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4:00 Order of Worship 05.15.11

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: Friends, we are all God's children through faith in Jesus Christ.

People: **There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

Leader: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together we are to display the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down. As the living body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world. We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work. Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

People: **The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world. Amen.**

***Song** "Gather Us In" (*congregation sings verses 1–3*)

***Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Merciful God, through your Spirit of grace and power, you have called us together as the body of Christ. Yet we have fallen short of demonstrating our visible oneness in Christ. We have damaged your church, created factions, and caused harm by stereotyping and demeaning one another. Forgive us, Lord. In this time of change within the church, draw us closer to you and to one another. Help us to look beyond our differences to see our common calling in and through you to proclaim the gospel in word and deed to a world in desperate need. We pray in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Song** "Gather Us In" (*congregation sings verse 4*)

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As children of God, let us not be strangers to one another,
but sisters and brothers in Christ. 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.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13–35

(page 84, N.T.)

Sermon by John W. Vest
Christ Encounters of the Third Kind

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo “Everything Possible”

Fred Small

***Doxology**

Lucy Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Story of the Last Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Prayers will be interspersed with the following refrain, sung by the congregation)

The Blessing of the Bread and Cup

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 "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

Ira F. Stanphill

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in every time and place, and you have revealed Christ to us in the breaking of bread. Help us to be faithful disciples, so that our lives may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world. Amen.

Sending

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

*Benediction

Sending Song

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

Kerri N. Allen

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

News and Resources

This past week, a majority of the presbyteries in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) voted to change the constitutional standards about ordination. A letter from John Buchanan explaining this change and offering his reflections on it can be found in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/amendment10a.html.

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

Sarah A. Johnson, who has served Fourth Church as a Pastoral Resident and Minister for Congregational Care, has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, Arizona. Her last Sunday at Fourth Church will be May 22, when there will be an opportunity during Coffee Hour that day to thank her for her ministry among us.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new building being built as part of Project Second Century (P2C) will take place Sunday, June 5 following 11:00 worship. Announcement of the final results of the Griffin Matching Challenge will also be forthcoming soon. We look forward to celebrating together both the challenge success and the new building being made possible through the generous commitment of so many to Project Second Century.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks, via Facebook and Twitter, and by email: send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news, resources, events, and photos: "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

A giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give a gift to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights, or P2C. Gifts can be recorded directly to member giving statements.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Fourth Church Youth meet Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building, with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Knox Room and Senior Highs and eighth graders in the Multipurpose Space.

Family Camp registration forms for the June 3–5 weekend in Saugatuck, Michigan, are available in Anderson Hall and online.

This Friday's Family Night will feature musical activities and performances by the children. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. for the younger children; dinner for all families will be at 6:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP to Melissa Scanlan at 312.620.2578.

The Youth Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for their summer work camp trips will take place next Sunday morning, May 22. Tickets will be available at the door.

A baby shower for Fourth Church members who are expecting or have welcomed a new child into their family in the past year will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 12:30 p.m. RSVP by contacting Liz Nickerson at enickerson@fourthchurch.org.

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Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Academy for Faith and Life classes are held Sundays at the Clare (Rush and Pearson): **“A Globally Hospitable Church,”** led by Dean Lueking, and **“Heart of a Stranger,”** led by Kerri Allen, at 9:30 a.m. and **“Reading from Cultural Perspectives,”** led by Frank Yamada, newly elected President of McCormick Seminary, and **“Thinking about Worship for a Diverse Congregation,”** led by Joyce Shin, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Martin Marty will speak about “The Faces of Fundamentalism” as part of a series sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning on Thursday evenings at the 737 building. For details and fees, call Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387.

Music and the Arts

Organist Gail Archer will perform this Friday’s Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Center for Life and Learning annual art show will be Friday, May 27 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at ARC Gallery (832 W. Superior, Suite 204).

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 12:45 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for this daily opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world.

A service in the style of Taizé is held on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m and offers an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, May 27. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

A jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion. A Bible study and sermon discussion follow the service. Morning worship services are held at 8:00 (Communion), 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

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Mission and Outreach

“Gardening in Small Spaces”—be it a patio, balcony, or windowsill—will be the topic of a workshop at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm on Saturday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m. For details, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

A “Not in Our Neighborhoods” study group to explore what members of Fourth Church can do about the issue of child sex trafficking will meet on Sunday, May 22 at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

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, along with non-golfers who may attend a day trip to Harbor Country. Reservations can be made in the Narthex or online at www.chicagolights.org.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) Hunger Walk will be Saturday, June 25, and the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center (EDSSC) is organizing a team to participate. Funds pledged in support of the team will be used as credits the Social Service Center can spend at the GCFD. For more details about supporting or joining the EDSSC Hunger Walk team, visit www.chicagolights.org or call Sarah Esparza at 312.981.3388.

Fellowship

Young Adults age twenty-two to thirty-five meet Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for conversation about faith in the twenty-first century.

Cornerstones will host a trolley tour of Northside churches on Friday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will follow the tour. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Helpers for Summer Day, starting June 27.

Orientation will be June 15 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. or June 21 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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.

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 Sunday, May 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, June 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, June 18 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).