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4:00 Order of Worship 09.25.11

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 “Go Down Moses”

*Song “O Sing to the Lord”

Prayer of Supplication “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As children of the living God, let us not be strangers to one another, but sisters and brothers. Please stand and greet one another with a sign of God’s peace.

The peace of God 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: Exodus 15:1–21

(page 59, O.T.)

Sermon The Exodus Experience

John W. Vest

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “Be Not Afraid”

***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!**

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

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 "God of Many Names"

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. Freed from all that binds us, send us out with the power of your Spirit to endeavor toward the liberation of all your children. Amen.

Sending

***Song** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*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

John W. Vest Associate Pastor

Adam H. Fronczek Associate Pastor

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).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Three Academy for Faith and Life classes take place each Sunday at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). “An Introduction to Howard Thurman,” led by Carol Allen, and “The Big Questions: Essentials of Christian Theology,” led by Adam Fronczek, meet at 9:30 a.m. “What’s the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?” led by Matt Helms, meets at 11:00 a.m.

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, October 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

“Race, White Privilege, and Faithful Engagement,” a luncheon workshop sponsored by the Multicultural Initiatives and Resources Committee, will take place on Sunday, October 9 at 12:30 p.m. To register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 by Wednesday, October 5.

“The King James Bible at 400,” a special Michigan Avenue Forum at the Newberry Library, will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, with Randall Zachman speaking, on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. To register for this free event, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Calvin Room at the 737 building to discuss *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland.

Beginning bridge lessons, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, take place on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. For details, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth meet on Sundays 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.

“No Bullies in the Kingdom: A Forum for Parents and Concerned Adults” will be led by John Vest on Sunday, October 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the 737 building. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

Fall Family Camp 2011 will take place October 7–9 in Saugatuck, Michigan. Register by Monday, October 3 with Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org) or online at www.fourthchurch.org. Forms are also available in Sunday School.

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).

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. and 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 weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month, offering opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, October 28. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/taize.html.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Donation Needs

Men's clothing, especially pants, for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Grocery bags for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour

Church members to teach Sunday School at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Urban Farm helpers on Saturdays and in the office during the week

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

News and Resources

Photos of John Buchanan throwing the first pitch at last Tuesday's Cubs game are posted on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch. To stay up-to-date with Fourth Church: "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

Church Alive, the 2012 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, kicks off today! Materials are being mailed to member homes, and giving response cards are also available in the pew racks, online, and wherever "Church Alive" posters are displayed. Please return completed cards by Commitment Sunday, October 30, so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2012. For details, call Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

September 30 is the last day to submit recommendations of members to serve as Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board member. Nominating forms are available in the pew racks and also can be completed online. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church.

Chestnut Street will be unavailable for drop-offs during the upcoming weeks while the City of Chicago undertakes sewer improvement work.

A giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give to Fourth Church or Chicago Lights or to fulfill pledges. A receipt will be printed immediately, and gifts can be made anonymously or recorded to Fourth Church giving records.

News and Opportunities

Fellowship

Young Adults meet Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

Cornerstones will meet for "A Fireside Chat" with John Buchanan on Friday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. Space is limited; to register (required), call the Cornerstones infoline at 312.787.2729.

Men's Group will gather on Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room for breakfast and "Out the Door: Thoughts on the Eve of Retirement," led by John Buchanan. To register, call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, October 5.

Fourth Dimension will meet for a picnic dinner on Friday, October 14 at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building and will then attend the concert in honor of John Buchanan at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Music and the Arts

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Anyone interested in joining the Fourth Church handbell choir is invited to contact Thom Gouwens at 312.981.3594 (tgouwens@fourthchurch.org).

The art exhibition "Bound for Glory" by Timothy Botts is on display in the Loggia now through late November.

A special Fourth Church concert in honor of John Buchanan's ministry at Fourth Church will be held on Friday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Fourth Church choirs and ensembles, including Tower Brass, will perform, and a piece composed by Aaron David Miller and based on a Walter Brueggemann text will be premiered.

Mission and Outreach

A letter urging legislators to pass the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2011 is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.

The Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Consumer Choice Food Pantry will hold its grand opening on Tuesday, September 27 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All are invited to attend and learn more about fighting hunger in the community. For details, call Dan Hula at 312.981.3567.

The Sewing and Knitting Group will gather this Tuesday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ontario Room at the 737 building.

Mission Trip Sunday is next Sunday, October 2. All are invited to visit Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour that day to learn about Fourth Church mission trips for 2012.

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. RSVP to Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

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, October 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, October 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.. For information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).