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4:00 Order of Worship 10.11.09



Gathering

Gathering Music

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Daniel Henry

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.

Learning Music Together

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord for the people he has given us.
For parents and grandparents, for sons and daughters,
for brothers and sisters, for husband and wife,
for all those who reflect to us the human dimension of your love,

People: **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For neighbors and colleagues, for friends both far away and nearby—
for all those who share the joys and sorrows of our daily lives,

People: **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who serve us in restaurants, in repair shops,
in stores, in schools, in hospitals—
for all those who make our lives more comfortable,

People: **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For the family of God, for the church universal,
and for those who worship with us and minister to us in this church,

People: **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who are weak and destitute,
for those who need protection and support,
for those who need healing and nurturing,
for all those to whom we minister,

People: **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

***Song of Praise** "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Eternal God, you do not change.
You have revealed yourself to us in your Word.
You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.
But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be.
We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless.
Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance.
Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want
instead of shaping us into what you want.
Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty
and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. 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

Psalter Psalm 42 (sung)

Scripture Lesson Job 23:1–17 (page 446, O.T.)

Sermon by Adam Fronczek

Feeling Like You're Being Followed . . .

Silence

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Anthem "O the Riches and the Wisdom"

Douglas E. Wagner

O the riches and the wisdom, O the blessings of our God;
spread before us at this table, gracious, healing, living food.
Who by Christ's own cross and passion did redeem us by his blood,
shed for his unworthy servants, rooted, rounded in his love.
Living bread and cup of blessing, gathered now, we share as one,
tokens of our lives together, of our work still unbegun.
Sacred banquet, holy union, draw in us that saving grace,
that by faith to spread God's kingdom, his full love we may embrace.
Spirit of the living Godhead, burn with fires of deepest love.
Warm our hearts with richest mercy. Kindle with undying love, alleluia.
Blessed friend, O sweetest treasure, grant the grace that makes us whole.
Use our hands in your good service, working toward our heavenward goal.

*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 "Eternal Light"

Leo Sowerby

Eternal light, shine into our hearts; eternal goodness, deliver us from evil;
eternal power, be our support; eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;
eternal pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

**Gracious God, we thank you for the love that brings us food from heaven,
gives us the life of your dear Son, and assures us that we belong to the company
of all his faithful people in heaven and on earth. Grant that, strengthened by
this fellowship and by the power of his Holy Spirit, we may continue his work
in the world, until we come to the glory of your eternal kingdom; through the
same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

***Sending Song** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

***Benediction**

Sending Music "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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
Victoria G. Curtiss Associate Pastor
The Chamber Choir
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 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 will be available prior to the service from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

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.

A “Great Expectations” baby shower for parents who are expecting or have welcomed a child into their family in the past year will be held next Sunday, October 18 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. For information or to RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.org.)

Mothers of children age four and under are invited to a Moms' Night Out on Monday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. Participants will attend a private cooking class and tasting. To RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at enickerson@fourthchurch.org by Tuesday, October 13.

News and Resources

“Called to be a Church Alive,” the 2010 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Giving response cards have been mailed to member homes and also are available in the pew racks, online, and wherever “Church Alive” display stands are found. Please return completed cards by Sunday, October 25 so that we may faithfully plan and budget for 2010. For more information, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Individual and Planned Giving, at 312.981.3380 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html.

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.

Project Second Century: Called to Love and Serve (P2C) is Fourth Church's initiative to expand its programs, service, and presence in the city as well as the facilities and financial strength to enable such growth. News about P2C will be shared in this space throughout the year. Recent milestones include the completion of preliminary plans for a new building; distribution of a request for proposal to selected architectural firms; initial conversations related to the city approval process; and the first stages of plans for a capital fund-raising campaign. For details about P2C, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html or contact Rob Holben, Director of Business Administration, at 312.274.3821 (rholben@fourthchurch.org).

A portion of the sidewalk on Chestnut Street will be closed until Monday, October 19 while Peoples Gas repairs gas lines.

Music and the Arts

Organist Jonathan Ryan will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Chanticleer will perform their annual Christmas concerts at Fourth Church on Monday, December 7 and Tuesday, December 8. Tickets, which sell out quickly, are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (www.cso.org; 312.294.3000).

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

Women, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

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

Adult education courses, sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life, take place Sunday mornings. "Doing Theology inside *The Shack*" and "The Bible and Our Culture" meets at 9:30 a.m.; "The Book of Job and the Invention of Faith" and "Egypt and the Bible" meets at 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Church will mark the 500th anniversary of the birth of reformer John Calvin with a celebrative gathering at the Newberry Library this 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 and tickets for the Library event, stop by Coffee Hour, pick up an Academy for Faith and Life brochure from the literature racks, or contact the Academy Office at 312.573.3364 (academy@fourthchurch.org).

"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 Center. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369

Mission and Outreach

The purple bows on the Michigan Avenue trees mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month by representing the thousands of individuals who are victims of domestic violence each year.

"Shop for a Cause" Saturday, October 17 and support Chicago Lights Tutoring. Macy's discount passes will be available at the reception desk during the week or by contacting Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576 (kjohnson@fourthchurch.org). Proceeds from these passes will benefit the Tutoring program.

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

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards, designed by Tutoring students, are now available online at www.chicagolights.org and at the reception desk. All proceeds will benefit the Tutoring program.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sandwich makers for new team, meeting fourth Sundays after the 11:00 service

Reading and math tutors for elementary-school 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

Tutors for the Tutoring program, especially Monday and Tuesday nights

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

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

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 by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman 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.

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.

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, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, October 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, November 2 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).