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4:00 Order of Worship 8.30.09

Gathering

Gathering Music

O Yah Etay Kuku Fanyeh
Ya Baba
Lolo
Elegua Go

West African song
Syrian song
West African song
Yoruban song

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.

Music Practice

Call to Worship

Leader: Do not cling to old ways of doing things. God is creating a new day among us.

People: **We have wearied of calling on God,
yet our Creator offers us healing and hope.**

Leader: Happy are those who look beyond their own troubles.
All who seek to help others will find new life.

People: **Surely God is faithful and will be with us.
Blessed be our God from everlasting to everlasting!**

* Stand as you are able

***Song of Praise** “We Are Marching”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Almighty and generous God,
in love you spread good gifts before us.
You feed, heal, teach, and save us.
We confess that we always want more,
that we never share as freely as you give.
We resent what we lack and are jealous of our neighbors.
We misuse what you intend for joy and
resist the healing and grace that you offer.
Forgive our stubborn and destructive ways.
By your mercy, help us to take such pleasure
in your goodness that we will be forever thanking you.
Hear now our silent prayers . . .**

Silence

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

Scripture Lesson Mark 2:1–12 (page 34, N.T.)

Sermon by Linda C. Loving
“One Way or Another”

Silence

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Hymn “The God of Us All” *Japanese melody*

The God of us all is our Father;
he guides us when we are in danger;
he calls us to honor the stranger;
great is the Lord, ever-adored.

The God of us all is our Mother;
she teaches us her truth and beauty;
she shows us a love beyond duty,
great is the Lord, ever-adored.

Our God is a Father and Mother,
surrounding us all with protection
to give to the world new direction;
great is the Lord, ever-adored.

***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 Music

"Gopala"

Indian song

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**We give praise and thanks to you, O God!
In Jesus Christ, you have given us life;
you have brought forgiveness, healing, and peace.
Fed at this table, may we become a merciful, healing,
and peaceful presence in your world.
Keep us faithful and grateful throughout all our days
in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Sending

***Sending Song** “Song of Hope”

***Benediction**

Sending Music Para Nay Way *Brazilian song*

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

Linda C. Loving	Minister for Evangelism
Jocelyn C. Cadwallader	Pastoral Resident
Pulse Beat Music	John Knecht, Director
The Chamber Choir	
John W. W. Sherer	Organist and Director of Music

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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

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 \$144,472 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.

"Get Connected" through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 20, all are invited to Anderson Hall following worship to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities. On Sunday, September 27, all are encouraged to attend Coffee Hour to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Mission and Outreach

Those interested in becoming a tutor and mentor for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are invited to attend one of the following orientation sessions: Wednesday, September 9; Tuesday, September 15; Thursday, September 17; or Monday, September 21 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Choose one day a week, Monday–Thursday, to volunteer from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. For details, contact Tutoring Services Coordinator Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560 (mstegemann@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers are needed to help plan Carnaval, the Annual Mission Benefit. Carnaval is a festive evening of dinner, dancing, and silent and live auctions to raise funds for the outreach programs of Chicago Lights. For more information, contact Ashya Shaw at 312.981.3566 (ashaw@fourthchurch.org).

The Chicago Avenue Community Outreach Garden, a program of Chicago Lights, is now observing fall open hours. Stop by the garden on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. or on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information or to volunteer at the Garden, contact program manager Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Soprano Emily Lee will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. Next week's concert will feature pianist Ivana Ristova.

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 are invited to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

A fall kickoff event for children, youth, and their parents will take place Sunday, September 13 and will include lunch and other activities. Sunday School will resume on that date.

U2charist, a communion service focused on social justice issues, will be hosted by Fourth Church youth on Friday, September 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Songs by U2, performed by a live cover band, will be used during the service. All are invited to attend.

The Senior Highs Lock-In will take place Friday, September 11, following U2charist and finishing up Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. To register, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364.

The Bright Horizons Children's Center, a full-day licensed child care and early education facility at Fourth Church, has openings for children ages two to five. For more details or to schedule a tour of the Children's Center, contact Licia Palmore at 312.640.5870 (lpalmore@fourthchurch.org).

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 prayer service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. A meditative labyrinth walk is offered prior to the service from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next service will be Friday, September 25.

Fellowship

Young adult volleyball will take place this 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.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples over fifty, will have a barbecue and potluck on Friday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garth to kick off the program year. Advance payment and reservations are required and can be made by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

"Men, Commitment, and Emotions: What Do Men Want?" is the topic of the upcoming Men's Group meeting, which will be held Saturday, September 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Dr. Paul Giblin of the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University will be the keynote speaker. To RSVP, call the church office at 312.787.4570 by Friday, September 11.

The ThirtiesForties fellowship group will hold a fall kickoff potluck brunch on Sunday, September 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. For information or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their late forties and older, will host a program on Friday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Olympics expert John MacAloon of the University of Chicago will be the keynote speaker. To register, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.4570, ext. 494.

Moms' groups are meeting in Lincoln Park and Lakeview on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Additionally, an evening moms' group meets once a month on Mondays. For information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364 (abright@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will meet this Tuesday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *The Most Famous Man in America* by Deborah Applegate. All are welcome.

A Triumph over Cancer educational session on stress management will be held this Tuesday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To register, call the Triumph over Cancer Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 443.

The Center for Life and Learning's Autumn Open House will take place Thursday, September 10. Attend during the day from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall or at night from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Manse. To RSVP, stop by the CLL front desk during the week or call the Open House Infoline at 312.640.5459.

Those sixty and over are invited to a luncheon and opportunity to learn about Wii fitness on Thursday, September 10 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse Dining Room. To register (required), contact Patricia Amis at the Center for Life and Learning at 312.981.3387 (pamis@fourthchurch.org).

Caring Circles, classes to equip participants in the CLL's Friendly Visitors project, will kick off on Thursday, September 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. No registration is required.

An eight-session T'ai Chi course for beginners will start Thursday, September 17 at 5:00 p.m. For more information or to register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

The author of *A. Lincoln: A Biography*, Ronald C. White, will discuss his book at an upcoming Michigan Avenue Forum on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.

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 Joyce at 312.274.3835 (jshin@fourthchurch.org) by this Monday, August 31.

Fourth Church members and friends are invited to travel to Egypt on an educational tour led by Adam Fronczek January 10–24, 2010. Information is available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website. Those interested in applying are invited to contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Reading and math tutors for elementary children at two Cabrini-Green schools; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., several times a week

Sunday School teachers for 9:30 or 11:00 classes, alternate Sundays, with a partner

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 various tasks from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which resumes in the fall; orientation is provided

Volunteers with a hobby or skill they can teach to students from 5:25 to 5:55 p.m. before Tutoring; one-time, monthly, or weekly commitment

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

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 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.

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 Monday, September 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 27 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).