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Gathering

Gathering Music

Grand-Choeur Dialogué

Eugène Gigout arr. John Kuzma

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: We have encountered the Word, calling us into communion with God and with each other

People: and calling us into discipleship to carry on Christ's work in our world.

Leader: So we come together here, joining hands in the great quest

People: to worship God, to love each other, and to serve the world.

***Songs of Praise** "Come, All You People"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, who spoke of old to prophets and apostles, who spoke eloquently in Jesus Christ, who speaks today, we admit that we have often ignored your voice. We have heard its echo in the cries of the oppressed, in the yearning of peoples to determine their own future, and from the land, whose resources we abuse and poison. We have heard your voice silenced by political paranoia, cultural arrogance, religious complacency, and self-interest. Voice of God, forgive us and nurture our desire to be obedient. In your Son's 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)

Psalter Psalm 150

Scripture Lesson Acts 1:1–11

(page 110, N.T.)

Sermon by Sarah A. Johnson

"Commissioning of the First Disciples: 'Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?'"

Silence

Seal<mark>ing the Word</mark>

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Anthem "O Praise Ye the Lord"

Noel Dexter

*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	"Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee"	Dale Wood

Prayer after Communion (unison)

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the community that you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness, and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

Sending		
*Sending Song	"Here I Am, Lord"	
*Benediction		
Sending Music	Toccata from Organ Symphonie V	Charles-Marie Widor
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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

Sarah A. Johnson	Pastoral Resident
Adam Fronczek	Associate Pastor
Rebecca Nilsson	Lay Liturgist
The Chamber Choir	
Beverly Brass Band	Guest group
Cole Seaton	Cantor
Thomas E. Gouwens	Associate Organist

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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.

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).

Mission and Outreach

The annual School Supply Drive, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, 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 programs 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 paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

To date we have received more than \$128,000 in response to the \$360,000 challenge fund launched in May. We are grateful to all who have given or pledged to the Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, to those who have increased their pledge or made additional gifts, and to those who have given or pledged for the first time. Together with the responses to this recent "Meeting the Challenge" fund, we have received \$4.2 million toward the \$5.1 million required for budget. Gifts to help meet the challenge and bridge the gap can be made by completing the response card in the pew racks, by visiting www.fourthchurch.org/2009challenge.html, or by contacting Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

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.

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.

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 nonalchoholic 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. Liturgical artists and worshipers at the 4:00 service are filling 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, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, August 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, September 14 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).