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4:00 Order of Worship 09.04.11

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 *(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.**

***Song** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer of Confession *(responsively)*

Leader: Gracious God, Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

People: **Light up the darkness in our lives.**

Leader: In the darkness of our uncertainty, when we don't know what to do;
when decisions are hard to take:

People: **give us light to guide us.**

Leader: In the darkness of our anxiety, when we are worried about what the future
may bring; when we don't know where to turn:

People: **give us the light of your peace.**

Leader: In the darkness of our despair, when life seems empty;
when we feel there is no future worth seeking:

People: **give us the light of your hope.**

Leader: In the darkness of oppression, injustice, and poverty, when we don't have
enough food to eat; when we don't have a place to live:

People: **give us the light of your love.**

Leader: In the darkness of our sin, when we fail you and others;
when we choose the wrong paths:

People: **give us the light of your forgiveness.**

Leader: Gracious God, Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

People: **Light up the darkness in our lives.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

***Song** "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As forgiven 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 Genesis 50:15–26

(page 45 O.T.)

"Don't be afraid. Am I God? You planned something bad for me, but God produced something good from it, in order to save the lives of many people, just as he's doing today."
Genesis 50:19–20 (*Common English Bible*)

Sermon by John W. Vest
Why Is This Happening?

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Doris Atkers

***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

Lucy Smith

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 "Blessings"

Laura Story

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. Fill our hearts with your love and help us to recognize opportunities to share this love with others. Nourished at this table, send us out in your light to be the body of Christ. Amen.

Sending

***Song**

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

*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

Kevin Cline Jazz Trio

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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).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Men's Bible Study, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, will gather on Tuesday, September 4 at 7:30 a.m. at 300 N. LaSalle in the Kirkland and Ellis office. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

"Religion and Ideology in the Attacks on New York, Mumbai, and Oslo" will be the topic of a Michigan Avenue Forum presented by Michael Sells, of the University of Chicago, this Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. To register for this free event, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

The Center for Life and Learning (CLL) Autumn Open House takes place Thursday, September 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall.

T'ai Chi classes will be held on Thursdays starting September 8 at the 737 building.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class next meets Monday, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Beginning bridge lessons will be offered through the Center for Life and Learning on Fridays starting September 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the 737 building. For details, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

New Academy for Faith and Life classes will begin on Sunday, September 25. Courses will include "An Introduction to Howard Thurman," "The Big Questions: Essentials of Christian Theology," and "What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?" For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html

Mission and Outreach

New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall: this Wednesday, September 7; Tuesday, September 13; or Thursday, September 15. For information, contact Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560 (mstegemann@fourthchurch.org).

The Benevolent Guild will resume gathering this Wednesday, September 7. They will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

"Get Connected" Sunday will be September 18. All are invited to stop by Coffee Hour following morning worship that day to learn about educational, fellowship, and community outreach opportunities available at Fourth Church.

A Guatemala mission trip over Christmas break will offer opportunity to help build a home and a school outside of Antigua. For details, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, September 19.

A new hands-on mission group, to do painting, construction, cleaning, and gardening together, is being formed by the Outreach Ministries Committee. To learn more, attend an organizational gathering on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Second-Floor Conference Room. RSVP to Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

News and Resources

Tickets are going fast for the Cubs game on Tuesday evening, September 20, at which John Buchanan will throw out the first pitch. A very limited number of seats may still remain in the Fourth Church section. Tickets are being made available online at www.fourthchurch.org on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those who have not yet completed a 2011 Giving Response Card for the Church Alive Annual Appeal are encouraged to do so to help Fourth Church and Chicago Lights meet the need for the \$5.2 million in pledged gifts required for the 2011 budget. We are deeply grateful to the 1,039 households who have already made pledges, with commitments totaling \$3.7 million, helping to ensure that Fourth Church is truly a Church Alive. Pledges can be made at www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html or by using the Giving Response Cards available in the pew racks.

Nominating forms for the officers of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also can be completed online.

A giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights, or P2C. A receipt will be printed immediately.

Stay up-to-date with Fourth Church: "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

Save the date! Carnival 2012, the annual Mission Benefit, will be Friday, March 2.

Changing Conversations will host a potluck on Friday, September 16 to offer opportunity to learn about upcoming Changing Conversations programs, which bring people together to explore in community issues affecting gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning persons. For details or to RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Worship

On September 11, a community service of commemoration will be held at Fourth Church at 7:00 p.m. Cohosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, the Downtown Islamic Center, Fourth Church, and Holy Name Cathedral, it will include a reflection by John Buchanan as well as the world premiere of Aaron David Miller's "Voices of Peace," sung by a 95-member choir. A reception will follow the service.

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 outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday through Friday at 9:30 a.m.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month, offering an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, September 23. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/taize.html.

News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

A drop-in playgroup for parents and their children is held on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

An open house for parents of children who are three years old and transitioning from nursery into Sunday School will be held this Saturday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Manse basement.

The annual “Children and Youth Kickoff” will be held next Sunday, September 11. Sunday school classes for children will resume at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Youth will meet at 10:30 a.m. at 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 (grades 9–12) in the Multipurpose Space. Choir practices are as follows: Youth Choir at 9:30 a.m. in the Third-Floor Conference Room, Cherub Choir at 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room, and Children’s Choir at 11:00 a.m. in the Third-Floor Conference Room. At 12:00 noon, children, youth, and their families are invited to a luncheon in Anderson Hall and activities in the Garth.

Music and the Arts

The art exhibition “Bound for Glory,” featuring Timothy Botts’s expressive calligraphy inspired by African American spirituals, is on display in the Loggia now through late November.

Organist Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to teach Sunday School or serve as an office assistant in the fall at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Tutors for children from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at Fourth Church

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday suppers
Urban Farm helpers on Saturdays and in the office during the week

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

Current Donation Needs

Men’s shoes and pants for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults meet on Sundays for conversation and fellowship. They also gather on Monday evenings for beach volleyball at 6:15 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the 737 building to discuss *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand.

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

Kerri N. Allen, Pastoral Resident

Adam H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship

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 Monday, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).