



Fifth Sunday of Lent

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: As we journey together to Jerusalem, we know that the hour is coming;
remind us, O God, who we are:

People: **We are children of the resurrection; the place of death will not hold us.**

Leader: We fall before you in worship and thanksgiving,
knowing that the shadow of death will not daunt us.

People: **We are the breakers of loaves and fishes; the taste of death will not defile us.**

Leader: We are the raisers of the dead; the power of death will not defy us.

People: **We are the people of Pentecost; the spirit of death will not destroy us!**

All: **God is our refuge and our strength.**

We gather in the power and promise of resurrection.

* Stand as you are able

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As we gather together for worship, let us not be strangers but sisters and brothers in Christ. As God's forgiven people, please stand and 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 and remain standing for our opening song.

***Song** "Come! Come! Everybody Worship"

Prayer of Confession

Antiphon: Psalm 142:1 (*sung by the congregation*)

Leader: The promises roll off your lips and into our ears: I will be with you; I will love you faithfully; I will be your God; my covenant is forever.

Antiphon

Leader: We count on your words that flow from our ears to our hearts, and we are glad. But even as we listen, we live much of our lives underneath the table.

Antiphon

Leader: We read these old stories, and we know the intrigue and fear and anxiety and near violence and deception. We mostly do not act out our own violence, but we imagine and ponder and scheme; and then we, too, must cover up and cover up the ferments; our lives become complex and burdened.

Antiphon

Leader: We keep inventing ourselves, and our underneath selves turn out to be less than adequate, and we wish we were other than we are. We juggle your good purposes and our hidden yearnings and try to serve two masters, try to live two narratives, try to live two dreams, and we are weary.

Antiphon

Leader: Because we know our hearts of anxiety so well, we know you will defeat our demons and make us anew. We know about your abiding fidelity in Jesus of Nazareth. Give us patience as we process the ragged edges of our lives. Amen.

Antiphon

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 14:32–42

(page 49, N.T.)

Sermon by Kerri N. Allen

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo “Come Sunday”

Duke Ellington

***Doxology**

Lucy Smith

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

Stephen Rush

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 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Robert Kreutz

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God, we thank you for gathering us together, feeding, nourishing, and sustaining us with this meal—the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ—that we may keep awake to the promise of your hope. Amen.

Sending

***Song** "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

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

Kerri N. Allen

Pastoral Resident

Matthew J. Helms

Pastoral Resident

Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet

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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, Minister for Congregational Care, at 312.981.4034 (sjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Lent and Easter

This Friday is the last day to remember loved ones through contributions to the purchase of Easter flowers for the sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Friday, April 15 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks. For more information, contact Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833 (wcarter@fourthchurch.org).

The last morning service on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be at 11:30 a.m. Because demolition and enabling work will limit the amount of space available for overflow seating this year, those who regularly attend the 9:30 and 11:30 Easter services are asked to consider attending the 8:00 service on Easter Sunday, a service that is identical to the 9:30 and 11:30 services.

During Holy Week, April 18–22, worship services will be held each day at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, there will also be services at 7:30 p.m.

A Ukrainian Easter egg workshop will be held Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Space at the 737 building. Space is limited. RSVP to Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, April 11.

An Easter Vigil will be held on Holy Saturday, April 23, beginning at 10:30 p.m. in the Garth.

Easter Brunch will not be held this year due to space constraints related to demolition and enabling work for P2C.

ThirtiesForties meets Sundays for a Lenten book study at 12:30 p.m. in the Superior Room at the 737 building.

Daily Lenten devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available in the church literature racks, by email (simply send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.fourthchurch.org, and by Twitter: www.twitter.com/FourthChicago.

News and Resources

Just two weeks remain to make P2C gifts and pledges to be matched by the Griffin Matching Challenge. Project Second Century pledge cards are available in the pew racks and throughout the church. Information and an online giving form are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html and from the Resource Development office staff: Lisa Radetski (312.981.3380), Kathryn Johnson (312.640.2576), or Anita Bright (312.274.3822).

Links for Lights, the 2011 Chicago Lights Golf Classic, will be held Monday, June 13 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. Foursomes and individual golfers are invited to participate, and activities for non-golfers are also being planned. For details, contact Rob Holben at 312.274.3821 or visit www.chicagolights.org.

Connect with Chicago Lights! To receive updates on Chicago Lights news, volunteer opportunities, and events, subscribe to the monthly newsletter by visiting www.chicagolight.org, follow Chicago Lights on Twitter (twitter.com/Chicago_Lights), or “like” Chicago Lights on Facebook (facebook.com/chicagolights).

Demolition pictures are posted on the Fourth Church page on Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch.

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Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Books by Women will discuss *Still Life: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel* by Louise Penny at its Tuesday, April 12 gathering at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

"Women, Food, and God," a discussion group, meets Tuesday evenings at the 737 building. For information, call 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

Nia fitness classes through the Center for Whole Health meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at the 737 building. To register, call 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

The Book Nook is located in the Loggia during Coffee Hour.

Worship

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes.

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

Music and the Arts

Organist Paul Carr will perform this Friday's Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Lakeside Singers Youth Choral Concert will be held Saturday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door. They are also available online at www.lakesidesingers.com.

Excerpts from Handel's *Messiah* will be sung by the Chancel Choir during the Maundy Thursday service, and the Morning Choir will sing Bach's *The Passion of Our Lord According to St. John* during the Good Friday evening Choral Service. Both services will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to replenish a care team for a family with a chronically ill child (60618 zip code)

Tutors on Wednesday or Thursday, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Church members to usher at the 8:00 a.m. service

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy clothes in larger sizes (coats, pants, belts, shoes, etc.)

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.

News and Opportunities

Fellowship

Young Adults age twenty-two to thirty-five meet Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the Knox Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which will meet Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall.

Fourth Church youth meet Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building, with Elevation (grades 6-7) in the Knox Room, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) in the Calvin Room, and Senior Highs in the Multipurpose Space.

Mission and Outreach

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Calvin Room at the 737 building to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

Applications for the "Urban Regeneration: Chicago" mission weekend (May 13–15), the **Guatemala mission trip** (July 22–31), and the **Northern Ireland mission trip** (July 31–August 9) are due April 15, April 30, and May 1, respectively. More information and applications for all mission trips are available in the literature racks, online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html, or by contacting Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds.fourthchurch.org).

A letter urging state legislators to support a bill that will give justice to victims of sex trafficking crimes is available at <http://www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.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. To purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

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

Adam H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship
Kerri N. Allen, Pastoral Resident
Matthew J. Helms, Pastoral Resident
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

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. 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 Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, May 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information, contact Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).