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4:00 Order of Worship 01.17.10

Gathering

Gathering Music

Introit

“Hush, Hush, Somebody’s Calling My Name”

*African American spiritual
arr. Eric Budzynski*

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.

Call to Worship

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. We live sustained by God’s presence and love.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: As we mourn the wounds of God’s children,

People: **God weeps with us.**

Leader: As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,

People: **God gives thanks with us.**

Leader: As we struggle for justice,

People: **God struggles with us.**

Leader: As we strive for peace,

People: **God strives with us.**

Leader: As we offer our gifts to all,

People: **God blesses us.**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

People: **Sustained by God's presence and love, we worship God.**

***Song** "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah"

God Notices Suffering People

Scripture Exodus 2:23–25 (page 48, O.T.)

Readings Martin Luther King Jr.'s Childhood Reflections
Historic Events from the Civil Rights Era
Dr. King's Reflections on His High School Years
Headlines from the Civil Rights Era

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of justice, whenever we settle for the way things are instead of the way you would have them be, forgive us. Whenever we are paralyzed by fear or limited in vision, increase our trust in you. Whenever we offer charity but fail to work for justice, show us the more excellent way that your love requires. Whenever we tire of the struggle and tomorrow feels overwhelming, restore our hope. Whenever we forget those who have gone before us or act as if we are the first to follow Jesus Christ, allow us to recognize our arrogance. May the witness of our brother Martin Luther King Jr. encourage us to be dreamers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Through the words of Christ, God spoke to us, saying:

People: **if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.**

Leader: No reality is more important than God, in this life and the next.

People: **God makes the crooked roads straight and the rough places plain.**

Leader: God builds you up when you are torn down and props you up on every leaning side. Friends, believe the good news.

People: **Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and transformed to be God's beloved community.**

***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

God Prepares a Deliverer

Scripture Exodus 3:4–10 (page 48, O.T.)

***Song** "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

Readings Dr. King's Reflections on College Years

The Prophet Chooses Nonviolent Witness

Scripture	Matthew 5:43–48	(page 5, N.T.)
Reading	Dr. King’s Call to the Way of Nonviolence	
Solo	“Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around”	<i>Traditional arr. Bernie Cossentino</i>

The Prophet Courageously Confronts the Powers

Reading	Dr. King Proclaims Dream	
Reading	Psalm 13 (<i>responsively</i>)	(page 468, O.T.)
*Song	“Battle Hymn of the Republic”	
Reading	Dr. King’s Reflections about Vietnam Current Headlines	

God Calls Us Forth

***Affirmation** (based on the words of Martin Luther King Jr.) (*unison*)

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events which surround us. I refuse to believe that we are so bound to racism and war that peace, brotherhood, and sisterhood are not possible. I believe there is an urgent need for people to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression. I believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace, a way which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of this way is love. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word. I believe that right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant. I believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered people have torn down, other-centered people can build up. By the goodness of God at work within people, I believe that brokenness can be healed. “And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and everyone will sit under their own vine and fig tree, and none shall be afraid.”

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Anthem “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

*African American spiritual
arr. William Dawson*

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say “He died for all.”

*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!**

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

Please come forward to receive the elements and remain standing in the front for the remainder of the service. You are invited to light a candle and place it on the Communion Table in honor of those who have given their lives to challenge injustice.

Communion Music "O Healing River"

Fred Hellerman/Fran Minkoff

***Closing Prayer**

Sending

***Sending Song** "We Shall Overcome"

***Benediction**

Sending Music Lift Every Voice and Sing

Rosamond Johnson

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

Lisa Armstrong Reader

Darein Burton Reader

Robert Crouch Reader

Gwen Jackson Reader

Carl Leigh Reader

Janet Love Reader

Arlene Raine Reader

Fourth at Four Ensemble

The Chamber Choir

Carol Carpenter Soloist

Dan Henry Soloist

Cole Seaton Soloist

Thomas E. Gouwens Associate Organist

Service Notes

This worship service was adapted from a service designed by several staff of the United Methodist Church and Scarritt-Bennett Center: Kwasi Kena, Safiyah Fosua, Tom Albin, and Becky Waldrop.

The words of Martin Luther King Jr. are excerpts from various speeches and letters he wrote, as well as from the book by James H. Cone, *Martin & Malcolm & America: A Dream or a Nightmare*, Maryknoll, New York: Orbis, 1991.

The Call to Worship, Affirmation of Faith, and Closing Prayer are from resources of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. The Prayer of Confession comes from the United Church of Christ service "Bending toward Justice."

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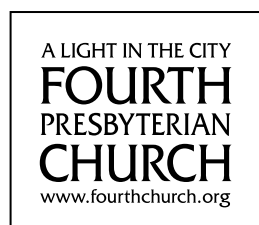
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Fourth Church Cares

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

Worship

Morning Prayer will be held Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday–Friday. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to pray for those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé will be held this Friday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

Sunday morning worship services are held at 8:00 (Communion) and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

News and Resources

Gifts to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help those affected by the recent earthquake in Haiti can be made by using the Disaster Assistance envelopes in the pew racks or by writing “Disaster Assistance” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a partner, is highlighting the opportunity for temporary, part-time employment with the U.S. Census Bureau as it conducts the 2010 Census. Information is available at 1.866.861.2010 (www.2010censusjobs.gov). Some applicant testing sessions are being held at Fourth Church.

A congregational dinner, “Happenings: Then and Now,” will be hosted by the Congregational Life Committee on Sunday, February 21 in Anderson Hall following the noontime Annual Meeting of the congregation. All are encouraged to attend the meeting and this time of fellowship that will follow.

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.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday school classes for children meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Church youth meet each Sunday morning 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 Souper Bowl of Caring to alleviate hunger will be Sunday, February 7. That morning, youth will collect cans of soup and monetary contributions to benefit the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

Women, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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

Noontime, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

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

Live webcasts of noontime lectures from Calvin College’s award-winning January Series are being shown weekdays at Fourth Church through January 26 (except January 18) at 11:30 a.m. and are being hosted by the Academy for Faith and Life. For lecture topics, visit www.calvin.edu/january/2010.

Updates from the Fourth Church educational trip to Egypt are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/egypt.html.

Yoga classes, hosted by the Young Adults are held Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Crow’s Nest through February 9. All levels and ages are welcome. For details or to register, email yoga@fourthchurch.org.

“Blood Diamonds in Zimbabwe,” a presentation by Human Rights Watch and hosted by the Mission Committee, will take place on Tuesday, January 19 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

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.

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.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent).

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. There is also an area in the side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available from an usher.

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, January 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 20 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).