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4:00 Order of Worship 9.20.09



Gathering Music Rock of Ages

Idyl
The Aeolian Sonata
II. Shalom

Seth Bingham Richard Purvis Dan Locklair

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: All you who are thirsty, this is the place for water.

All you who are hungry, this is the place to be fed.

People: Gather us in, O God.

Leader: Why spend your earnings on what is not food?

Why pay for that which fails to satisfy?

People: Gather us in, O God.

Leader: Here, without money, here, without price, all may enjoy the bread of heaven.

God speaks, and all who listen will have life.

People: Gather us in, O God.

^{*} Stand as you are able

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, you have given us life, but too often we do not live as you would have us live.

Our greed keeps us from sharing; our fear keeps us distant from others and from you; and our laziness keeps us from changing our lives for the better.

You offer us the chance to confess and be forgiven, but our guilt about the past limits our vision for the future.

Forgive us, Lord. Help us to know that your offer of forgiveness is real. Help us to know that you can be trusted.

Free us for new life, that we may come to you like little children, accept ourselves, and return to our lives as redeemed people.

In silence, we offer you our personal prayers of confession . . .

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

Psalter Psalm 1 (responsively) (page 463, O.T.)

Scripture Lesson Mark 9:33–37 (page 42, N.T.)

Sermon by Adam Fronczek "Finding Space"

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Anthem "The Bread of Life"

Eric DeLamarter

The bread of God is that which cometh down out of heaven and giveth life unto the world. Lord, evermore, give us this bread.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life, they that cometh to me shall not hunger. I am the bread of life, they that believeth in me shall never thirst." Amen.

*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 "Agnus Dei"

Jacques Berthier

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; grant us peace.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Dear God, we thank you for the bread of life that sustains us and the cup of salvation that reminds us we are forgiven and loved. Set us free as redeemed people to go out into the world to love and serve you and one another.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



*Sending Song "In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful" Jacques Berthier

*Benediction

Sending Music Canzona Domenico Zipoli

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

Adam Fronczek Associate Pastor

Linda C. Loving Minister for Evangelism

Fourth at Four Ensemble

The Chamber Choir

Carol Carpenter Soloist

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

"Bike to Church Sunday," a day when all are invited to cycle to church, will take place next 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.

Learn about the many ways to "Get Connected" with others at Fourth Church through educational opportunities, fellowship groups, Bible studies, choirs, and more! Stop by the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org to find out about the variety of activities available to members of the Fourth Church community.

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.

Fourth Presbyterian Church, a member congregation of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, is committed to being a fully inclusive community. To learn more about Covenant Network, visit www.covenantnetwork.org.

"Meeting the Challenge" update: We have received \$255,000 in response to the \$360,000 challenge fund in support of the 2009 Annual Appeal. Thank you to all who have contributed!

Mission and Outreach

Those interested in becoming a tutor and mentor with the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are invited to attend a Monday, September 21 orientation from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For more information, contact Tutoring Services Coordinator Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560 (mstegemann.fourthchurch.org).

All are invited to a Fall Harvest Cookout at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden on Saturday, September 26 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. There will be food, crafts, games, and garden tours for all.

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. fourthchurch.org/cropwalk.html or contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@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.

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.

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. Registration forms are available in Westminster House and online at www.fourthchurch.org/downloads/FamilyCamp0909.pdf.

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).

Fellowship

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.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples over fifty, will meet on Friday, October 2 for a special presentation about the Fourth Church organ, led by organist John Sherer. Advance payment and reservations are required; call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454 for details.

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.

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

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

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

Chamber Choir singers and instrumentalists for 4:00 p.m. worship; music selection is world, contemporary, and traditional

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

Current Donation Needs

Toiletries for the Social Service Center Health Fair; deposit items in the wicker bin outside of Anderson Hall

Bean bag, rocking chairs, and bright rugs for a Cabrini-Green elementary school

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

Music and the Arts

"Project Onward: Visionary Work by Artists with Disabilities" is now on exhibition in the Loggia.

Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music John W. W. Sherer will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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

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.

Concerns about falling will be addressed in a discussion led by gerontological nurse practitioner JoAnn Gruca on Tuesday, September 22 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room.

The author of the best-seller A. Lincoln: A Biography, Ronald C. White, will discuss his book at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Thomas Long 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 details, contact the Century at 312.263.7510, ext. 229.

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

New Academy for Faith and Life courses begin next Sunday, September 27: "Doing Theology inside *The Shack*" and "The Bible and Our Culture" will meet at 9:30 a.m.; "The Book of Job and the Invention of Faith" and "Egypt and the Bible" will meet at 11:00 a.m. Room locations and course descriptions are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

A women's Bible study will begin Sunday, September 27 and meet weekly at 9:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Linda Loving will present *Julian*, a one-woman drama about the life of Julian of Norwich, on Monday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights (6601 W. College Drive).

"Organic and Super Foods for Cancer

Prevention," will be the topic of a Triumph over Cancer educational session on Tuesday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To register, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 443.

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 this 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 the church at 312.573.3364.

"Becoming a Multicultural Church," a workshop for church members and friends, will be held Sunday, October 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the Activity Room. All are invited to attend and explore how Fourth Church can grow in inclusivity. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The 2009 Covenant Network Conference will be held November 5–7 in Cleveland. Those interested in attending are invited to contact J.C. Cadwallader at 312.640.2571 (jcadwallader@fourthchurch.org).

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 can contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 for details.

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 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 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.

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 Sunday, September 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, October 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).