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4:00 Order of Worship 9.13.09

Gathering

Gathering Music

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: Happy are those who are steadfast in faith,
who show forth the mercy and compassion of God.

People: **God can do all things; no purpose of God can be thwarted.**

Leader: In faith, we have uttered what we do not understand,
for the ways of God are too wonderful for us.

People: **We believe we can see God's goodness and be led
through pathways that bring life.**

Leader: We wait for God and the strength that God offers.

People: **Our hearts take courage to show God's love in the world.**

* Stand as you are able

***Song of Praise** “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of compassion, we confess before you that we have sinned.
We have passed by our neighbors and ignored opportunities
to act on their behalf with kindness and justice.
We have mocked their misery by making excuses to avoid their plight.
We have viewed life through the narrow focus of our own immediate self-interest,
without awareness of people who are used and abused.
We have allowed ourselves to feel helpless about the world’s brokenness
instead of relying on you as the source of healing, strength, hope, and guidance.
Forgive our self-preoccupation.
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 John 11:1–44 (*selected verses*)

(page 98, N.T.)

Sermon by Victoria G. Curtiss
“Calling Forth Life”

***Song** “What Does the Lord Require?”

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Anthem "Lord, Make Us Servants"

Robert Roth

Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate,
may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one. Where all is doubt,
may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we bring light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.
May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.
Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

*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 "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.

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

**Loving God, you are the bread of life for us.
Help us feed your bread to others.
Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving,
tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding,
that we may proclaim your reign on earth and do your will.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Sending

***Sending Song** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

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

Linda C. Loving Minister for Evangelism

Instrumental Ensemble

The Chamber Choir

John W. W. Sherer Organist and Director of Music

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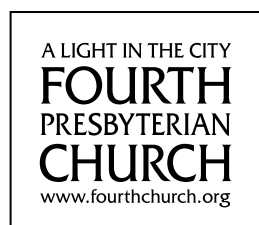
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Fourth Church Cares

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

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.

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 morning, September 20, all are invited to Anderson Hall following worship to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, Bible studies, choirs, and other activities.

"Bike to Church Sunday," a day when all are invited to cycle to church, will take place Sunday, September 27 and is sponsored by the Fourth Church Cycling Club. Bike parking will be available on the playground; locks are required. For more information, email cyclists@fourthchurch.org.

Mission and Outreach

The 2009 CROP Walk to alleviate global hunger will take place Sunday, October 18 at UIC (750 S. Halsted St.). To donate or sign up to walk with the Fourth Church team, visit www.chicagocropwalk.org or call Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

Those interested in becoming a tutor and mentor with the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are invited to attend one of the following orientation sessions: 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 more information, contact Tutoring Services Coordinator Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560 (mstegemann@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Harpichordist Sonia Lee will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Chamber Choir invites additional voices to join them in singing during 4:00 p.m. worship. Practices for the Chamber Choir are held at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary prior to this service. Voices are also needed for the Chancel Choir, which performs during 8:00 a.m. worship and practices Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For details, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

Instrumentalists, especially those with an interest in or experience with music of other cultures, are invited to share their talents during the 4:00 service or monthly Taizé worship. For more information or to volunteer, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592.

Those who would like to receive *Music Notes*, a weekly email newsletter about concerts at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

The Fine Arts Council at Fourth Church is accepting artwork entries for a winter exhibition that will showcase works by Fourth Church artists. For details, contact Sue Pellowe at 312.981.3593.

News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday school classes for children meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House and the Manse.

Fourth Church youth meet each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.; Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse Basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

Choir practice for children and youth is held Sunday mornings in the Dining Room: Junior High Choir at 9:30 a.m., Cherub Choir (K–1) at 10:30 a.m., Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 11:00 a.m., and Senior High Choir at 11:45 a.m.

Family Camp, a weekend of activities for children, youth, and their parents, will take place October 9–11 at the Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan.

A new evenings moms' group will meet on the first Tuesday of the month, beginning October 6. For more information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@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 for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers an opportunity to pray for 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.

Volunteers and Donations

The annual Volunteer Fair will be held on Sunday morning, September 27 during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall. All are encouraged to attend and to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Red Cross-certified lifeguard for Fourth Church Family Camp in Saugatuck October 10–11; expenses covered

Reading and math tutors for elementary children at two Cabrini-Green schools; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., several times a week

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

Community Supper volunteers to help with various tasks from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Instrumentalists with experience or interest in world music to participate in an ensemble for 4:00 p.m. worship

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

Current Donation Needs

Toiletries for the Social Service Center Health Fair, especially shaving cream, toothpaste, individually wrapped toothbrushes, small tissue packets, and deodorant; deposit items in the wicker bin outside of Anderson Hall

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

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

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

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Caring Circles, a series of 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. All are welcome.

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 the bestseller *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. in Anderson Hall.

Thomas Long, a widely admired preacher and influential teacher of preaching, will speak at the annual *Christian Century* lecture on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Arts Club of Chicago (201 E. Ontario). For ticket fee and reservation information, contact the Century at 312.263.7510, ext. 229 (event@christiancentury.org).

"Splash Out: A Nia Community Class" will be held Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. To register for this one-session class, call the Nia Class Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit www.niachicago.com.

New Academy for Faith and Life courses will begin Sunday, September 27. Course descriptions are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. All are welcome.

Christian Century Study Groups provide opportunity to discuss challenging social, ethical, and theological issues as addressed in the *Christian Century*. Study groups will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., beginning Wednesday, October 7. To register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.787.4570 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Tuesday, September 22.

Fourth Church will mark the 500th anniversary of the birth of reformer John Calvin with a variety of observances, including a celebrative gathering at the Newberry Library on Thursday evening, October 15 and a series of presentations on Saturday morning, October 17 by John Buchanan, Cynthia Campbell, Anna Case-Winters, and Adam Fronczek. For details, pick up an Academy for Faith and Life brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/calvin.html. To register, call Adrienne Glover at 312.573.3364.

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.

Fellowship

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. John MacAloon will speak about Olympics past and present. For registration details, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.4570, ext. 494 or Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for Young Adults age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets on Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For details about Young Adult ministry at Fourth Church, email Liz Nickerson at enickerson@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 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.

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

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 were created during the 4:00 worship service and are 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.

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).