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4:00 Order of Worship 10.18.09

October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

A Service of Remembrance, Healing, and Hope

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.

Learning Music Together

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, come to our assistance

People: **O Lord, hasten to help us.**

Leader: The Lord our God gives us salvation and victory.

People: **The Lord our God brings us light and life.**

Leader: God's right hand has done wonders.

All: **So let us proclaim the works of our God.**

*Song of Praise

"God of All People Everywhere"

(sung to the tune of Maryton, Hymnal 357)

God of all people everywhere,
your love for us is ours to share.
Yet victims suffer cruel blows
and words can kill where power grows.

In the complexities of life,
keep us from being numb to strife.
Open our eyes to inner sight
and tune our ears to others' plight.

So when we hear the cries of pain,
grant us grace to be humane.
Grant us the heart to love and care,
to be your presence standing there.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Gracious God, the reality is that our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**

**We ask that you would forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,**

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

**We ask that you would set us free from a past we cannot change;
open us to a future in which we can be changed;**

**and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Hear now our silent confessions . . .

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 121 (sung)

Words of Remembrance and Hope

Romans 8:31–35, 37–39

“The Boy Downstairs” by Anonymous

“Lament” based on Psalm 55

from “When I Call For Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence
Against Women,” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” (*sung by Cole Seaton*)

Old Turtle by Douglas Wood

“Prayer” from *Touch Holiness* by Ruth Duck

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Anthem "Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Children"

Christopher Tye

Praise ye the Lord, ye children. Blessed be the name of the Lord forevermore.
The Lord's name is praised from the east unto the west. The Lord is high
above all nations and God's glory is above the heavens.

*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

*AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION, YOU MAY LIGHT A CANDLE AND PLACE IT IN THE SAND BOWL
AS A SIGN OF PRAYER AND HOPE FOR THE END OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY.*

Communion Music "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"

Paul French

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

Leader: God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than any we know, and your will for us is always healing and salvation.

God of love, you enter into our lives, our pain, and our brokenness, and you stretch out your healing hands to us wherever we are.

God of strength, you fill us with your presence and send us forth with love and healing to all whom we meet.

People: **We praise and thank you, O God.**

Leader: God of love, we ask you to hear the prayers of your people.

We pray for the world, that your creation may be understood and valued.

Touch with your healing power the minds and hearts of all who live in confusion and doubt, and fill them with your light.

Touch with your healing power the minds and hearts of all who are burdened by anguish, despair, or isolation, and set them free in love.

People: **Hear us, O God of life.**

Leader: Break the bonds of those who are imprisoned by fear, compulsion, secrecy, and silence. Fill with peace those who grieve over separation and loss.

People: **Bring healing, bring peace, O God.**

Leader: Restore to wholeness all those who have been broken in life or in spirit by violence within their families; restore to wholeness all those who have been broken by violence with our family of nations; restore to them the power of your love; and give them the strength of your presence.

People: **Come, O God, and restore us to wholeness and love.**

Leader: Let us name before God and this community gathered those, including ourselves, for whom we seek healing . . .

(those gathered may name individuals silently or aloud)

. . . that they in our remembering may find sanctuary and shalom

People: **in our homes, our workplaces, our communities, our churches, and in this world.**

Leader: We lift up before you this day all those who have died of violence . . .

(those gathered may name individuals silently or aloud)

. . . in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

All: **O God, in you all is turned to light and brokenness is healed. Look with compassion on us and on those for whom we pray, that we may be recreated in wholeness, in love, and in compassion for one another. So, let it be so!**

Sending

*Sending Song "God Weeps"

*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

Linda C. Loving	Minister for Evangelism
Sue Pellowe	Artistic Director of Fourth Acts
Terrill L. Stumpf	Director of the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health
Roger Wilson	Liturgist
Kathy Doherty	Executive Director of Between Friends

The Chamber Choir

Fourth at Four Ensemble

Cole Seaton	Tenor soloist
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).

