



## 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 *(responsively)*

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

People: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord; praise God's name.

People: **Proclaim God's salvation day after day.**

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's people.

People: **The Lord is good and God's love endures forever.**

All: **Let us lift our hearts to God in joyful praise.**

### **\*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.*

**\*Song**        "Gather Us In"

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Prayer of Confession** *(from Psalm 51)*

**Antiphon** *(sung by the congregation)*

Leader: Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!  
Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!  
Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!

**Antiphon**

Leader: Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me.  
I've sinned against you—you alone. I've committed evil in your sight.  
That's why you are justified when you render your verdict,  
completely correct when you issue your judgment.

**Antiphon**

Leader: Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin, from the moment my mother conceived me.  
And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom  
in the most secret space.

**Antiphon**

Leader: Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter  
than snow. Let me hear joy and celebration again; let the bones you crushed  
rejoice once more. Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds!  
Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

**Antiphon**

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

# Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 12:1–9

(page 9, O.T.)

**Sermon** by John W. Vest  
Called to Be a Blessing

**\*Song** “The Summons”

# Sealing the Word

## Sharing of Gifts

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

**Offertory Music** “Beautiful Thing”

*Hadewijch of Antwerp  
arr. Dent Davidson*

**\*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!**

**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 Music** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Traditional*

**Prayer after Communion** (*unison*)

**God of grace and love, at this sacred table you have shared with us  
the holy mysteries of bread that is broken and a cup that is poured out.  
Called by you and fed for the journey, transform us into the body of Christ  
to go out into the world to love and serve others in your name. Amen.**



**Sending**

**\*Song** "Canto de Esperanza (Song of Hope)"

**\*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

**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 Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 ([jwatt@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jwatt@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**Proactive Assistance Training**, a workshop to provide training and skills for interacting with individuals exhibiting mental health challenges or crisis behavior, will be held on Wednesday, July 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Space at the 737 building. To register (required), call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

**A special meeting of the congregation** has been called by the Session of Fourth Church for Sunday, July 10 following 11:00 worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report and recommendation of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Evangelism and to act on a motion to change the quorum definition in the bylaws.

**Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board** are available in the pew racks and 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 reception, or mailed to the church.

**Project Second Century (P2C) construction** of the five-story Gratz Center, which will house classrooms, gathering spaces, and the Buchanan Chapel, is continuing with work on the foundation. We are deeply grateful to all who have given gifts to make this project possible, including those who helped raise \$9.4 million toward the Griffin Matching Challenge, surpassing the challenge goal of \$5.5 million. For periodic photo updates of the construction, visit [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch).

**Stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news, resources, photos:** “Like” Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

## Enrichment

### **Weekly Bible Study Opportunity**

CLL Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

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

**Inquirers’ Class** offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets Monday, July 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

**“Crop Rotation and Fertilization,”** a workshop about how to keep crops in a small-space garden growing through August, will be held on Saturday, July 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). This workshop is free and open for those ages ten and older. For information, call Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

## Mission and Outreach

**An intergenerational luncheon** celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of Summer Day and lifting up the theme “Exercise: A Healthy Choice” will take place Thursday, July 21 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (required), call Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387.

**A Guatemala Mission trip over Christmas break** will provide an opportunity to help build homes outside of Antigua. To apply, call Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 by Monday, September 19.

**A letter urging Governor Pat Quinn to oppose gambling expansion** in Chicago is available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html).

# News and Opportunities

## Music and the Arts

**Piano/vocal duo Menzie and Michael** will perform this Friday's free outdoor concert at 12:10 p.m. in the courtyard as a part of the Music by the Fountain series.

**Auditions for a mystery reading** by the Chestnut Street Players, a summer drama group, will take place on Thursday, July 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Calvin Room at the 737 building. For information, call JoAnn Gruca at 312.981.3397.

## Volunteers

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Helpers at the Urban Farm** on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and in the Urban Farm's office on weekdays to assist with community outreach

**Helpers for Summer Day**, anytime Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Supplies for CHAMP** summer camp at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (cereal boxes, paper, small plastic containers, two-liter plastic bottles, Cool Whip containers, glass jars, paper towel tubes, plastic grocery bags)

**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.*

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Summer Sunday School** for preschool through fifth grade meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** meet Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at various Chicago locations for fellowship and conversation. They also gather on Monday evenings for beach volleyball at 6:15 p.m. at Oak Street Beach. For details, call Matt Helms at 312.981.4034.

**A grief support group** for those dealing with significant losses will meet on Monday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. and each Monday thereafter through August 15 at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center (which is now on the third floor). For information or to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

**An excursion to Cedarburg, Wisconsin**, offered by the Center for Life and Learning, will take place Tuesday, July 12 at 8:00 a.m. Anyone ages sixty and more is invited to attend and explore nineteenth-century living in this historic town. For details or to register, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

**The Chicago Lights Urban Farm** will host "Small Bites, Small Bands" on Friday, July 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). This all-ages event will feature a local band and food from Chicago chefs. For information, call Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

## Worship

**A service in the style of Taizé** is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be on Friday, July 22.

**Morning Prayer** is held on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday–Friday at 9:30 a.m.

## 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 Judith Watt, 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**

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](http://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 Monday, July 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, July 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([lloving@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lloving@fourthchurch.org)).