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4:00 Order of Worship 05.23.10



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.

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters.
From your breath all creation drew life.
Without you, life turns to dust.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration
the prophets spoke and acted in faith.
You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples;
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you create us children of God;
you make us the living temple of your presence;
you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy
the church you create; you give gifts—
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,
the spirit of knowledge and piety,
the spirit of the fear of the Lord,
that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift:
send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind.
Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom.
Loosen our tongues to show your praise,
for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace
and acclaim Jesus as Lord.

People: **Amen.**

***Song** "Spirit"

Scripture Lesson Genesis 11:1–9 (page 8, O.T.)

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Ever-gracious God, we confess that we have failed to open our hearts to the power of your Spirit. We continue the divisions of Babel, speaking in tongues that confound rather than clarify, hurt rather than heal, separate rather than unite. Though we are not deserving, we pray for the gift of fellowship that confirms your presence among us. Restore our fractured lives that we, with one voice, may ever give you thanks and praise. Amen.

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.

***Song** "When the Storms of Life Are Raging"

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Acts 2:1–21 (page 111, N.T.)

Sermon by John W. Vest
E Pluribus Unum

***Song** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Anthem “Come Down, O Love Divine”

*Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. P. R. Dietterich*

Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine and visit it with thine own ardor glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear; and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O, let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling, for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. 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 Anthem "Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost"

Austin C. Lovelace

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost, taught by thee we covet most of thy gifts at Pentecost, holy, heavenly love. Love is kind and suffers long; love is meek and thinks no wrong; love than death itself more strong; therefore, give us love. Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day; love will ever with us stay; therefore, give us love. Faith and hope and love we see, joining hand in hand agree, but the greatest of the three and the best is love.

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world, following in the way of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending

***Sending Song** "Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us"

***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

John W. Vest	Associate Pastor
Joann H. Lee	Pastoral Resident
Janet S. Reed	Liturgist
Fourth at Four Ensemble	
The Chamber Choir	
Thomas E. Gouwens	Associate Organist

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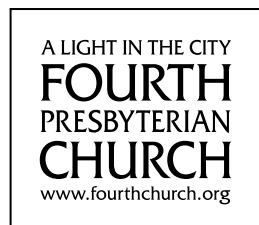
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Fourth Church Cares

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 Sarah Johnson, member of the pastoral staff at 312.981.4034 (sjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

Women, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

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

Stress hardiness will be the topic of a discussion led by Gerontological Nurse Practitioner JoAnn Gruca this Tuesday, May 25 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch and arrive at 11:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship prior to the event.

A CLL “For Men Only” presentation on the developments in Russia since the fall of communism will be held Thursday, May 27 at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony. To RSVP, contact Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386.

Books by Women will discuss *Triple Time* by Anne Sanow on Tuesday, June 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse.

During Women’s Health Week (June 7–11), the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health will host a series of meal seminars at various locations and times. For details, visit www.chicagolights.org.

Will Allen, nationally recognized leader in the urban farming movement and founder of Growing Power, will speak at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Thursday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Visit www.chicagolights.org for details.

Music and the Arts

This evening, noted composer John Rutter will be conducting the St. Charles Singers at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door.

Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music John Sherer will be the featured artist at this Friday’s Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Children, Youth, and Family

Summer Sunday School begins next Sunday, May 30, with classes meeting at 9:30 a.m. only. There will be expanded nursery care for infants through kindergarten at 11:00 a.m.

Family Camp, a weekend of activities for children and their families, will take place Friday, June 4 to Sunday, June 6 in Saugatuck, Michigan. Registration forms are available in Westminster House and online at www.fourthchurch.org. For more details, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship groups for mothers with children age 0–4 meet at member homes in various neighborhoods. To join a group or for more information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Worship

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings. Individuals can place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m.

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 be held this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel; prior to the service, a labyrinth walk will be available from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

A Candlelighting Service for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding will be held Sunday, June 6 during 4:00 p.m. worship.

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 Sarah Johnson of the pastoral staff.

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.

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.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html.

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 Monday, June 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, June 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).