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Fifth Annual Service of Remembrance, Healing, and Hope

Domestic Violence Affects All of Us

Women often are the victims of domestic violence and other forms of abuse, but they aren't the only ones at risk. Every year in the United States, more than 800,000 men are physically or sexually assaulted by a male or female intimate partner. When it happens, men can feel guilt, shame, or anger—just as women do.

Beyond Arguing

Most relationships occasionally go through tough times, resulting in arguments and tension. But abuse is different—it's a pattern of one person using fear and intimidation to gain power and control over another person. Abuse isn't always physical—it can include isolation and emotional, psychological, sexual, or economic tactics as well.

It's OK to Ask for Help

If you've been living with abuse, you may find yourself doubting your own judgment. Men who are abused may not seek help because they're embarrassed or afraid that no one will believe them, or they may just hope things will get better.

Abuse often gets worse over time; it can cause chronic health problems, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and headaches. It also can lead to injury or death. Children who witness abuse may develop health, behavioral, and developmental problems.

Within the United States, one out of every four American women will experience violence by an intimate partner during her lifetime. The purple ribbons on the trees on North Michigan Avenue represent the thousands of individuals who are the victims of domestic violence each year. Domestic violence impacts everyone—women and their families, the workplace, and the community. No one is immune.

*During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month,
we renew our commitment to preventing domestic violence
and building communities without domestic violence.*

**If you or someone you know feels threatened by a partner,
call the City of Chicago Domestic Violence Help Line at 877.863.6338,
a confidential clearinghouse to services throughout the State of Illinois.**

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 will take place this Friday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel, as it does each fourth Friday of the month. Prior to the service, a meditative labyrinth walk will be available 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.

The Children's Fall Festival Cookout at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden (444 W. Chicago Avenue) will take place Saturday, October 24 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. All are invited.

A new evening moms' group will meet on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning November 3. For more details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Resources

A portion of the sidewalk on Chestnut Street will be closed until the end of the month while Peoples Gas repairs gas lines.

Please take a moment to update your email address in the church records. Addresses can be updated online by clicking on "Update Your Information" at www.fourthchurch.org or by emailing the address to databasechanges@fourthchurch.org.

"Called to be a Church Alive," the 2010 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Next Sunday, October 25 is Commitment Sunday; all are encouraged to make their gifts by and attend a special celebratory Coffee Hour that morning. Giving response cards are available in the pew racks, literature racks, and online. We are grateful to those who have returned giving response cards for the 2010 Annual Appeal. To date, we have received \$857,336 in gift intents, from 207 households. For more details, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Individual and Planned Giving, at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html.

The Fourth Church community will mark the one-year anniversary of Dana Ferguson's death when it celebrates All Saints' Sunday on November 1. During morning worship that day, the first Ferguson Fellows will be announced, and they will be honored during a special Coffee Hour following the 11:00 service. In addition, on Thursday evening, November 19 there will be an event celebrating the life and ministry of Dana, at which time there will be further opportunity to meet and congratulate the Fellows. Proceeds from that event will support the Ferguson Fellows program. For details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Instrumentalists Michael Boss and Pamela Smitter-Baker 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.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. For details, contact the Academy Office at 312.573.3364 (academy@fourthchurch.org).

New Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes will begin next Sunday, October 25:

"The Five Love Languages," led by Tom Schemper and Elise Magers at 9:30 a.m. and "A Family Rooted in Vibrant Faith," taught by Ali Trowbridge and Sue Schemper and "All Kinds of Prayer for All Kinds of People," taught by Linda Loving at 11:00 a.m. For room locations and course descriptions, pick up an Academy brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

"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. Today, October 18, is the final day to register; to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Community Book Group will meet Tuesday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room to discuss *Watchmen* by Alan Moore. John Vest will lead discussion.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations* by Georgina Howell.

A grief support group, led by John Boyle and staff from the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will meet on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the Center, beginning October 26. For details or to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

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

Krista Tippett of public radio's "Speaking of Faith" will be interviewed by Eboo Patel at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Academy Office at 312.573.3364 or visiting www.fourthchurch.org/michiganave.html.

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 Sunday, October 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, November 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For membership information, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).