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4:00 Order of Worship 7.26.09

Gathering

Gathering Music

Music for Royal Fireworks
Overture—Bourée—Minuet

George Frideric Handel

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 (Isaiah 49:13–16)

Leader: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

People: **For the Lord has comforted all people and will have compassion on those who suffer.**

Leader: But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me."

People: **God responds: "Can a woman forget her nursing child or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you."**

Leader: God says, "See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands." Let us praise God for such love.

* Stand as you are able

***Song of Praise**

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord, we confess our day-to-day failure to be human.
We fail to love with all we have and are,
often because we do not fully understand what loving means,
or because we are afraid of risking ourselves.
We cut ourselves off from one another and erect barriers of division.
Through ill-considered words we have built walls of prejudice.
By focusing on ourselves and having little sympathy,
we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.
Speak to us, Holy Spirit. Help us to listen to your word of forgiveness.
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*)

Psalter Psalm 139:1–5, 13–14, 16–18

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 3:14–4:6 (page 182, N.T.)

Sermon by Victoria G. Curtiss
“Broken and Beloved”

Silence

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Anthem “May God Smile on You” from *Cantata No. 196*

J.S. Bach

May God smile on you more and more and on all your children.

***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

"Eat This Bread"

Jacques Berthier

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Almighty God, thank you for nurturing us at your table.
You have given us the privilege to share in the loving, healing,
and reconciling mission of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
in this age and wherever we are.**

May your Spirit make us wise;

may your Spirit guide us;

may your Spirit renew us;

may your Spirit strengthen us;

**so that we will be strong in faith, discerning in proclamation,
courageous in witness, and persistent in good deeds.**

This we ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

— prayer adapted from the Church of the Province of the West Indies

Sending

***Sending Song** “The Servant Song”

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***Benediction**

Sending Music

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The Rejoicing

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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

Victoria G. Curtiss	Associate Pastor
Joleen Preuninger	Lay Liturgist
The Chamber Choir	
Cole Seaton	Soloist
Thomas E. Gouwens	Associate Organist

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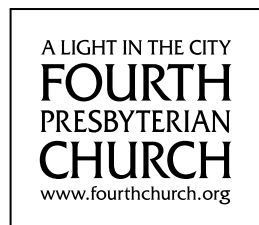
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Fourth Church Cares

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.

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

A service in the style of Taizé is held each 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 Taizé service will be Friday, August 28.

Mission and Outreach

Participants on the Guatemala mission trip will spend July 25–August 2 working with Common Hope, an organization dedicated to educating children and empowering families living in poverty. Please keep these travelers in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in this global mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

The annual School Supply Drive, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, is underway. 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).

News and Resources

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and can be completed online. 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.

Children, Youth, and Family

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 filling quickly. For more information, contact Melissa Scanlan at the church at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

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

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

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

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

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

Boxes of disposable diapers for child in need (Huggies Pull-Ups, size 4T–5T girls)

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

Infants' and children's gently-used clothes, strollers, cribs, car seats, toys, and books to benefit the patients of a nonprofit clinic

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

The Los Angeles Children's Choir will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary as part of the "Music by the Fountain" series. This weekly series will return outdoors next week.

A world music instrumental ensemble is being organized for the 4:00 worship service. Those who have experience with or interest in music of other cultures—especially African, Asian, Native American, and Latin American music—are invited to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

"Patterns of Colorful Lives: Guatemalan Textiles" is on display in the Loggia in conjunction with the Fourth Church mission trip to Guatemala. This artwork, which is accompanied by pictures and information about Guatemala, is on exhibition until Tuesday, September 14.

Enrichment

The 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions will meet in Melbourne, Australia this December. Those interested in joining Joyce Shin in traveling to the Parliament December 2–13 are asked to contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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).

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@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 Monday, August 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, August 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).