vacation Bible School, August 17–21 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Household furnishings for Cabrini-Green grandmother who lost many possessions in a fire; contact Larry Nicholson for a list of needs

Men's seasonal sturdy clothes in larger sizes, especially pants, belts, and shoes

Cell phones to be recycled by a nonprofit program benefiting women who are homeless

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@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 incorporated into 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 Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table this afternoon to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Pastoral Staff for 4:00 Worship

Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission
Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship
Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, Pastoral Resident
Sarah A. Johnson, Pastoral Resident
Joann H. Lee, Pastoral Resident

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please join us for a community supper following this time of worship. A meal will be served in Anderson Hall, which is through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary. We welcome this opportunity to break bread together and share in fellowship with friends and neighbors.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary will be incorporated in the visual arts program for those attending 4:00 worship. In the coming weeks, liturgical artists and worshipers at the 4:00 service will fill the blank canvases with artistic representations of our worship experience.

Large-print Bibles and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of 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. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship. We invite you to stop by the community meal or the Loggia (through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary) after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Streets) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets must be picked up from

the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, July 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, July 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, August 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).