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4:00 Order of Worship 08.15.10

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: Return, beloved of God, to the fold. God welcomes you to this hour of worship.

People: **God calls us by name and awaits our coming. God summons us out of hiding.**

Leader: God is like a shepherd, caring for her flocks. God is like a gardener, carefully tending his vines.

People: **Surely God has provided richly for us. Our lives are sustained by God's good gifts.**

Leader: Worship the one who longs for our coming. Sing praise to the one who expects our faithfulness.

People: **We call on God, who gives us life. May God's face shine on us to save us.**

***Song** “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Have mercy upon us, O God,
for sin clings so closely and its burden is heavy.
Because of sin, our hands are at our sides
when they should reach out to others;
our knees are shaky when we should be standing firm.
We are victims of our own misdeeds;
we cannot escape sin’s weight on our lives.
Through Christ’s intercession lift the burden from us,
and help us walk in freedom and in strength.
Here now our silent 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

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 11:29—12:2, 12

(page 212, N.T.)

Sermon by Victoria G. Curtiss
We’re Surrounded!

***Song** “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo

“Nearer My God to Thee”

Lowell Mason

*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 Solo "Blessed Assurance"

Phoebe P. Knapp

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses at your heavenly banquet. We thank you, gracious God, for this meal which nourishes us and for the inspiration of faith from those who have gone before us. We praise you for the gift of Christ himself, who is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Strengthen us to walk obediently with your Holy Spirit to guide us. We are yours, blessed God. Use us, we pray. In Christ's name. Amen.



Sending

***Sending Song** "Guide My Feet"

***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

Victoria G. Curtiss

Associate Pastor

Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet

Acknowledgments:

Music— “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” to the tune of “Hanover”; “Guide My Feet” to the tune of “Spiritual.”

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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

Men's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, August 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

A SummerQuest viewing of *The Queen* will take place this Thursday, August 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Prior to the film, at 5:00 p.m., refreshments will be served in the Garth; following the film there will be opportunity for discussion. This film and literature series will continue each Thursday evening through September 2. For details about the upcoming films and book, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academycourses.html.

The John Knox Bible Study meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony.

Triumph over Cancer is hosting a deep hypnosis class on Saturday, August 28. This complimentary program is open to those living with cancer; for details or to register, call the Triumph over Cancer Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 443.

A twelve-session T'ai Chi course for beginners will start Thursday, September 9 at 5:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony. For more details or to register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

Learn about educational programs open to those sixty and over when the Center for Life and Learning hosts its Autumn Open House on Thursday, September 9. Attend during the day from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall or at night from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. To RSVP, call the CLL Open House Infoline at 312.640.5459 by Tuesday, August 31.

Caring Circles will host an informational luncheon on Thursday, September 9 from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. in the Manse. Those interested in learning about this program are invited to attend.

News and Resources

Scaffolding will be erected outside the entrance to the sanctuary this week. It will be there for a few months as repairs are made to the stonework of the ninety-eight-year-old façade. This work is being undertaken as part of Project Second Century.

Fourth Church will host a public presentation to review for neighbors the new building being planned as part of Project Second Century (P2C). The meeting will be held this Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. All are welcome; those who live in the 42nd Ward are encouraged to attend.

Inquirers' Class provides an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets Sunday, August 22 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

A special congregational meeting has been called by the Session of Fourth Church for Sunday, September 19 at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear and act on a report from the P2C Steering Committee.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also 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. Nominations are due Saturday, September 30.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio (including podcasts) of the 11:00 a.m. services; sermon transcripts from all worship services; the text of worship bulletins and News and Opportunities; devotional resources; and programming information.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Cooks and supervising cooks for a men's shelter at 835 W. Addison on rotating Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.; training provided; free parking next to church, nearby "L" and bus stops

Urban Farm volunteers on Saturdays; 10:00 a.m. (orientation) to 3:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Avenue)

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

Current Donation Needs

Items for the School Supply Drive, including large display solar calculators, compasses, eraser caps (8-12 pack), glue sticks, supply boxes; a list of items is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/women.html

Men's seasonal sturdy clothes, especially jeans and other pants, short-sleeved shirts, and underwear in larger sizes

Gently used clothes for a seven-year-old girl who is chronically ill; a list of items is available by contacting Larry Nicholson

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for those age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets on Sundays at 9:50 a.m. in the Manse. Young adults are also invited to join in weekly volleyball at Oak Street Beach (6:00 p.m. on Mondays). For more details, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, YoungAdults@FourthChurch, by emailing youngadults@fourthchurch.org, or visit www.fourthchurch.org/youngadults.html.

The ThirtiesForties fellowship group will gather this Saturday, August 21 in Millennium Park for a 6:00 p.m. picnic and social followed by a 7:30 p.m. classical concert. Participants are encouraged to bring their own picnic supper and/or a dish to share. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples, spouses, and partners age fifty and over, will host a barbecue and potluck on Friday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garth. Advance payment and reservations are required and can be made by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Books by Women will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel.

Worship

Morning Prayer is held weekdays 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 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.

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.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Prior to the service, a meditative labyrinth walk is available from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next Taizé service will be held Friday, August 27.

News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

During the month of August, the 4:00 service will incorporate jazz music in worship. The Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet is providing music leadership for this afternoon's service and next Sunday, August 22, the Kevin Cline Jazz Trio will assist in leading 4:00 worship.

"Seeing the Savior: Images from the Life of Christ," an exhibition featuring artwork by contemporary artists from a variety of artistic and ethnic backgrounds, is on display through September in the Loggia.

Jazz vocalist Andrea Pokrefke will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth as part of the "Music by the Fountain" series.

Those who would like to receive *Music Notes*, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

Children and Family

Sunday School classes are on break, resuming Sunday, September 12 as part of Children and Youth Kickoff Sunday. Children, youth, and their parents are invited to attend this special gathering, which will include lunch and activities.

Vacation Bible School is in session this week. Next Sunday, the children will sing the introit during the 9:30 and 11:00 services.

Fellowship groups for mothers with children age 0–6 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).

Mission and Outreach

School Supply Drive donations are being collected through Sunday, August 29. These supplies will be given to students involved in the Chicago Lights Urban Farm and Tutoring programs as well as those served by various community agencies. A list of needed supplies is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/women.html.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant (but not for liquor or tobacco). For information or to purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

Fresh, organic produce grown at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available for purchase each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Farm Stand (444 W. Chicago Avenue). Those interested in volunteering at the Urban Farm are invited to participate in open volunteer hours from 10:00 a.m. (new volunteer orientation) to 3:00 p.m. each Saturday. For more details about the Urban Farm, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

The Chicago Lights Tutoring program is in need of tutors for the 2010–11 school year, beginning this fall. Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend an orientation session, held Tuesday, September 7; Monday, September 13; or Thursday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. For more information, contact Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560 (mstegemann@fourthchurch.org).

A Christmas-break mission trip to Guatemala will provide opportunity to help build homes outside of Antigua. For information about participating in this trip (December 25/26 to January 3), contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org).

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
Sarah A. Johnson, Pastoral Resident

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

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.

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, August 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, September 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information, contact Jo Preuninger, Interim Director of Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (jpreuninger@fourthchurch.org).